

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 3, 2026**

A REGULAR MEETING of the Lawrence City Council was held on **Tuesday, February 3, 2026**. The meeting was called to Order at 7:10 p.m. by City Council President, Jeovanny Rodriguez. This public meeting of the Lawrence City Council was conducted in person at Lawrence City Hall, 200 Common Street and via remote participation. Members of the public who attended this meeting were allowed to make comments during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment.

He then asked the City Clerk, Eileen Bernal to call the roll:

Councilor Rosaly Gonzalez [District B] – Present
Councilor Franklin Miguel [District A] – Present
Councilor Vivian Marmol [District D] – Present
Councilor Stephany Infante [District E] – Absent
Councilor Celina Reyes [Councilor at Large] – Present
Councilor Gregory Delrosario [District C] – Present
Councilor Marc Laplante [District F] – Present
Council Vice President, Ana Levy [Councilor at Large] – Present
Council President, Jeovanny Rodriguez [Councilor at Large] – Present
Present - 8. Quorum established.

NOTE: The Roll was called for Councilor Stephany Infante at approximately 7:20 p.m.

The Council President led the assembly in a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Marmol made a Motion to approve the following three (3) sets of Minutes:

01/05/2026 Inaugural Meeting

01/06/2026 Special Meeting

01/12/2026 Special Meeting

Her motion was seconded by Councilor Levy. There was no discussion on the Motion and it PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The City Council President stated that members of the Public who had signed in for Public Participation would be allotted two and a half minutes to speak. He noted that their comments should be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any individual member. Those participating were:

H. Maali, 53 Chester Street. Mr. Maali stated that the citizens support the Police Unions. He noted that under the impeccable leadership of Chief Aguiler, the Police Department was doing

well. He also spoke in support of the DPW and the Inspectional Services Department and encouraged the city to hire more inspectors. He commended the Public Schools and the leadership of Superintendent Ralph Carrero. He praised the Lawrence Teachers and their Union. He thanked the Veterans and encouraged the city to hire two new employees in veteran services. He encouraged them to activate the council on aging, and to pay the long-term employees as much as the new hires. He also spoke in support of Fire Chief Delaney who is doing the best job. “Lawrence Always Strong, Always United.”

Richard Russell, 34 Cross Street. Former City Councilor Richard Russell expressed his gratitude for Councilor Stephany Infante and her efforts to physically clear snow from several fire hydrants throughout her District. He also asked if there were any updates to the tag and tow efforts throughout the last snow storm to see if the efforts were effective. He also said that because deficit spending is allowed for the Snow and Ice Budget, a lot small vendors are hired to plow. Finally, he expressed concern over the current “Blue Light” system which is used to notify residents that a snow emergency has been declared and alternate parking is in effect. He stated that there are 21 blue lights throughout the city and that is not sufficient.

No other individual sought to address the Council via Public Participation and the Council President submitted the names of the Participants to the City Clerk to be preserved as part of the record.

Communication from Mayor, City Officials & City Attorney:

The Council President then noted that per the City Charter, the Mayor would address the Council and the City Residents for the Annual State of the City Address. He noted that this is the Mayor’s opportunity to speak directly to the community about the progress and challenges the City faces.

DOC # 026/26

2026 State of the City Address – Mayor Brian A. DePena

Mayor Brian A. DePena was present and he addressed the City Council in Spanish. His speech was translated into English by his Senior Advisor, Octavien Spanner. The Mayor began by stating that the state of the city is strong. He indicated that he hoped to provide the community with his vision for Lawrence for the next four years, from 2026 through 2030. He acknowledged that the City faces real challenges and economic pressure but indicated that his vision was one of sustainable growth and stable finances.

He noted that the core of his vision is financial stability which would be achieved by responsible budgeting and the effective use of state and federal resources. He saw the need to plan not year to year, but generation to generation.

He spoke about equitable, inclusive development that is intentional and not reactionary. He noted the need to prioritize housing, economic development and quality of life issues.

