

Speaker 1 ([00:00:34](#)):

Ey doke. Go ahead and start. Good afternoon or evening everyone. Welcome to the July 1st, 2025 Lawrence City Commission meeting. First item on our agenda is going to be considered a motion to recess into an executive session. Our first,

Speaker 2 ([00:00:52](#)):

I move to recess in executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss privileged legal communications from the city's attorneys regarding a pending legal matter and pursuant to KSA 75 dash 43 19 B two. Justification for the executive session is to keep attorney-client privilege matters confidential. At this time, the City Commission will resume its regular meeting in the city commission room at 5:31 PM after the executive session is concluded.

Speaker 1 ([00:01:18](#)):

Okay, we have a motion.

Speaker 3 ([00:01:21](#)):

Second.

Speaker 1 ([00:01:21](#)):

Oh great. Second by Commissioner Sellers first. That was a move by Vice Mayor Finkel Deis. Second by Commissioner Sellers. All in favor of say aye. Aye. Aye. Those opposed. Motion passes. Five zero. Be back in 30 minutes.

Speaker 4 ([00:29:51](#)):

We're back from our

Speaker 1 ([00:29:52](#)):

First executive session and we have nothing to report. The next item on the agenda is our second executive session, which is a motion to consider to recess into executive session for 30 minutes.

Speaker 2 ([00:30:03](#)):

I'd move to recess in executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss privileged legal communications from the city's attorneys regarding laws and their application to city operations pursuant to KSA 75 dash 43 19 b2. The justification for the executive session is to keep attorney-client privilege matters confidential. At this time, the city commission will resume at regular meeting and the city commission room at 5:49 PM after the executive session. Five 50. Five 50. Is that right? No. Six.

Speaker 1 ([00:30:32](#)):

No. 30 minutes. 30 minutes.

Speaker 2 ([00:30:33](#)):

30 minutes.

Speaker 1 ([00:30:34](#)):

So like 6 0 1.

Speaker 2 ([00:30:36](#)):

6 0 1.

Speaker 1 ([00:30:37](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 2 ([00:30:37](#)):

6 0 1 after. I can't add 6 0 1 after the executive session is concluded. Second. Okay.

Speaker 1 ([00:30:42](#)):

That's motion by Fin Dye. Second by Larson. All in favor say aye. I. Opposed. Motion passes. Four zero. See you in 30 minutes.

Speaker 4 ([01:02:18](#)):

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Speaker 1 ([01:02:19](#)):

Back in here and welcome everybody to the meeting. And before we move on, I'd like to ask Sherry to read the rules in the meeting and to report that there's nothing to report from our executive session. Thank you.

Speaker 5 ([01:02:32](#)):

Thank you Mayor. Good evening everyone. If you would please silence your cell phones. The primary format for accessing the meeting is in person at City Hall. Virtual access cannot be guaranteed due to potential technology issues. When the mayor calls for public comment, please approach the podium to indicate you wish to speak. Virtual participants should use the raise hand function. Excuse me. When prompted, select, join as panelist. There will be a brief delay as your role changes. Once your name is called, please unmute and turn on your camera to provide your comments. Please state your name and zip code before providing your comments. All comments will be limited to three minutes. The city reserves the right to turn videos off or mute participants. Thank you Mayor.

Speaker 1 ([01:03:20](#)):

Thank you Sherry. Okay, the next item is B. To approve the agenda, city commission reserves the right to amend, supplement, or reorder the agenda during the meeting. Is there a motion to approve the agenda as is

Speaker 2 ([01:03:33](#)):

Move? Go ahead. Move to approve the agenda. Second.

Speaker 1 ([01:03:36](#)):

Okay. That's a motion by Fin Dye. Second to by Larson. All in favor say Aye. Aye. Aye was opposed. Motion S is five zero. Okay. The first item on our agenda is item C, which is a proclamation relative to our Parks and recs program. And who do we have here today to receive a cherry?

Speaker 4 ([01:03:55](#)):

Luis?

Speaker 1 ([01:03:56](#)):

I can't see that far in the room. Luis. Thank you sir. What would you like to say before I say anything? Or if you have anything

Speaker 6 ([01:04:11](#)):

To No, other than accepting this on behalf of our department, 75 professionals in recreation, parks and culture and the hundreds of part-timers that have dedicated hours and years to the department. And really just acknowledging, I think the community support for what we do. And that's pretty much it. Appreciate that, Luis.

