

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
January 21, 2026
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Giles

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

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

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Goodnight, Jim Perron and Jami Weinrich

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Shawn Fugate and Terri Faulker

Council President Zach Cramer 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 Cramer recognized there was a quorum. A quorum was confirmed.

Present:

- Councilor Masur
- Councilor Wells
- Councilor Robinson
- Councilor Jennings
- Councilor Freeman
- Councilor Krone
- Councilor Cramer

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.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS:

Councilor Freeman

- Raised concerns regarding a long-closed go-kart facility on Post Road (approx. 4544 Post Road).
- Reported visible code violations include trash, damaged fencing, and potential unauthorized access.
- Requested review by the Code Enforcement Department.

Councilor Wells

- Discussed concerns regarding the proliferation of mobile food vendors and their impact on brick-and-mortar restaurants.
- Shared research and communication with the Marion County Board of Health.
- Noted that permitting fees go to Indianapolis, not the City of Lawrence.
- Explained requirements for mobile food vendors, including a compliant home base, sanitation, and inspections.
- Referenced Indiana Senate Bill 1577, effective next year, shifting oversight of food trucks to the State of Indiana.

- Expressed concern about enforcement, economic fairness, and the effectiveness of hired lobbyists.
- Requested a potential presentation to Council by a Board of Health representative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF 01-05-26

A motion was made by **Councilor Sherron Freeman** and seconded by **Councilor Kristie Krone** to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2025, regular meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 01-21-2026:

Councilor Freeman moved to approve vouchers and claims. The motion was 2nd by Councilor Jennings. Payroll Claims for [November 26, 2025] \$1,133,696.46 and for [December 15, 2025] \$1,393,445.75 and for [December 30, 2025] \$1,216,764.24 and invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$3,249,220.90]. Vote was taken.

- **Motion carried:** 6 – 1
- Councilor Masur – Yes
- Councilor Wells – No
- Councilor Robinson – Yes
- Councilor Jennings – Yes
- Councilor Freeman – Yes
- Councilor Krone – Yes
- Councilor Cramer – Yes

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

3) Resolution No. 10, 2025

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Proposal No. 1, 2026 – An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, amending Title 1, Article 1, Chapter 2, Section 12 of the Municipal Code regarding Common Council approval on expenditures of professional service contracts.

This proposal referred to the Code and Rules Committee for consideration and recommendation.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

Chief of Staff, Greg Goodnight addressed questions from earlier in the meeting:

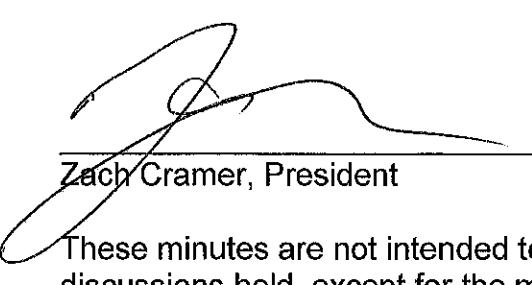
- Administration acknowledged concerns regarding food trucks.
- Indicated willingness to review potential regulations if proposed by Council.
- Clarified health and permitting oversight responsibilities.
- Confirmed ongoing efforts related to zoning authority discussions with Indianapolis officials.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

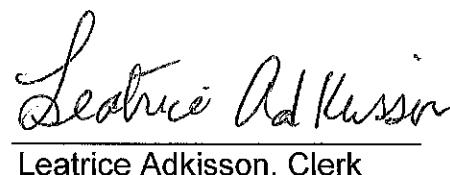
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- Expressed community concerns about the number and appearance of food trucks.
- Spoke about negative impacts on city aesthetics and local businesses.
- Shared feedback from a Lawrence restaurant owner regarding challenges operating in the city.
- Raised sanitation and public health concerns.
- Requested stronger oversight and regulation.

ADJOURNMENT: President Cramer called for adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m., by President Cramer.



Zach Cramer, 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.