The Mayor also spoke about the schools. He noted that the recent changes to Charter to revise the composition of the School Committee put the city in a better position to regain control of the

schools. He spoke about the collaboration between his administration, the City Council, the state delegation, the governor and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in that process.

The Mayor also talked about public safety being a priority of the administration. He noted that the new Police headquarters would be opening in the immediate future.

He spoke about the need to maintain services without an increased burden and noted that one way he planned to achieve that is by expanding the tax base. The Mayor also spoke about how far Lawrence has come and his enthusiasm for where it is going. He noted that when Lawrence is united, there is nothing the city cannot achieve.

RECESS:

Upon the conclusion of the State of the City Address the Council made a Motion to Recess. The Motion was made by Councilor Ana Levy and seconded by Councilor Stephany Infante. The Motion PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote and the Council went into recess at approximately 7:40 p.m.

At approximately 7:55 p.m., the Council made a Motion to Come Out of Recess. The Motion was made by Councilor Marmol and seconded by Councilor Levy. The Motion PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote

DOC # 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

The Department of Public Works (DPW) Director, Jorge Jaime, was present and was invite to come forward and speak on this Document. Director Jaime began by noting that the city had been hit with a super storm, and that there had not been a storm of this magnitude in over 10 years, since 2015. He also noted that the city received 20 inches of snow on Sunday, January 25, 2026 and another 4 inches of snow on Monday, January 26th. He noted that operations to clean up this snow is still ongoing over a week later.

Director Jaime stated that the planning for this storm had started the week prior to the storm. He noted that he has been going on Spanish language radio prior to the storm to education residents about the odd/even alternate street parking as there was a super storm being predicted.

Director Jaime also noted that currently, from midnight to 6 A.M. each day they were doing targeted clean up to remove snow banks and expand some of the narrower streets to ensure traffic can pass and vehicles have parking options. He noted those hours were chosen intentionally to avoid interfering with traffic during the day.

Lawrence Police Captain J. Cerullo was also present and he noted that the Police and the DPW had initially met back in October to talk about winter storm strategies during snow events. He also noted that the Mayor declared this Snow Emergency on Saturday, January 24th, immediately prior to the storm and that vehicles were ticketed on Sunday morning, prior to the snow so that they would move to allow for plowing during and after the storm.

He noted that the towing and ticketing was still ongoing still ongoing today in a targeted manner, in the areas that were having the late-night snow removal, and that one of these operations was scheduled to occur at midnight.

Captain Cerullo also noted that there are two tow companies contracted with the city to tow for snow related issues. These are Cody's and Sheehan's. He also said that a 3rd company, Hook and Go is scheduled to come on board in the immediate future. He noted that a lot of tow companies will not do snow related tows.

Director Jaime stated that the city had 107 pieces of equipment out for this storm. He noted that the city owns 15 sanders and they were out in operation during this snow event. He also noted that some contractors were out for 44 hours straight. He also noted that the failure of residents to follow the alternate parking, odd/even requirement made it almost impossible to clear roads or to conduct the snow push back.

Director Jaime also stated that there is a need to be aware of certain safety concerns. The DPW needs to ensure that an ambulance or a fire truck can pass. He talked about the current overnight operations where the DPW announces during the day that there will be a clearing that night with signage and then they focus on the area that night. He also noted that his staff has been working incredibly hard and they are tired, but still working all day and will be out again tonight. He also noted that he lives here and he is suffering under these same conditions.

After being granted the floor, Councilor Delrosario stated that when the Blue Lights went on and the state of emergency was declared on Saturday, that was the time for enforcement. He wished the city had started to tow before the snow. He noted that it has been a week and several parts of his district are still not plowed out. He also asked why none of the Councilors were invited to participate in any of the snow preparation meetings. He noted that the Council and the DPW are a team and that the Councilors face the community every day. He believed their input would have been valuable as well as their ability to convey any message back to the public. He also expressed his respect for the DPW staff and plow drivers who are still out there plowing even today.

After being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes thanked Director Jaime and his staff. She recognized their hard work. She also stated that she received a lot of complaints, specifically that residents would see the same trucks pass by two and three times with their plow blades up. The other complaint that she received was on the push-backs, and how aggressive some drivers were in pushing the snow on to private property.

