

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

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Date & Time: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, Lawrence City Hall,
200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA

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JAN 30, 2026
@ 10:00 A.M.

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
 - 12/16/2025 Regular Meeting
 - 01/05/2026 Inaugural Meeting
 - 01/06/2026 Special Meeting
 - 01/12/2026 Special Meeting
 - 01/20/2026 Regular Meeting
- Public Participation

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Public Hearings:

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]
491/25 Installation of Conduit at Lowell Street [Near Pole P3043] – Gabriel Albisu, Verizon

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:

025/26 Status and Update regarding Snow and Ice Removal and Emergency Notification Policies – Counc. Vice President Ana Levy, Counc. Stephany Infante, Counc. Celina Reyes, Counc. Vivian Marmol and Counc. Rosaly Gonzalez
026/26 2026 State of the City Address – Mayor Brian A. DePena

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee:

- 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
- 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

Housing Committee: [NO REPORT]

Ordinance Committee: [NO REPORT]

Personnel Committee: [NO REPORT]

Public Safety Committee:

- 114/13 Crime - City Statistics – Counc. Vasquez, Counc. Reyes and Counc. Aquino – Pers. Cmt. [W]
- 330/14 Crime Reduction Strategy for the City of Lawrence – Counc. Vasquez [W]
- 415/16 Review of the Police Department's use of the license plate reader – Council Vice Pres. Laplante [W]
- 217/18 Sex Trafficking & Prostitution in Lawrence – Counc. Payano [W]
- 328/18 Lawrence Emergency Management Response – Counc. Payano [W]
- 329/18 Lawrence Gas Leak Emergency – Counc. Laplante and Counc. Abdoo [W]
- 348/19 Hookah use prohibited on public ways by adults and minors-Counc. De La Cruz [W]
- 349/19 Use of alcohol to be prohibited in public parks and all sporting events-Counc. De La Cruz [W]
- 356/19 Lawrence Public Schools-Public Safety-Counc. Payano [W]
- 61/20 Corona Virus-Lawrence Preparedness-Counc. Pres. Vasquez & Counc. Payano [W]
- 161/22 Health and Safety Concern about our youth's substance misused within City of Lawrence - Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Levy, Councilor Celina Reyes and Councilor Delrosario [W]

Economic Development Committee: [NO REPORT]

Committee of the Whole: [NO REPORT]

Old Business:

- 483/25 Surplus Declaration, 4,907 square foot parcel of land located at rear of 47 Hamlet Street – Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director

Tabled Matters: [updated: 01-20-26]:

- 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 [Re-Tabled] 01-20-2026

New Business:

027/26 Auth to Expend [\$13,900.00] SFY2026 Commonwealth Project Safe Neighborhood Initiative with Massachusetts State Police – Rosa Shephard, Director of Support Services, Police Dept.

028/26 Declaration of Surplus Property, 15A Boston Street (Map 73, Lot 2-1) [Home Equity Protection Act] – Charlinett Pascual, Acting Community Development Director

029/26 Declaration of Surplus Property, 15B Boston Street (Map 73, Lot 2-2) [Home Equity Protection Act] – Charlinett Pascual, Acting Community Development Director

030/26 Reclassification of Non-Union Positions, Update Collins Center Report to reflect Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) – Caryl M. Garcia, Esq., Personnel Director

031/26 Resident Parking - Fairmont Street [West Side from Auburn Street to County Road] – Councilor Vivian Marmol and Marlyn J. Rodriguez

032/26 Resident Parking - Fairmont Street [East Side from Auburn Street to County Road, 5 p.m. – 7 a.m.] – Councilor Vivian Marmol and Marlyn J. Rodriguez

033/26 One Way - Fairmont Street from Auburn Street to Holly Street – Councilor Vivian Marmol and Marlyn J. Rodriguez

034/26 Remove Handicapped Parking Signage - 3 Currier St – Sofia Rosario

035/26 Handicapped Parking - 33 Juniper Street – Councilor Gregory Delrosario and Aiden Jordan

036/26 Handicapped Parking – 42 Kendrick Street – Patrick Cadet

037/26 Install and Maintain Underground Conduits on Amesbury Street at Canal Street [REF # 31170451] – Dave Johnson, National Grid

038/26 SEIU Local 3 Library Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) – Ramona Ceballos, CAFO

039/26 Review Snow Emergency Declaration Ordinance [10.36.031] Regarding Hours of Enforcement – Councilor Vivian Marmol

040/26 Confirm Mayor Brian A. DePeña’s Appointment of Adonis Rodriguez Ramirez to the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority – Octavien Spanner, Senior Advisor to the Mayor

041/26 Confirm Mayor Brian A. DePeña’s Appointment of Kervin Valdez to the Airport Commission – Octavien Spanner, Senior Advisor to the Mayor

042/26 Request for Audit on number of Handicapped Spaces and Child Care Parking Spaces – Councilor Vivian Marmol

043/26 Review Snow Emergencies Process and Procedure and Winter Parking Enforcement Policies – Councilor Vivian Marmol

044/26 Review Process for Alerting Residents of Winter Parking Ban Activation – Councilor Vivian Marmol

045/26 Request Presentation of Annual Report and Semi-Annual Reports from Police, Fire and Inspectional Services Departments - Councilor Vivian Marmol