Speaker 1 ([01:04:40](#)):

Yeah, it's well said. And we all appreciate what all of our city employees do, but the parks department have a special place in many of our hearts for what we see and how they help us become better people. So thank you very much for being here and I'll read the proclamation. Whereas parks, recreation programs and the cultural events are integral parts of the city of Lawrence. And whereas our parks, recreation programs and cultural events are essential in establishing and maintaining Lawrence's quality of life, ensuring the health of all community members while contributing to the economic environmental wellbeing of the community for current and future generations. And whereas parks, recreation programs and cultural events build a healthy, active community that aids in the prevention of chronic disease, provides therapeutic recreational services for those in need and improves the mental and emotional health of everyone in our community.

([01:05:32](#)):

And whereas our parks, natural recreation areas and cultural and environmental education events ensure the ecological beauty of our community provides spaces for children and adults to connect with nature benefits, neighborhoods and serves as venues for diverse cultural expressions. And whereas the city of Lawrence and the Parks, recreation and culture department recognize the multifaceted benefits to derived from parks, recreation, resources, and cultural events which collectively contribute to equitability inclusion, Lawrence's unmistakable identity. And whereas recreational programs including aquatics, indoor and outdoor sports, lifelong learning inclusive programs, and a variety of cultural events and environmental educational programs for further enhance community engagement, promote physical and mental wellbeing, and enrich the cultural fabric of Lawrence. Now therefore, I, Mike Dever mayor, the city of Lawrence, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the month of July, 2025 as Parks and recreation month built together play together.

Speaker 6 ([01:06:35](#)):

Thank you Mayor.

Speaker 1 ([01:06:43](#)):

Alright. Alright. So the next item is the consent agenda. And all items on the consent agenda are considered under one motion and approved by one motion. Members of the governing body may remove items for separate discussion if desired, members of the public may remove items identified as quasi-judicial for separate discussion if desired, members of the public will be limited to three minutes for comments. Commissioners, anything removed? Okay. Nothing. I don't see any quasi-judicial items. So is there a motion move to approve the consent agenda?

Speaker 5 ([01:07:19](#)):

Second.

Speaker 1 ([01:07:20](#)):

Okay. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Finkel Dye. Second by Littlejohn. All in favor say aye.

Speaker 2 ([01:07:26](#)):

Aye.

Speaker 1 ([01:07:27](#)):

Aye was opposed. Motion passes. Five zero. Okay. We don't have any regular agenda items. I'm sad to say. Three minutes. Do I get three minutes? It's coming. Let's go on to the commission items. Commissioners. Anybody have one to add to the meeting this evening?

Speaker 3 ([01:07:47](#)):

Just real quick, I just wanted to shout out Luis. I know last week he conducted one of the songs during the outdoor concert and I got to drive by and hear a little bit of it. Didn't get to see him, but just wanted to say we have a very multi, you have a diverse multifunctional group here at Parks and Rec. And so shout out to Luis for that. So thank you.

Speaker 1 ([01:08:09](#)):

He was conducting,

Speaker 3 ([01:08:11](#)):

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Speaker 1 ([01:08:11](#)):

Did not know.

Speaker 3 ([01:08:12](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 1 ([01:08:12](#)):

Congratulations conductor.

Speaker 3 ([01:08:15](#)):

Yes. With incredible swag, if I should say.

Speaker 1 ([01:08:19](#)):

Very good. Anything else? Job Louise. Alright. The commission calendar. We've got a thing at three o'clock here. We're going to invite the mayor of our sister city region. Should be here at three o'clock. And then I'm not sure if anyone's interested, but I know that there'll be a lot of people here for that. And I just want to make sure, if you didn't see it, don't miss it. Get some English speaking Greek officials. That'll be a pleasure for all of us. Anybody else?

Speaker 3 ([01:09:01](#)):

Just real quick, mayor. Last one. It's just July 3rd is Crown Day. So we did, a couple of years ago, did pass Crown Act here in Lawrence. We were one of the first municipalities in the state of Kansas to do so and so I just wanted to put that on everyone's kitchen. July 3rd is July.

Speaker 1 ([01:09:19](#)):

July. Very good. Thank you.

Speaker 3 ([01:09:20](#)):

Thank you.

Speaker 1 ([01:09:22](#)):

Okay. I think anybody else? That's it. Go ahead and.