Director Jaime addressed the concerns raised by the Councilor. He noted that some trucks are just passing through and not all are contractors with the city. He also noted that they have to push the snow back as they have to clear the roads. He recognized that this can be frustrating to homeowners but it is necessary. He also noted that his DPW Supervisors patrolled certain areas to check on the contractors to make sure that their blades were down and that they were working on the assigned areas. He also noted that some complaints were not valid, that he had taken Councilor Infante out on a drive along and they received certain complaints, but when they drove to that street, the area was already done.

After being granted the floor, Councilor Infante thanked Director Jaime for accommodating her on a ride along during the storm. She noted that this is something that she has done several times throughout the course of her years as a Councilor. She agreed that some of the complaints were not valid and that the DPW had done the best they could under the conditions that they were facing, however she also noted that there are things that can and must be improved.

Councilor Infante noted that residents need to follow the protocol, however, the plow drivers also need to follow the protocol too. Specifically, she spoke about how some drivers plowed the wrong side of the street, trapping in parked cars and leaving them nowhere to go the following day when they would be required to park on the alternate side. She also asked the DPW to not take the feedback and criticism from the constituents on this as a personal attack. She noted that the Councilors need to serve as advocates for their residents and bringing in that feedback is their responsibility, not a personal attack.

The Councilor did state that she does not like to see when there are differences between the treatment of the north side of the city and the south side of the City. She specifically referenced the availability of salt/sand on the north side for residents. She stated that after seeing that on social media she advocated for her district and it was made available for them too, but she thought that should have been automatic and not something she needed to actively advocate for.

Director Jaime stated that he tries to service the entire city and does not see a north/south division.

After being granted the floor, Councilor Levy stated that she had concerns with some specific situations. For example – on East Haverhill Street at Prospect Street, the area to pass is very narrow and she was in that vicinity when an ambulance and fire truck were trying to get through at the same time and they could not pass each other. She also raised concerns about the quality of the snow removal on Fulton Street.

Director Jaime stated that he is aware of those concerns and they are being address currently.

Senior Advisor Octavien Spanner also spoke and he addressed the need to educate the public on how to better cooperate during a snow emergency and to make sure they know what is required of them.

After being granted the floor, Councilor Levy asked who is responsible to clear out fire hydrants.

After being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante noted that he represents about 13,000 constituents and they are not happy with the snow removal effort. He asked about the ticketing and tow operation.

Lawrence Police Captain J. Cerullo stated that 2,553 tickets were issued throughout the course of the storm. He also noted that 611 cars were towed to date.

Councilor Laplante asked for a timeline of how long the snow emergency is anticipated to last. Director Jaime noted that the end of the snow emergency was the Mayor's call and he could not speak to that. Director Jaime also noted that the clean-up effort and the targeted ticketing/towing to support that clean-up will continue until all streets are addressed.

Councilor Laplante also asked about the time frame for the clean-up operation, from midnight to 6 a.m. Director Jaime indicated that this time was chosen so that they operation is not interfering with traffic during the day. He was aware that the time-line in the snow emergency ordinance was longer than 6 a.m.

Councilor Laplante also noted that several people compared this storm to the similar storm of 2015, but he wanted to remind everyone that there are more than 20,000 additional cars in the city now then there were in 2015, and that makes the task much more difficult to manage.

Finally, Councilor Laplante addressed the sidewalks. He noted that homeowners and business owners are responsible to maintain the sidewalks. That ISD needs to enforce that and also that residents and property owners need to be educated about the responsibility. In closing he noted that both the south side and the north side were hit by this same super storm and both areas were facing brutal conditions. He spoke of the need to all work together.

After being granted the floor, Councilor Marmol stated that she wanted to be solution based in her approach to this topic. Her goal for the meeting was to recognize the mistakes that were made and work to avoid them in the future. She also noted that the Council has not denied any budgetary requests from the DPW and if there is something that they need, she wants to hear about that. She wants to hear the solutions that they would like to propose to make this better.

