

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, Lawrence City Hall,
200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA

REVISED

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting will be hybrid, allowing participation both in person in the City Council Chamber and remotely.

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AGENDA

- Roll Call
- Moment of Silence
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes
 - 12/04/2025 Special Meeting
 - 12/04/2025 Regular Meeting
 - 12/16/2025 Regular Meeting
 - 01/05/2026 Inaugural Meeting
 - 01/06/2026 Special Meeting
 - 01/12/2026 Special Meeting
- Public Participation

Public Hearings:

- 298/25 Install One [1] JO Pole and one mid-span pole [P774-50] on Mt Vernon St at Crestwood Circle [REF # 31130641]
- Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 299/25 Install One [1] JO Pole and one mid-span pole [P746-50] on Mt Vernon St near James St [REF # 31130847] – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 399/25 Handicapped Parking - 288 Lawrence Street – Christy Milagros Ramirez Gutierrez
- 401/25 Handicapped Parking - 25 Belmont St.– Thomas Polanco
- 402/25 Handicapped Parking - 81 Bunker Hill Street - Dinora Candelario
- 403/25 Handicapped Parking - 94 Dracut Street – Marcelina Vasquez
- 404/25 Handicapped Parking - 52 Basswood Street – Councilor Gregory Delrosario
- 407/25 Install JO Pole on Berkeley Street near Montgomery Street [REF # 31193102] – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 410/25 Install JO Pole on Brookfield Street near Bowdoin Street [REF # 31197534] – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 411/25 Install JO Pole on Shepard Street near Glenn Street [REF # 31196021] – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 412/25 Install JO Pole on Andover Street near intersection of Tewksbury Street and Coolidge Street
[REF # 31196036] – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 424/25 Handicapped Parking – 124 Trenton Street – Felipe Hidalgo
- 437/25 Handicapped Parking -197 Crawford Street – Georgina F. Martinez Robles
- 438/25 Handicapped Parking - 47 Abbott Street – Angel Romero DeJesus
- 439/25 Handicapped Parking - 151 Willow Street – Councilor Gregory Delrosario and Dominga Parra
- 440/25 Handicapped Parking - 87 Trenton Street, Unit # 1 – Ana Pinero
- 443/25 Child Care Parking - 11 Platt Street – Councilor Celina Reyes and Katherine Santana
- 460/25 Handicapped Parking – 41 Juniper St – Councilor Gregory Delrosario
- 461/25 Handicapped Parking – 15 Brook Street – Luis Angel Morales Santiago
- 462/25 Handicapped Parking – 87-89 Springfield Street – Marion Gonzalez
- 463/25 Handicapped Parking – 2 May Street – Teodora Peralta

476/25 Remove Handicapped Parking - 76 Inman Street – Noemi Gonzalez

Matters Pending a Public Hearing:

- 103B/22 Request to change Ordinances-(Program Coordinator for Economic Development)-Ord. 2.104.060(Human Rights Executive Director)-Mayor Brian A. DePeña.
- 200/21 4 Point Stop Signs-East Haverhill and Berkeley Street-Counc. De La Cruz-Communication received from City Attorney on June 29, 2022 regarding report received from City Engineer on June 28, 2022.
- 112/22 Fifteen Minute Parking-83 Warwick Street [Mon-Fri 8am-6pm]-Nereida Madera-Pub. Hrg. Ordered
- 271/22 Stop Signs on Salem Street (East and West Bound Directions) at the Foster St. Intersection-President Laplante
- 429/23 Discontinue the Use of a Portion of Bay State Road as a Public Way [from McFarlin St to Jordan St]
– Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner
- 437/24 Handicapped Parking, 219 Prospect Street – Cornelio Villa Sanchez [Need Measurements]
- 440/24 Child Care Parking, 6 Knox St. – Counc. Ana Levy [Need Measurements]
- 573/24 Stop Sign, High Street at Highlawn Ave – Counc. Fidelina Santiago
- 46/25 Rezoning a Portion of City Land off of Bay State Road and Jordan Street from General Industrial (I-2) to Open Space Recreation (OCR) – Dan McCarthy, Acting Planning Director

Communication from Mayor, City Officials & City Attorney: [None]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee:

- 479/25 Appropriation of Funds [\$2,000,000] for Schematic Design Phase, Massachusetts School Building Authority Accelerated Repair Program – Odanis Hernandez, Chief Operating Officer, Lawrence Public Schools
- 480/25 Auth to Expend [\$232,000.00] MA Office on Disability FY26 ADA Improvement Grant – Richard Rodriguez, ADA Coordinator
- 482/25 Appropriation Transfer [\$280,400.65] from FREE CASH to the Rail Trail Project Acct (050910-5059) – Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director

Housing Committee: [NO REPORT]

Ordinance Committee:

