

Speaker 1 ([05:59](#)):

Sure. She'll try and get on Zoom when she can. Okay, sounds good. Thank you. Everybody else? Ready? Okay. Good evening and welcome to the January 14th, 2025 Lawrence City Commission meeting. To start off, I'd like Sherry to read off the rules of the meetings.

Speaker 2 ([06:21](#)):

Thank you. Good evening everyone. Please silence your cell phones to minimize distractions. During the meeting 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 to indicate they wish to speak. 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 speaking. The city reserves the right to turn videos off or mute participants. All comments will be limited to three minutes. The primary format for accessing or participating in this meeting is in person at City Hall. Virtual access to view or participate in the meeting cannot be guaranteed. The chat function will not be monitored. If you have any trouble, the meeting can be viewed on the city's YouTube channel and cable channel 25. Thank you, mayor.

Speaker 1 ([07:21](#)):

Thank you, Sherry. Okay, the next item on our agenda is item A, which is to approve the agenda and the city commission reserves the right to amend, supplement, or reorder the agenda. During the meeting, is there a request to change the agenda or a motion to approve as is

Speaker 3 ([07:36](#)):

Move to approve the agenda.

Speaker 1 ([07:37](#)):

Second. Motion to approve the agenda by Vice Mayor Finis. Second by Commissioner Littlejohn. All in favor say aye. Aye. Those opposed. Motion passes four zero with Commissioner Larson missing. Next item on the agenda is recognition of proclamation, and today we're going to proclaim the month of January, 2025 as human trafficking awareness month. I believe that somebody was supposed to be here. Was it Zoe Barlow? Are they here today?

Speaker 2 ([08:12](#)):

Let me see if she's, I thought she was going to be in person. Let me see if she's on.

Speaker 1 ([08:15](#)):

Sure.

Speaker 2 ([08:17](#)):

Zoom. Yeah, I do not see.

Speaker 1 ([08:29](#)):

Okay, well then I'll just go ahead and read the proclamation. Whereas human trafficking, a modern form of slavery is one of the largest and fastest growing criminal industries in the world and is based on recruiting, harboring and transporting people for the purpose of exploitation and where sex trafficking and labor trafficking occur in Kansas, in both adults and children of any gender, socioeconomic status, age, race, sexual or geographic location can become victimized. And whereas human trafficking includes

sexual, verbal, emotional, economic, and physical abuse and exploitation, and all forms of abuse carry long-term complex trauma implications. And whereas Kansas human trafficking laws define commercial exploitation of children, which does not require of showing a force fraud, threat or coercion, and references the existing statutory definition of human trafficking and aggravated human trafficking. And whereas the effects of human trafficking reach far beyond its victims and perpetrators causing disruption in our schools, places of work, in neighborhoods. Now, therefore, I'm Michael Dever, mayor of the City of Lawrence, Kansas. Do hereby proclaim January, 2025 as human trafficking awareness month and call all citizens of Lawrence to voice their opposition to sex and labor trafficking support survivors, hold defenders accountable and prioritize prevention efforts through events, policies, and community programs. Together we commit to a comprehensive collaborative and trauma-informed approach to ensure the safety of trafficking survivors.

(10:06):

We'll try that for ourselves. I think it's important. It's a really important thing. It's important. Okay. The next item on the agenda is the consent agenda. And 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. Three minutes for comments. So, so far I have one item, which is C four A, which is requested for removal. Is there anything else? Okay,

Speaker 3 (10:46):

I move for approval of the consent agenda with the exception of C four. A

Speaker 4 (10:50):

Second.

Speaker 1 (10:51):

Alright.

Speaker 4 (10:53):

Oh, did you ask about the quasi-judicial?

Speaker 1 (10:57):

We

Speaker 4 (10:57):

Do have quasi-judicial on there.

Speaker 1 (10:59):

Okay. That's right. So I withdraw. Need to ask if a member of the public wants to pull this or do I want to just talk about substantive discussion?

Speaker 3 (11:09):

No. Pull. If they want to pull six

Speaker 1 (11:12):

A number, one C, six A and B are both quasi-judicial. I think in nature and as anyone would like those removed,

Speaker 2 ([11:30](#)):

No one has indicated online that they want to pull.

Speaker 3 ([11:33](#)):

Okay. Now I'll make a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of C four. A

Speaker 1 ([11:40](#)):

Second. Okay. Motion by vice mayor fin second by Commissioner Littlejohn. All in favor say aye. Aye. Aye. Those opposed? Motion passes. Four zero. Okay. Item C four A, which is to adopt on second and final reading. Ordinance number 1 0 0 9 3 To adopt the land development code of the city of Lawrence, Kansas, November 12th, 2024 edition as adopted on the effective date enacting a new chapter 20 of the code of the city of Lawrence, Kansas, establishing comprehensive zoning regulations and other land use regulations and adopt on second and final reading ordinance number zero or 1 0 0 9 4. The official zoning map of the city of Lawrence, Kansas.

Speaker 4 ([12:22](#)):

And yeah. Mayor, if I may, I believe somebody reached out to all of us to go ahead and pull this for a little bit further clarification, but I just wanted to go ahead and do that for them. Just that this is a second and final reading. It's not the end of this. There'll still be the opportunity to go ahead and make modifications and I believe it won't go into effect until

Speaker 3 ([12:46](#)):

April 1st.