Councilor Marmol specifically asked about the "mass text" program and wanted to know how to join that and how to improve that, specifically, how to get more residents to receive that notification. She wanted to make sure that the Blue Light notice is on the web page early in the process too.

Director Jaime stated that the DPW needs applicants with commercial driver's licenses (CDL's) to apply for city jobs. He noted that the city helps pay for these employees to get their CDL, and once they have that, they are more marketable and leave the city employment.

After being granted the floor, Councilor Delrosario stated that the Council has no expectation of when this snow emergency will be complete. He stated that there needs to be targeted enforcement of the ordinances and rules. He noted that there are school busses and commercial vehicles parked on city streets. These should not be parked on the street even when there is not a snow emergency. He suggested notifying the bus company or business associated with the vehicle for assistance in getting these vehicles off of the streets.

After being granted the floor, Councilor Infante asked Captain Cerullo about a commercial company from North Andover that had actively dumped snow on a property in Lawrence just off of South Broadway, at the intersection of State Street and Easton Street. Captain Cerullo acknowledged that this had happened earlier in the day. That it was first reported to the fire department that several oversized trucks had come to that area and dumped snow. He indicated that the dumping took up almost the entire lot and went up over two stories high. He estimated that this “Snow Pile” was about 20 feet high. He also noted that ISD, the Police, Fire and the Water Department all made a joint response to the location and that a “Cease and Desist” had been issued. It was also noted that the snow had originated at the Amazon facility in North Andover.

In summary the Council President noted that 2,553 parking tickets were issued, 611 cars were towed, that there was a desire for plow contractors with the city to be better identified with some kind of sticker or marking on their vehicles, and that there was a need to make sure that residents who want to get on the emergency text chain know how to do that.

Councilor Infante asked if when the snow emergency is over and the operation is complete, could the DPW and Police file a summary with the City Council. She also noted a need to come back together to address the shortcomings in the underlying snow emergency ordinance. Others agreed that a better, clearer ordinance would be helpful.

Public Hearings:

DOC # 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]

The City Council President invited the City Clerk to read the Legal Notice as published into the record. Upon the completion of the reading of the legal notice, the Council President opened the Public Hearing. Lawrence City Attorney Timothy Houten was present to speak on behalf of the item. Attorney Houten noted that this position was a grant funded position and the individual hired would perform community outreach with regard to city energy programs.

As no other individuals wished to speak on this Document as part of the Public Hearing, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilor Delrosario made a Motion to Approve **DOC # 484/25**. His Motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes.

After being granted the floor, Councilor Infante stated that she had reservations about the position, more specifically who would be hired to fill the position. She approved of the concept but she needed the administration to put someone qualified there and she lacked confidence that this is what would occur.

Attorney Houten was present and he addressed the Councilor's concern. He noted several of the qualifications, and he further stated that Anil Navkal would be overseeing the position and would be involved in the hiring process. Anil Navkal was also participation in the meeting via zoom and he also attempted to address the Councilor's concern. Mr. Navkal stated that the position is too precious to hire someone without qualifications.

Councilor Infante asked if someone was already in the position. Mr. Navkal said, no, there was no one in this position at this time. He noted that Planning and Development staff were assisting with the energy related tasks, but no one person focused on this work at this time.

After being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante asked how the \$85,000 salary amount was arrived at. He was informed that this was the salary proposed through the grant funding. He also asked why the position description in the Ordinance as proposed stated bilingual as a requirement. He noted that most ordinance positions state English required and bilingual preferred, but not as a requirement. Attorney Houten noted that the bulk of the work to be performed by the position was community education and outreach, so the bilingual requirement might be justified. Councilor Laplante then stated that he would like to propose a friendly amendment to this item – that the language be changed from bilingual required to English required, bilingual preferred.

Councilor Delrosario, as the author of the Motion, noted that he was OK with this friendly amendment.

After being granted the floor, Councilor Infante stated that she would like to propose an Amendment to the Motion as well. In section C of the Ordinance as drafted, she would like to add, "Any appointment made to the position of Energy Advocate that does not strictly adhere to the minimum education and experience requirements set forth in this Section C, shall be deemed null and void. Failure to maintain these qualifications or the discovery of the lack thereof shall be ground for the immediate removal from the position."