- 484/25 Creation of Ordinance for new position - “Energy Advocate” in the Office of Planning and Development – Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director [Pending Language from City Attorney]
- 485/25 Disclosure of a Conflict by a Municipal Employee – Jennifer Duran, Asst City Clerk
- 486/25 Disclosure of a Conflict by a Municipal Employee – Maria Vidal, Asst Tax Assessor
- 491/25 Installation of Conduit at Lowell Street [Near Pole P3043] – Gabriel Albisu, Verizon
- 492/25 Request Grant of Utility Easement from City of Lawrence to Verizon – Gabriel Albisu, Verizon

Personnel Committee: [NO REPORT]

Public Safety Committee: [NO REPORT]

Economic Development Committee: [NO REPORT]

Committee of the Whole: [NO REPORT]

Old Business:

- 477/25 Remove Handicapped Parking - 25 Durham Street – Miguel A. Salazar [W]

Tabled Matters: [updated: 12-16-25]:

- 72/16 Residency Requirement-City Employees – Home Rule Petition – Review – Council Pres. Vasquez; Carried forward 12-16-2025 as Rule 12F exception

- 125/17 Establishing maximum motor vehicle speed city wide to 25mph–Request to Amend Chapter 10.26 – Council Pres. Vasquez & Councilor. Rodriguez -Public Hearing Opened & Closed; Carried forward 12-16-2025 as Rule 12F exception
- 444/23 Requesting of Voting ID – Counc. Ana Levy and Counc. Gregory Delrosario [OPH]; Carried forward 12-16-2025 as Rule 12F exception
- 245/25 Adopt new FIRM Floodplain Map for the City and Approve Amendment of the City’s Floodplain Management Ordinance (Chapter 15.32) with latest Regulations from National Flood Insurance Program – Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director [Approved 07-07-2025, Reviewed for Possible Reconsideration] [T] 11-18-2025; Carried forward 12-16-2025 as Rule 12F exception
- 396/25 Auto Recycles Group, LLC - Junk Dealer Permit [JDC25-000001] 48-50 Medford Street – Daniel O’Brien [T] 11-06-2025; Carried forward 12-16-2025 as Rule 12F exception

New Business:

- 004/26 SEIU Local 3 Laborers Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) – Transfer [\$95,279] from General Fund and Enterprise Fund Accounts to various salary funds, to fund the CBA – Ramona Ceballos, CAFO
- 005/26 SEIU Local 3 Inspectors Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) – Transfer [\$42,552] from General Fund Account to Inspectional Services, Salary and Wages Account, to fund the CBA – Ramona Ceballos, CAFO
- 006/26 SEIU Local 3 Clerical Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) – Transfer [\$83,504] from General Fund and Enterprise Fund Accounts to various salary funds, to fund the CBA – Ramona Ceballos, CAFO
- 007/26 Approval of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement between ARG, LLC and the City of Lawrence for property located at 470 Broadway – Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director
- 008/25 Transfer Funds [\$100,000.00] from Emergency Management Permanent Salary and Wages (012910-5110) to Professional Services (012910-5300) - Paul Maccarone, Director of Support Service, LFD for Chief Patrick Delaney
- 009/26 Disclosure of Conflict by Municipal Employee – Michael Armano
- 010/26 Stop Signs [2] - Myrtle Street and Alma Street – Counc. Gregory Delrosario and Chayanne Rivera
- 011/26 Install Traffic Light – Prospect Street at Community Day Public Charter School – Counc. Vice President Ana Levy
- 012/26 Handicapped Parking - 69 Bigelow Street – Margarita Rosa
- 013/26 Handicapped Parking - 24 Eutaw Street – Iris A. Texidor
- 014/26 Handicapped Parking - 94 Myrtle Street – Rosa Cruz
- 015/26 Handicapped Parking – 87 Trenton Street – Counc. Rosaly Gonzalez, State Rep. Estela Reyes and Ana B. Pinero
- 016/26 Amend Time for “Resident Parking” on West Street to 7 p.m. – 7 a.m. [DOC # 416/23 established 3 p.m. – 5 a.m.] – Councilor Vivian Marmol
- 017/26 Remove [2] Stop Signs Canal Street [Intersection at Appleton St and at Mill St] – Counc. Pres. J Rodriguez
- 018/26 Adopt City-wide Speed Hump program – Counc. President Jeovanny Rodriguez
- 019/26 Resident Parking, Albion St from Avon St - Councilor Wendy Luzon
- 020/26 Resident Parking – Lincoln Court – Counc. Wendy Luzon
- 021/26 Resident Parking – Trinity Street – Councilor Wendy Luzon
- 022/26 Update on Status of Litigation regarding Lawrence Redevelopment Authority [LRA] Property Transfers [Executive Session Anticipated] – Counc. President Jeovanny Rodriguez and Attorney Timothy Houten
- 023/26 Confirm Appointment of Charlinett Pascual as Director of Community Development [LATE FILE] – Santiago Matias, Acting Director of Planning and Development
- 024/26 Auth to Expend [\$1,649,561] Chapter 130 FHWA Railway-Highway Crossing Grant from MassDOT – Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director