

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, Lawrence City Hall,
200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA

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@ 2:15 P.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
 - 02/17/2026 Regular Meeting
 - 04/21/2026 Regular Meeting
- Public Participation

Public Hearings:

- 132/26 Review and Approval of Annual Application to HUD for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), estimated amount of [\$1,638,713.00] and HOME Grant in the estimated amount of [\$835,894.17] – Susan Fink, Manager of Financial and Administrative Services
- 142/26 Proposed Ordinance for Finance Officer [Ordinance No. 02.72.070] – Timothy P. Houten, City Attorney

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
- 59/26 Handicapped Parking – 136 Bowdoin Street – Counc. Celina Reyes and Counc. Stephany Infante
- 65/26 Proposed Update to Noise Ordinance [ORD # 09.04.040] – Capt. Ariel Montas, Lawrence Police Dept.
- 102/26 Handicapped Parking – 83 Bennington Street – Nestor Tarveras
- 103/26 Handicapped Parking – 214 Farnham Street – Carmen D. Nunez de Alvarez
- 134/26 Water Rate Adjustment Proposal – William Hale III, Water and Sewer Commissioner
- 141/26 Remove Handicapped Parking – 18 Orchard Street [OPH]

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee:

- 128/26 Payment of Prior Year Invoices [\$60,000] with the vendor Flock Safety – Rosa M. Shephard, Director of Support Services, Police Department
- 129/26 Authorize Transfer of Funds [\$175,000] from (012110-5110) Police Administration to (012111-5856) Computer Software – Rosa M. Shephard, Director of Support Services, Police Department
- 155/26 Transfer Funds [\$457,000.00] from FREE CASH to Fire Department Overtime Account (012211-5130) - Paul Maccarone, Director of Support Service, Lawrence Fire Dept., for Chief Patrick Delaney
- 158/26 Approve an Extension on the “Creating a Thriving Lawrence” funding awarded to Semana Hispana – Susan Fink, Manager of Financial and Administrative Services, Office of Planning and Development
- 159/26 Appropriation Transfer [\$25,000] of ARPA/Free Cash allocations from Airport (190810-51018) to Office of Planning and Development (190810-51013) – Octavien Spanner, Senior Advisor to the Mayor

Housing and Economic Development Committee: [NO REPORT]

Ordinance Committee:

- 48/26 Creation of Billing Analyst Position, Water Department – Caryl M. Garcia Esq., Personnel Director [OPH]
- 127/26 Home Rule Petition, Credible Service for Lawrence Police Officer – Councilor Stephany Infante
- 161/26 Five Star Express Transportation, LLC Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Officer Ivan Soto, Lawrence Police Dept.
- 163/26 United Health Care Community Plan – Resource Fair, Campagnone Common, Thursday, June 11, 2026 2PM – 4PM [SPE26-000031] – Cecilia Fechu, United Health Care Community Plan
- 171/26 Saving Hearts Youth Event 2026 (Resource Fair), Campagnone Common, Saturday, May 16, 2026 2PM – 6PM and Friday, June 5, 2026, 3PM – 6PM [SPE26-000034] – Ingrid Ortiz, Iglesia Con Proposito

Personnel Committee: [NO REPORT]

Public Safety and Emergency Management Committee: [NO REPORT]

Committee of the Whole: [NO REPORT]

Old Business:

- 90/26 Proposed modification to Ordinance 02.04.081 – Councilor Stephany Infante [Approved 04/21/2026, Vetoed]
- 156/26 Auth to Expend [\$10,000] MASS DOT Safe Route to Schools (SRTS) Sign and Lines Project - Martha Holt, Project Coordinator, MHTF

Tabled Matters: [updated: 04-21-26]:

- 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
- 028/26 Declaration of Surplus Property, 15A Boston Street (Map 73, Lot 2-1) [Home Equity Protection Act] – Charlinett Pascual, Acting Community Development Director [T] 02-17-2026
- 029/26 Declaration of Surplus Property, 15B Boston Street (Map 73, Lot 2-2) [Home Equity Protection Act] – Charlinett Pascual, Acting Community Development Director [T] 02-17-2026