Councilor Delrosario, as the author of the Motion, noted that he accepted this second, friendly amendment as well.

As there was no further discussion on the Motion, the Council President called the question. The Motion to Approve **DOC # 484/25** PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

DOC # 484/25

MOTION TO APPROVE

PASSED

The Council President then announced the pursuant to the **newly revised City Council Rule # 4** that allows for Proclamations and Citations to be Heard when Introduced, Councilor Franklin Miguel would be presenting one of his constituents, Mr. **Jose Genao**, with a city pin to thank him for his continued, longstanding efforts to shovel out city fire hydrants and to assist his neighbors during snow storms.

Councilor Miguel then addressed the Council regarding Mr. Genao, and noted that this is something Mr. Genao has been doing for over 18 years. He commended Mr. Genao's empathy, collaboration and commitment in repeatedly stepping up to assist his neighbors. Mr. Genao the spoke briefly and said he hoped that the recognition motivates others to do the same. He said that if everyone works to make the city a better place even with the simple task of clearing off a hydrant there will be a positive outcome and a safer city. Muchisimas Gracias

RECESS:

At this time, the Council made a Motion to Recess. The Motion was made by Councilor Infante and seconded by Councilor Reyes. The Motion PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote and the Council went into recess at approximately 9:40 p.m.

At approximately 9:45 p.m., the Council made a Motion to Come Out of Recess. The Motion was made by Councilor Infante and seconded by Councilor Reyes. The Motion PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote

The Council President then invited Councilor Infante, in her capacity as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, to give the Committee Report.

Budget and Finance Committee:

**DOC # 008/26 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**

Councilor Infante, in her capacity as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, noted that DOC # 08/26 came up from Committee with a favorable recommendation to approve the item and she made that report in the form of a Motion to Approve. Her Motion was seconded by Councilor Celina Reyes.

Ramona Ceballos, the CAFO, was present to report on this Document. She noted that at the Committee level, there were questions about the RFP process and she noted that each Councilor had a packet on the table outlining that process for them.

Senior Advisor Octavien Spanner was also present. Councilor Infante asked Mr. Spanner if he could expand on the future of the Emergency Management position. He explained that this was budgeted as a "position" but at this time the funds were being utilized to pay a consultant to do

that work. He noted that in the June budgeting season this could be modified back to a position or remain as a consultant.

Also present were representatives from the Golden Thread Agency, LLC the consultant who had been doing this emergency management consulting work. The expanded on their credentials with regard to both project management as well as public safety related matters.

There was no further discussion on this Motion and it PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote

DOC # 008/26 MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED

**DOC # 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**

Councilor Infante, in her capacity as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, noted that **DOC # 04/26** came up from Committee with a favorable recommendation to approve the item and she made that report in the form of a Motion to Approve. Her Motion was seconded by Councilor Celina Reyes.

Ramona Ceballos, the CAFO, was present and she spoke on this item too.

The Council President asked the CAFO to please discuss the stipends associated with this CBA, specifically those relating to employees having hoisting licenses and CDL's. He also noted that these licenses require a DOT medical certification to ensure that the Driver is medically fit to operate the type of machinery. The Council President also stressed that FMCSA Regulations need to be complied with.

After being granted the floor, Councilor Delrosario stated that the city needs to maintain a file on all of the CDL's and make sure that this information is retained together with up-to-date information. The CAFO verified that the city does have a list of which employees have these licenses. She noted that they are currently verifying that none are expired and are requiring that copies of the fronts and back of all of the licenses are on file as well.

There was discussion on the fact that the city pays for these CDL's and the drivers often leave the city after they get that license. The suggestion was made to require reimbursement for those costs if an employee left within a set period of time after getting that license, such as 2 years which some private sector employers require.

