

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: City Council Chambers, Lawrence City Hall,
200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA

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.

The Zoom Link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859761284?pwd=JuhtNEgz5PfyGeCRtbw88N2BwHoVyB.1>

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AGENDA

- Roll Call
- Moment of Silence
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes
 - 12/16/2025 Regular Meeting
 - 01/20/2026 Regular Meeting
 - 02/03/2026 Regular Meeting
- Public Participation

Public Hearings: [None]

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:

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

Housing Committee:

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

Ordinance Committee:

- 185/25 Handicapped Parking – 136 Davis Street – Counc. Vice President Stephany Infante and Sarah V. Rodriguez [W]
- 034/26 Remove Handicapped Parking Signage - 3 Currier St – Sofia Rosario [OPH]

Personnel Committee:

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

Public Safety Committee: [NO REPORT]**Economic Development Committee: [NO REPORT]****Committee of the Whole: [NO REPORT]****Old Business:**

- 479/25 Appropriation of Funds [\$1,000,000] for Schematic Design Phase, Massachusetts School Building Authority Accelerated Repair Program – Odanis Hernandez, Chief Operating Officer, Lawrence Public Schools
- 481/25 Auth to Expend [\$408,474.00] MASS DOT Grant – Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director
- 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
- 024/26 Auth to Expend [\$1,649,561] Chapter 130 FHWA Railway-Highway Crossing Grant from MassDOT – Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director

Tabled Matters: [updated: 02-03-26]:

- 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:

- 46/26 Auth to Expend [\$1,300,000] MassWorks Infrastructure Grant from Executive Office of Economic Development – Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director
- 47/26 Auth to Expend [\$110,000] Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program (MVP) Grant from Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs – Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director
- 48/26 Creation of Billing Analyst Position, Water Department – Caryl M. Garcia Esq., Personnel Director

- 49/26 Creation of Executive Assistant Position, Police Department – Caryl M. Garcia Esq., Personnel Director
- 50/26 O’Neil Park, Easter Egg Hunt, April 4, 2026 [SPE26-000002] – Jose Davila, Instituto Cultural de Puerto Rico, Inc.
- 51/26 Campagnone Common, Semana Hispana Festival, July 31, 2026 and August 1 - 2, 2026, 12PM – 11PM [SPE26-000008] – Germinudy Lopez, Semana Hispana Committee
- 52/26 Campagnone Common, Semana Hispana Festival, July 30 -31st, 2026 and August 1 - 2, 2026 12PM – 11PM [SPE26-000009] – Fiesta Shows and Germinudy Lopez, Semana Hispana Committee
- 53/26 Campagnone Common, Semana Hispana Carnival Fundraiser, June 18 – 19, 5PM – 11PM and June 20 – 21, 1PM – 11PM [SPE26-000010] – Fiesta Shows and Germinudy Lopez, Semana Hispana Committee
- 54/26 Campagnone Common, Earth Day – Citywide Clean Up, April 25, 2026, 7am – 3 pm [SPE26-000011] – Isae Grullon, Groundwork Lawrence
- 55/26 One Way, Cross Street [from Manchester Street to Broadway] – Counc. Gregory Delrosario and Pablo Peralta
- 56/26 Child Care Parking – 8 Hemlock Street – Councilor Celina Reyes and Elsa Guzman
- 57/26 Remove Handicapped Parking – 48-50 Juniper Street – Counc. Gregory Delrosario and Ainara Hernandez Guzman
- 58/26 Handicapped Parking – 18 Ames Street – Gladys V. Mateo De Marizan
- 59/26 Handicapped Parking – 136 Bowdoin Street – Counc. Celina Reyes and Counc. Stephany Infante