- 66/26 Resolution Honoring Lawrence High School Senior Dariel Rodriguez on his Admission and Full Scholarship to Yale University – Councilor Stephany Infante [T] 03-17-2026
- 87/26 Resolution Honoring Yoany Ortiz Lawrence High School POSSE Scholarship Winner and Acceptance to Centre College in Danville, Kentucky – Counc. President Jeovanny Rodriguez [T] 04-07-2026
- 88/26 Resolution Honoring Jay De Los Santos, Lawrence High School QuestBridge National Scholar and Acceptance to Tufts University – Counc. President Jeovanny Rodriguez [T] 04-07-2026
- 98/26 Resolution Honoring 2025 EMT of the Year, Paul Brennan – Councilor Stephany Infante [T] 04-07-2026
- 145/26 Llamada de Dios a la Comunidad, Campagnone Common, June 6, 2026, and September 19, 2026, 12PM – 5PM [SPE26-000029] – Sonia Cora, Iglesia de Dios, Inc. [T] 04-21-2026
- 147/26 Day of the Bible, Celebration and March, Campagnone Common, September 26, 2026, 3:30PM – 7PM [SPE26-000020] – Grace Vega, Iglesia Cristiana Metodista
- 154/26 Appoint Modesto Maldonado to the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District Commission – Mayor Brian A. DePena [T] 04-21-2026

New Business:

- 172/26 Appointment of Christopher Buckley, Municipal Hearing Officer – Timothy P. Houten, City Attorney for Mayor Brian A. DePena
- 173/26 236/25 Re-Authorization of Bellevue Cemetery Revolving Fund Account, Expenditure Limit of [\$95,000] – Ramona Ceballos, Acting CAFO
- 174/26 Re-Authorization of Council on Aging Revolving Fund Account, Expenditure Limit of [\$150,000] – Ramona Ceballos, Acting CAFO
- 175/26 Re-Authorization of Recreation and Park Self Supporting Service Revolving Fund Account – Ramona Ceballos, Acting CAFO
- 176/26 Re-Authorization of Veterans Memorial Stadium Revolving Fund Account, Expenditure Limit of [\$100,000] – Ramona Ceballos, Acting CAFO
- 177/26 Re-Authorization of Library Programs Revolving Fund Account, Expenditure Limit of [\$50,000] – Ramona Ceballos, Acting CAFO
- 178/26 Re-Authorization of PEG Access and Cable Related Funds, Revolving Fund Account, (Available to Lawrence Public Schools) Appropriation [\$350,000] – Ramona Ceballos, Acting CAFO
- 179/26 Re-Authorization of PEG Access and Cable Related Funds, Revolving Fund Account, (Available to the City of Lawrence) Appropriation [\$100,000] – Ramona Ceballos, Acting CAFO
- 180/26 Re-Authorization of DPW Recycling Revolving Fund Account, Expenditure Limit of [\$300,000] – Ramona Ceballos, Acting CAFO
- 181/26 Transfer from Litigation Reserve [\$1MIL] and Free Cash [\$1MIL] to Legal Services Account [\$450,000] and Court Judgement Account [\$1,550,000] – Timothy P. Houten, City Attorney
- 182/26 Approval of Bond Authorization [\$10,149,973] for Airport Administration Building – Francisco Urena, Airport Manager
- 183/26 Transfer [\$1,007,282.28] from Retained Earnings (29-3590) to (294310-5650) to fund GLSD FY2026 Assessment – William c. Hale III, Water and Sewer Commissioner
- 184/26 Auth to Expend [\$10,933.13] for Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program and [\$4,168.38] for Senior SAFE program in FY2026 – Fire Chief Patrick Delaney
- 185/26 Transfer [\$110,000] from ARPA Free Cash for the Development of the Economic Development Master Plan – Francisco Surillo, Business and Economic Development Director
- 186/26 Transfer [\$10.8MIL] from Free Cash Reserve (01-3590) to Various City Accounts – Ramona Ceballos, CAFO
- 187/26 Request Investigation of Unclaimed Properties entitled “City of Lawrence” as Listed on MissingMoney.com – Councilor Franklin Miguel and William Collins
- 188/26 Request vote to Opt In to the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program - Francisco Surillo, Business and Economic Development Director
- 189/26 Amend Ordinance 01.16.150 [Municipal Hearing Officer] – Timothy P. Houten, City Attorney
- 190/26 Request Sidewalk Access for Produce Display – 274 South Broadway – Counc. Celina Reyes and Raul Gomez Sanchez
- 191/26 Lawrence Housing Authority – Family Self Sufficiency Program – Councilor Vivian Marmol
- 192/26 141-143 Hancock Street – Review of Sale Conditions – Council President Jeovanny Rodriguez
- 193/26 No Parking Area – 14 LaSalle Avenue – Jose Luis Reyes