There was no further discussion on this Motion and it PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote

DOC # 004/26 MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED

Councilor Infante, in her capacity as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, noted that **DOC # 05/26** came up from Committee with a favorable recommendation to approve the item and she made that report in the form of a Motion to Approve. Her Motion was seconded by Councilor Celina Reyes. There was no discussion on this Motion and it **PASSED** by a Unanimous Voice Vote

DOC # 008/26 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

Councilor Laplante stated that he wanted to make a Motion to Approve this item and WAIVE any 30-Day holding period, as the Vendor was waiting to paid. His Motion was seconded by Councilor Celina Reyes. There was no further discussion on this Motion to Approve and Waive the 30 Days and it PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote

The Council President then invited Councilor Marmol, in her capacity as Chair of the Public Safety Committee, to give the Committee Report.

Councilor Marmol, in her capacity as Chair of the Public Safety Committee, noted that **DOC #348/19** came up from Committee with a favorable recommendation to **WITHDRAW** the item and she made that report in the form of a Motion to Withdraw. Her Motion was seconded by

Councilor Levy. There was no discussion on this Motion and it PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote

DOC #348/19 MOTION TO WITHDRAW PASSED

DOC # 61/20 Corona Virus-Lawrence Preparedness-Counc. Pres. Vasquez & Counc. Payano

Councilor Marmol, in her capacity as Chair of the Public Safety Committee, noted that **DOC # 61/20** came up from Committee with a favorable recommendation to WITHDRAW the item and she made that report in the form of a Motion to Withdraw. Her Motion was seconded by Councilor Levy. There was no discussion on this Motion and it PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote

DOC # 61/20 MOTION TO WITHDRAW PASSED

DOC #415/16 Review of the Police Department's use of the license plate reader – Council Vice Pres. Laplante

It was noted that this document was not intended to be forwarded to the full Council. Councilor Laplante, after being given the floor, noted that he was the sponsor of this item initially and believed it would be appropriate to withdraw this document at this time. He then made a Motion to have the item Discharged from Committee. His Motion was seconded by Councilor Infante. There was no discussion on that Motion and it PASSED by Unanimous Voice Vote.

DOC #415/16 MOTION TO DISCHARGE FROM COMMITTEE PASSED

Councilor Laplante's Motion to Withdraw **DOC #415/16** was seconded by Councilor Levy. There was no discussion on that Motion and it PASSED by Unanimous Voice Vote.

DOC #415/16 MOTION TO WITHDRAW PASSED

DOC #329/18 Lawrence Gas Leak Emergency – Counc. Laplante and Counc. Abdoo

It was noted that this document also was not intended to be forwarded to the full Council. Councilor Laplante, after being given the floor, noted that he was a co-sponsor of this item and believed it would be appropriate to withdraw this document. He then made a Motion to have the item Discharged from Committee. His Motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes. There was no discussion on that Motion and it PASSED by Unanimous Voice Vote.

DOC #329/18 MOTION TO DISCHARGE FROM COMMITTEE PASSED

Councilor Laplante then made a Motion to Withdraw **DOC #329/18** and it was seconded by Councilor Levy. There was no discussion on that Motion and it PASSED by Unanimous Voice Vote.

DOC #329/18 MOTION TO WITHDRAW PASSED

Councilor Marmol, in her capacity as Chair of the Public Safety Committee, noted that there was discussion at the Committee level about Withdrawing the following seven (7) items, however, they should not be at the full Council yet. The Council President then announced that he would re-commit the following seven (7) documents back to the Public Safety Committee.

DOC # 114/13 Crime - City Statistics – Counc. Vasquez, Counc. Reyes and Counc. Aquino – Pers. Cmt.

DOC #330/14 Crime Reduction Strategy for the City of Lawrence – Counc. Vasquez

DOC #217/18 Sex Trafficking & Prostitution in Lawrence – Counc. Payano [W]

DOC #328/18 Lawrence Emergency Management Response – Counc. Payano

DOC #349/19 Use of alcohol to be prohibited in public parks and all sporting events-Counc. De La Cruz

DOC #356/19 Lawrence Public Schools-Public Safety-Counc. Payano

DOC #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

Old Business:

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

It was noted that the property owner from 47 Hamlet Street had asked to have this item placed on the Agenda as Old Business with the hope of having it pulled from Committee, and the District Councilor had accommodated that request. However, the property owner was not present at the meeting and the Housing Committee was still waiting for information from the City Attorney on the matter, therefore it was recommitted back to the Housing Committee.

