

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
January 5, 2026
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Carlos Jennings, Kristie Krone, Rick Wells, Zach Cramer, Sherron Freeman, Tyrrell Giles and Betty Robinson

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Adkisson and Michael Allen, of Frost Brown Todd

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Goodnight and Jami Weinrich

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Shawn Fugate

Council President Betty Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was administered, followed by a moment of silence.

Roll call was taken. Seven (7) council members were present. President Robinson recognized there was a quorum. A quorum was confirmed.

Present:

- Councilor Giles
- Councilor Wells
- Councilor Robinson
- Councilor Jennings
- Councilor Freeman
- Councilor Krone

It was also recognized there were extra copies of the agenda located at the back of the room along with a sign-up sheet for comments from the citizens.

Election of 2026 Council President

The floor was opened for nominations for **2026 Council President**.

- **Nomination**: Councilor Zach Cramer was nominated.
- No additional nominations were offered.

A vote was taken.

Result: Zach Cramer was elected **Council President (2026)** by unanimous vote.

Council members exchanged seats accordingly.

Council President Cramer thanked Councilor Betty Robinson for serving as interim president over the previous months and expressed appreciation for her service.

Election of 2026 Council Vice President

The floor was opened for nominations for **2026 Council Vice President**.

- **Nomination:** Councilor Tyrrell Giles was nominated
- No additional nominations were offered.

A vote was taken.

Result: Tyrrell Giles was elected **Council Vice President (2026)** by unanimous vote.

Comments of Council Members and Special Recognitions or Resolutions: None

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of 12-17-25

A motion was made by **Councilor Tyrrell Giles** and seconded by **Councilor Kristie Krone** to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2025, regular meeting.

- **Vote:** Unanimous approval
- **Motion carried**

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of 12-29-2025

A motion was made by **Councilor Freeman** and seconded by **Councilor Carlos Jennings** to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2025, special meeting.

- **Vote:** Unanimous approval
- **Motion carried**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Proposal No. 3, 2025

Title: An ordinance amending Title 1, Article 2, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lawrence, Indiana.

This proposal remains before the **Committee of the Whole** for consideration and recommendation.

2) Proposal No. 7, 2025

Title: An ordinance adopting a Code of Ethics.

This proposal was referred to the **Committee of the Whole** and has not yet been discussed. No vote was taken.

3) Resolution No. 10, 2025

Title: A resolution amending the Common Council rules and procedures.

The **Committee of the Whole** tabled discussion. The matter will be addressed at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

The Chief of Staff extended New Year greetings and congratulated:

- Council President Zach Cramer
- Vice President Tyrrell Giles
- Former Council President Betty Robinson on her tenure

No additional administrative comments were presented.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Robinson called for adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m., by President Robinson.

Betty Robinson
Betty Robinson, President

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Leatrice Adkisson, Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, except for the motions.