- 194/26 20 Minute Parking – 67 East Haverhill Street [Renacer Food Market] – Counc. Franklin Miguel
- 195/26 One Way – Boehm Street [Request for Traffic Study] – Counc. Franklin Miguel
- 196/26 One Way – Fulton Street [Request for Traffic Study] – Counc. Franklin Miguel
- 197/26 One Way – Mechanic Street [Request for Traffic Study] – Counc. Franklin Miguel
- 198/26 Resident Parking – Oakwood Avenue – Counc. Franklin Miguel
- 199/26 Resident Parking – Stearns Avenue [between Lawrence St and Saratoga St.] – Counc. Gregory Delrosario
- 200/26 Evangelism Outreach 2026, Campagnone Common, June 7, 2026, 9AM - 6PM [SPE26-000033] – Samuel Akotey, Praise Tabernacle Worship Church
- 201/26 Rescuing the Spirit Event, Bourgoin Park, July 18, 2026, 12 - 4PM [SPE26-000036] – Samuel Akotey, Praise Tabernacle Worship Church
- 202/26 Construyendo Futuro Evento Familiar 2026, O’Connell Park, July 24th 2PM – 6PM and July 25th 9AM – 6PM [SPE26-000039] – Vincent de la Rosa, Lluvia de Bendiciones, Inc
- 203/26 Get to Know Your Church (SUD), Campagnone Common, May 23, 2026, 2 -5:30PM [SPE26-000043] – Marisol Cardenas, Iglesia de Jesus Cristo de los Santos de Ultimos Dias
- 204/26 Re-appoint Daniel Foley to the Lawrence Municipal Airport Commission – Timothy P. Houten, City Attorney for Mayor Brian A. DePena
- 205/26 Appoint Carmen Garcia-King to the Lawrence Municipal Airport Commission – Timothy P. Houten, City Attorney for Mayor Brian A. DePena
- 206/26 Proclamation Honoring Giomar Rodriguez, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 207/26 Proclamation Honoring Jared Martinez-Mejia, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 208/26 Proclamation Honoring Dariel Rodriguez, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 209/26 Proclamation Honoring Yoany Ortiz, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 210/26 Proclamation Honoring Yordy Ciriaco, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 211/26 Proclamation Honoring Railenny Burgos, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 212/26 Proclamation Honoring Jubernnys Rosario Del Obre, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 213/26 Proclamation Honoring Edgar Castillo, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 214/26 Proclamation Honoring Daniela Ardon LHS Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 215/26 Proclamation Honoring Joleidy Frias, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 216/26 Proclamation Honoring Amabeli Mejia, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 217/26 Proclamation Honoring Jay De Los Santos, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 218/26 Proclamation Honoring Ashley Martinez Gomez, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 219/26 Proclamation Honoring Ashanti Vargas, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 220/26 Proclamation Honoring Luz Diaz, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 221/26 Proclamation Honoring Angelina Henriquez, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 222/26 Proclamation Honoring Jennifer Pham, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 223/26 Proclamation Honoring Angel Gonzalez-Liriano, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 224/26 Proclamation Honoring Liz Ramirez, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 225/26 Proclamation Honoring Nashla Reyes, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez
- 226/26 Proclamation Honoring Kairimis Joaquin, Lawrence High School Senior- Council Pres. Rodriguez