Public Hearings (Continued):

Councilor Infante made a Motion to Waive the reading of the preamble to the Legal Notice for **DOC # 491/25** and her Motion was seconded by Councilor Delrosario. There was no discussion on that Motion and it **PASSED** by Unanimous Voice Vote.

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

The City Council President invited the City Clerk to read the Legal Notice as published into the record. Upon the completion of the reading of the legal notice, the Council President opened the Public Hearing. As no individuals wished to speak at the Public Hearing, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilor Delrosario made a Motion to Approve **DOC # 491/25**. His Motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes. There was no discussion on that Motion and it PASSED by Unanimous Voice Vote.

DOC # 491/25 MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED

The following items of New Business were referred to the respective committee noted below:

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. **Referred to Budget and Finance**

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

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

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

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

- 032/26 Resident Parking - Fairmont Street [East Side from Auburn Street to County Road, 5 p.m. – 7 a.m.] – Councilor Vivian Marmol and Maryln J. Rodriguez **Referred to the Ordinance Committee**
- 033/26 One Way - Fairmont Street from Auburn Street to Holly Street – Councilor Vivian Marmol and Marlyn J. Rodriguez **Referred to the Ordinance Committee**
- 034/26 Remove Handicapped Parking Signage - 3 Currier St – Sofia Rosario **Referred to the Ordinance Committee**
- 035/26 Handicapped Parking - 33 Juniper Street – Councilor Gregory Delrosario and Aiden Jordan **Referred to the Ordinance Committee**
- 036/26 Handicapped Parking – 42 Kendrick Street – Patrick Cadet **Referred to the Ordinance Committee**
- 037/26 Install and Maintain Underground Conduits on Amesbury Street at Canal Street [REF # 31170451] – Dave Johnson, National Grid **Referred to the Ordinance Committee**
- 038/26 SEIU Local 3 Library Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) – Ramona Ceballos, CAFO **Referred to the Budget and Finance Committee**
- 039/26 Amend Snow Emergency Declaration Ordinance [10.36.031] Regarding Hours of Enforcement – Councilor Vivian Marmol **Referred to the Ordinance 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 **Referred to the Personnel Committee**
- 041/26 Confirm Appointment of Kervin Valdez to the Airport Commission – Mayor Brian A. DePeña and Octavien Spanner, Senior Advisor to the Mayor **Referred to the Personnel Committee**
- 042/26 Request for Audit on number of Handicapped Spaces and Child Care Parking Spaces – Councilor Vivian Marmol **Referred to the Ordinance Committee**
- 043/26 Review Snow Emergencies Process and Procedure and Winter Parking Enforcement Policies – Councilor Vivian Marmol **Referred to the Public Safety and Ordinance Committee**
- 044/26 Review Process for Alerting Residents of Winter Parking Ban Activation – Councilor Vivian Marmol **Referred to the Public Safety and Ordinance Committee**
- 045/26 Request Presentation of Annual Report and Semi-Annual Reports from Police, Fire and Inspectional Services Departments - Councilor Vivian Marmol **Referred to the Public Safety Committee**

The Council President asked for the Committee Chairs to please announce the dates and times for their Committee Meetings.

Councilor Marmol stated the Housing Committee Meeting would be meet Monday, February 9th at 5:30PM

Councilor Infante stated the Personnel Committee Meeting would be meet Monday, February 9th at 6:00PM

Councilor Infante stated the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting would be meet Monday, February 9th at 6:30PM

Councilor Levy noted that the Ordinance Committee would meet Monday, February 9th at 7:00PM

MOTION TO ADJOURN

As there was no other business before the Council, Councilor Infante made a Motion to Adjourn. Her Motion was seconded by Councilor Levy. There was no discussion on the Motion and it PASSED by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:27 p.m.