Speaker 4 ([12:47](#)):

April 1st. But if I'm missing anything, Sherry, feel free to jump in or anybody else?

Speaker 3 ([12:58](#)):

No, I mean, I'd say again, the plan, we've talked about this before. There's an April 1st effective date and the plan is to take up any changes or edits before it goes into effect. That's round one. And then we'll plan to do a round two later in the year.

Speaker 1 ([13:21](#)):

That makes sense. It's going to be opportunities to amend what we are approving this evening on second reading and also make amendments to anything else subsequent to that time in April. Is that correct?

Speaker 3 ([13:32](#)):

Correct. But the idea is we need everyone knowing what we're talking about, so not amending the moving target if we're amending anything.

Speaker 1 ([13:41](#)):

Okay. Alright. Okay. Any public comment on this issue?

Speaker 2 ([13:57](#)):

Me look on

Speaker 1 ([14:00](#)):

Check online?

Speaker 2 ([14:01](#)):

Yep, we do have some.

Speaker 1 ([14:05](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 2 ([14:05](#)):

Give me a minute to get 'em moved over to the meeting. Steven Watts. Mr. Watts, can you just wait one moment please? Okay. Steven Watts.

Speaker 5 ([14:42](#)):

Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this consent agenda item matter and I want to comment on how badly it sucks that the public cannot pull consent agenda items as a matter of a check and balance with our town government. What is your problem with allowing the public to pull consent agenda items? Thank you.

Speaker 1 ([15:15](#)):

Okay. Okay. Let me see if anyone's else is online and then I'll go ahead and open it back up here.

Speaker 2 ([15:23](#)):

There's no other comments online.

Speaker 1 ([15:26](#)):

Okay, thanks please.

Speaker 6 ([15:28](#)):

I just wanted to take the opportunity to answer Steven's question since I know you guys can't. The reason we are not allowed to pull consent items anymore is because I made a threat in here to pull all the consent items all the time once and never actually followed through on it.

Speaker 1 ([15:42](#)):

Okay. Any other public comment in the room on this item? C four A? Okay it back to the commission

Speaker 3 ([15:54](#)):

Second and file meeting. So I'd move to adopt on second and file meeting ordinance number 1 0 0 9 3.

Speaker 4 ([16:02](#)):

Ask

Speaker 3 ([16:03](#)):

Make

Speaker 1 ([16:03](#)):

Two.

Speaker 4 ([16:04](#)):

Okay, gotcha.

Speaker 1 ([16:04](#)):

Second. Okay, so that was motion by Vice Mayor Finkel, second by Commissioner Littlejohn. That's all in favor, say aye.

Speaker 3 ([16:16](#)):

Aye. Aye. That move to adopt on second and file meeting ordinance number 1 0 0 9 4

Speaker 4 ([16:23](#)):

Second. I'm sorry.

Speaker 1 ([16:26](#)):

Okay. Motion by Vice Mayor Finkel. Seconded by Commissioner Littlejohn. All in favor say aye. Aye. Aye. Those opposed? Motion passes. Four zero I. All right. Next item is commission items. Do we have anything to talk about?

Speaker 4 ([16:54](#)):

I don't have any Vice mayor or I'm sorry, mayor.

Speaker 1 ([16:58](#)):

Nope. Mr, do you have anything?

Speaker 3 ([17:03](#)):

No.

Speaker 1 ([17:03](#)):

Okay. Alright. And future agenda items?

Speaker 3 ([17:13](#)):

I guess I would just say, I think it might be good to put the development code if we're going to hear any amendments, which I think we will pick which week we're going to do that and put that out there. I think the plan is for it to go to the Planning commission in February and then come to us sometime in March before the April 1st date. So I think we want to have that out though because people are asking,

Speaker 4 ([17:42](#)):

I would concur, especially given this earlier in the meeting.

Speaker 2 ([17:49](#)):

So go ahead and try to plan out what date that is in March or at least list it on the agenda for March.

Speaker 1 ([17:54](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 2 ([17:54](#)):

Future agendas memo?

Speaker 1 ([17:55](#)):

Yes. Okay. If there's nothing else on the future agenda, city manager's report. There's nothing there, but I am sure you have something to report.

Speaker 2 ([18:15](#)):

There weren't any city manager's report items. We just forgot to delete the heading. I apologize

Speaker 1 ([18:20](#)):

For that. There's a heading. I figured. Okay. So how about the commission calendar? Looks like a couple of ribbon cuttings. Nothing that jumps out at me. Anybody have anything to comment on the calendar?

Speaker 3 ([18:48](#)):

I know it's not on here. Is anyone going to local government day?

Speaker 4 ([18:53](#)):

What day is that? Looks like February 6th.

Speaker 2 ([18:57](#)):

It's on the sixth and it is on there Thursday the sixth.

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

Yes, I'm on the list so I'll be there for sure. More is better. Alright. And then finally, I think that that's it. We're going to go ahead and sign off on our live broadcast at this point in time and allow anybody to remove themselves from the room who needs to be and move on to public comment in a moment. I.