



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2024 6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 111 E. Maple Ave.

Call to Order

INVOCATION

Sergio Quintero will give the invocation in Spanish

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rowland, City Council At Large Fears, 2nd District City Council Stewart, City Council At Large McCandless, 4th District City Council Vaught, City Council, District 1 Perkins, City Council, District 1 Wiley

Absent:

CITIZEN REQUESTS

PRESENTATIONS

1. NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Presentation

Bill Esry of the Boy Scouts of America presented Police Chief Adam Dustman with the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Perkins, seconded by Councilmember Fears. Motion passed 7-0

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, City Council At Large Fears, 2nd District City Council Stewart, City Council At Large McCandless, 4th District City Council Vaught, City Council, District 1

Perkins, City Council, District 1 Wiley

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Items pulled for discussion: Item #3 pulled by Councilmember McCandless; Item #5 pulled by Councilmember Fears

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

1. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Southwest Solutions Group in the amount of \$84,200.00 for locker replacements at the Service Center for the Power & Light Department. **Approved**
2. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Pinnacle Staffing Group in the amount of \$211,047.00 for citywide custodial services. **Approved**
3. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to ITERIS, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$81,187.52 for traffic signal detection equipment. **Approved**

Councilmember McCandless moved to Approve Item #3 . Motion seconded by Councilmember Perkins. Motion Passed.

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, City Council At Large Fears, 2nd District City Council Stewart, City Council At Large McCandless, 4th District City Council Vaught, City Council, District 1 Perkins, City Council, District 1 Wiley

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Discussion on the item: This will continue to add infrastructure at intersections across the city. This pays for the installation of sensors that will allow the signal to monitor traffic and cross-traffic at the light and adjust accordingly to allow traffic through the intersection. So, if you're sitting at a stop light and there is no cross-traffic coming through, the sensor will signal the light to change.

4. Council action is requested to expend \$232,508.00 to Galvan's Lawn & Landscape LLC and Zambelli Lawn Care & Snow Removal LLC for Mowing Services for the Power & Light, Parks, Recreation, & Tourism, and Municipal Services Departments for fiscal year 2024-2025. **Approved**
5. Council action is requested to accept a tentative agreement with IBEW Local 53 and Independence Maintenance and Clerical Employees **Approved**

Motion to approve Item #5 made by Councilmember Fears, seconded by Councilmember Perkins. Motion Passed.

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, City Council At Large Fears, 2nd District City Council Stewart, City Council At Large McCandless, 4th District City Council Vaught, City Council, District 1 Perkins, City Council, District 1 Wiley

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Discussion on this item: This is a three year agreement with the IBEW clerical and maintenance unit. It provides for across-the-board increases for each of the three years at a negotiated amount.

Resolutions

1. 24-733 Resolution appointing members to the FIFA World Cup Advisory Committee
Res. No. 7015
2. 24-735 A Resolution appointing Garry Helm as Presiding Municipal Judge **Res. No. 7016**

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing(s)

Ordinances

1. 24-041 **2R** An ordinance adopting the Annual Operating and Capital Budgets of the City of Independence, Missouri, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025, estimating the revenues for said fiscal year; appropriating sums for the purposes stated in said Budget, establishing Operating Transfers, designating Fund Balance Allocations, establishing the authorized Table of Organization, and designating those who may make a requisition for encumbrances against appropriations. **2R Ord. No. 19561**

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Councilmember Fears stated the City staff spent quite a bit of time working the budget and discussing with the Council. He is pleased with the work that has been done on this.

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NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Passed 7-0

2. 24-042 **2R** An Ordinance finding, determining, and declaring the necessity of acquiring general utility easements and temporary construction easements for the Rockwood Storm Drainage Improvement Project (Project No. 132202); authorizing the negotiation and eminent domain proceedings if necessary; authorizing the use of experts as needed; authorizing and directing the execution of documents and the payment of funds to property owners or others holding property rights in conjunction with the project. **2R Ord. No. 19562**

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, City Council At Large Fears, 2nd District City Council Stewart, City Council At Large McCandless, 4th District City Council Vaught, City Council, District 1 Perkins, City

Council, District 1 Wiley
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (0):

Passed 7-0

3. 24-043 **2R** An ordinance amending Article 3 of Chapter 5 of the City Code by enacting new sections to revise and clarify the requirements for extended stay hotels. **2R**
Postponed to 7/1/24

Motion made by Councilmember Perkins to postpone the item to the July 1 agenda; seconded by Councilmember Stewart

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, City Council At Large Fears, 2nd District City Council Stewart, City Council At Large McCandless, 4th District City Council Vaught, City Council, District 1 Perkins, City Council, District 1 Wiley
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (0):

Passed 7-0 item is postponed to July 1 agenda

First Reading(s)

1. 24-044 **1R** An ordinance approving a rezoning from District C-2 (General Commercial) to District R-30/PUD (High Density Residential/Planned Unit Development) and approving a preliminary development plan for the property located at 304 S. Liberty Street. **1R Read**
2. 24-045 **1R** An ordinance vacating all that part of Blue Ridge Terrace, an existing unimproved 40' right-of-way located within the bounds of Blue Ridge Orchard, a subdivision in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri. **1R Read**
3. 24-046 **1R** An ordinance vacating an existing unimproved right-of-way of all that part of South Main Street as dedicated in Martha's Vineyard, a subdivision in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri, also vacating an existing utility easement of all that part of a vacated alley in Martha's Vineyard, a subdivision in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri. **1R Read**
4. 24-047 **1R** An ordinance adopting amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget, which was approved by Ordinance No. 19453 **1R Read**
5. 24-048 **1R** An ordinance amending Article 22 of Chapter 1 of the City Code by deleting Section 1.22.004 and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 1.22.004 changing the required age of the Municipal Judge **1R Read**

INFORMATION ONLY

1. **Please Note:** *In accordance with RSMo. 610.021, the City Council may convene in an Executive Session during or after the meeting, in the Council Chambers and move to Conference Room D for the closed meeting, on matters of litigation, legal action, and/or attorney client communications, as permitted by Sec. 610.021(1), on matters of personnel, as permitted by Sec. 610.021(3) and personnel records, as permitted by 610.021(13), on matters of contracts, as permitted by 610.021(12), on matters of real estate, as permitted by 610.021(2) and/or matters of labor negotiations, as permitted by 610.021(9).*

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Fears was able to attend the Susquehanna HOA meeting on Sunday. If anyone else would like to invite a councilmember to come to that type of meeting to discuss items on the August ballot, let us know.

Councilmember McCandless discussed the Neck Neighborhood Event. Two memorial markers were placed there. One that lists the families that were displaced and the other shows a map of the neighborhood. She also thanked Cindy McClain for her 8 years on the Planning Commission. Also a shout-out to Chief Dustman's mother for getting him to all of his scout meetings to earn his Eagle Scout.

Mayor Rowland seconded McCandless thanks to Cindy for her dedication and work. He attended a naturalization ceremony at the Truman Library.

Councilmember Perkins discussed the Glenwood Theatre sign being transformed to the Englewood sign and will be placed this next Friday.

Shout out to IPD regarding a long investigation of a stolen zero-turn law mower that was finally recovered.

City Manager Zach Walker invited everyone to come out for the Juneteenth celebration on Wednesday. There will be lots of great speakers and food. He also gave a shout out to IFD.

Chief Lauss formed an internal committee of 12 fire personnel to go out to different community events to do recruitment for IFD. They now have 10 people going through the hiring process and three people going through certification. This leaves 5 vacancies within IFD.

City Manager Walker also mentioned that the City has had a couple of incidents that he feels are important to discuss. Today one of the Park employees had an incident with people operating dirt bikes where they shouldn't be. When he approached them, he was head-butted and then ran over by the dirt bikes. He was taken to Urgent Care where he received stitches and was at home recovering. We also had another incident where a utility shut-off employee was shot at while doing his job. City employees are human beings trying to do their jobs and go home to their families and we ask that you show them respect.

Mayor Rowland also pointed out that there was a third incident that occurred today that is worth mentioning and will be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

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Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk