



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2024 6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 111 E. Maple Ave.

INVOCATION

1. Laurie Dean Wiley, Chair of God at Center Committee at Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity, will give the invocation.

Invocation was given by Laurie Dean Wiley

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CITIZEN REQUESTS

Councilmember Wiley moved to suspend the rules to allow non-residents to speak. Motion seconded by Councilmember McCandless.

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, Councilmember Fears, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember McCandless, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Motion Passes

The following people spoke in opposition of 24-789.

Merle Long
Renee Roby
Catherine Alexander

Lisa Yewell
Mary Tackett
Glenda Williams
Gregg Hollins
Felish Booker
Mary Eleazer
Lucinda Kincaid
Angela Dugger

The following people spoke in favor of resolution 24-789

Darian Hall
Abubalra Mohamed
Todd Evans
Enoch Dahle

Zach Walker, City Manager, there will be a meeting regarding this issue on November 6th at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Meeting is available online. Citizens can also send emails regarding this issue to transit@indepmo.org
Zach addressed questions asked by citizens regarding this topic.

What will remain the same:
Maintaining the 24 Route from transit center to downtown KC
Paratransit service is maintained
Going back to the pre-COVID pay structure of \$3/rider

Changing:
Fixed route service

PRESENTATION RESOLUTIONS

1. 24-778 A Resolution recognizing Stephanie Gervy, Administrative Assistant III in the Municipal Services Department, as the ISTAR Award Recipient for November 2024.

Councilmember McCandless made a motion to take this item out of order. This was seconded by Councilmember Fears.
Motion was passed 7-0

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to approve item. Seconded by Councilmember Fears.
Motion was passed 7-0

PROCLAMATIONS

A Veteran's Day Proclamation was presented to Mr. Grover, Harry S. Truman Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

CONSENT AGENDA

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Councilmember Perkins moved to Approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wiley.

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, Councilmember Fears, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember McCandless, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Consent Agenda minus the items below Passes 7-0

Items pulled for special consideration:

Item 24-790 was pulled by Councilmember Stewart

Item 8 was pulled by Councilmember Fears

Item 24-789 pulled by Councilmember McCandless

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meetings on October 7th and October 21st 2024. **Approved**
2. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to S4 Water Sales & Service, LLC in the amount of \$129,715.50, for Filter No. 2 Media Replacement at the Courtney Bend Water Treatment Plant for the Water Division of the Municipal Services Department. **Approved**
3. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Mongan Painting, LLC in the amount of \$447,875.00, for Protective Coatings Systems Replacement at the Courtney Bend Water Treatment Plant for the Municipal Services Department. **Approved**
4. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order for \$191,934.95 to Graybar for Lamps, Luminaires, and Photo Controls for the Power & Light Department for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. **Approved**
5. Council action is requested to approve and direct the City Manager to execute a certain license agreement by and between the City of Independence, Missouri and RG Landev, LLC. **Approved**

6. Council action to award a contract to Burns & McDonnell in the amount of \$164,187 to cover the Bly Road Substation S site study for the Power & Light Department (IPL).

Approved

7. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Brotcke Well and Pump, Inc. in the amount of \$640,281.00, for Well Rehabilitation at the Courtney Bend Water Treatment Plant for the Water Division of the Municipal Services Department.

Approved

8. Council action is requested to approve a contract between the City of Independence and the Independence School District to enter into a video broadcast agreement to broadcast recorded School Board Meetings provided by the Independence School District on the City's local government access Comcast channel, City7, effective through Dec. 31, 2025. **Approved**

Councilmember Fears made a motion to approve the item. Seconded by Councilmember McCandless.

Discussion: This agreement was entered into with the City of Independence and the Independence School District. The School District would like to use this resource to broadcast their school board meetings. There is no cost for this by the City.

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, Councilmember Fears, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember McCandless, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Motion passes 7-0

9. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Mongan Painting, LLC in the amount of \$258,500.00, for Protective Coating Systems Replacement for Filter No. 2 at the Courtney Bend Water Treatment Plant for the Municipal Services Department.

Approved

RESOLUTIONS

1. 24-779 A Resolution reappointing Tara Kruse to the Public Safety Tax Oversight Committee. **Passes Res. No. 7057**
2. 24-780 A Resolution reappointing Chad Whisenhunt to the Japanese Sister City Commission **Passes Res. No. 7058**
3. 24-781 A Resolution reappointing Colin McClain to the Independence Square Advisory Board. **Passes Res. No. 7059**

4. 24-782 A Resolution reappointing Maureen Kennedy to the Sustainability Commission **Passes Res. No. 7060**
5. 24-783 A Resolution reappointing Jerry Adkins to the Street Improvement Oversight Committee **Passes Res. No. 7061**
6. 24-784 A Resolution reappointing Paula Martin to the Parks Commission. **Passes Res. No. 7062**
7. 24-785 A Resolution reappointing Dr. Terry Morris, MD to the Advisory Board of Health. **Passes Res. NO. 7063**
8. 24-786 A Resolution reappointing Allie Zaroor to the Storm Water Control Oversight Committee **Passes Res. No. 7064**
9. 24-787 A Resolution reappointing Robert Phillips to the Housing Authority Commission **Passes Res. No. 7065**
10. 24-788 A Resolution appointing Councilmember Heather Wiley as Councilmember Liaison to the Independence Arts Council. **Passes Res. No. 7066**
11. 24-789 A Resolution supporting IRIS Microtransit Drivers in the City of Independence, Missouri. **Passes Res. No. 7067**

Councilmember McCandless stated she asked the City Manager to create this resolution to ensure that IRIS drivers are treated fairly by the City.

Meetings to discuss this issue will be on November 6th at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and will be broadcast online. There has also been an website set up for this - transit@indepmo.org

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, Councilmember Fears, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember McCandless, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Resolution Passes 7-0

12. 24-790 A Resolution adopting the 2024-2027 Independence City Council Strategic Agenda. **Passes Res. No. 7068**

Councilmember Stewart stated that on page 3 under item #5 discusses the sale of IPL utilities.

This item was already decided in a separate resolution prior to this meeting.

City Manager Zach Walker suggested the item be changed to read "Research and Evaluate the Governance of Independence Power and Light" as the sale has already been voted on.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve as amended. Seconded by Councilmember McCandless.

Amendment passes 7-0

Motion of original item to be approved made by McCandless. Seconded by Council member Wiley.

Item 24-790 passes 7-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. 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 Tabled Indefinitely**

Councilmember McCandless moved to table the item indefinitely as more work needs to be done on this ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fears. Motion Passed.

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, Councilmember Fears, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember McCandless, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Item is tabled indefinitely 7-0

2. 24-088 **2R** An Ordinance adding a new Article 5, Legal Description, to the Independence City Code, Chapter 10. **2R Passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19621**

This item is part of the question that was approved by the voters in August for changes to the City Charter. It moves the legal description of the city boundaries from the Charter into the City Code. The reason for moving it into the Code is because it changes from time to time with annexations and de-annexations.

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, Councilmember Fears, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember McCandless, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Ordinance passes 7-0

3. 24-104 **2R** An ordinance creating Section 12.05.017 of the Independence City Code for the prohibition of trespassing on a school bus. **2R Passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19622**

This is being done as a preventative measure and gives the police department the authority to do something in the event someone should get on a school bus that should not be it.

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, Councilmember Fears, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember McCandless, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Ordinance passes 7-0

4. 24-105 **2R** An ordinance adopting amendments to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget, which was approved by Ordinance No. 19561. **2R Passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19623**

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, Councilmember Fears, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember McCandless, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Ordinance passes 7-0

5. 24-106 **2R** An ordinance adopting amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget, which was approved by Ordinance No. 19453. **2R Passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19624**

AYES (7): Mayor Rowland, Councilmember Fears, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember McCandless, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Ordinance passes 7-0

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 Stewart encouraged everyone to get out and vote tomorrow.

Councilmember Vaught stated she, Councilmembers McCandless and Wiley and Mayor Rowland joined the IFD and American Red Cross this past Friday in a community outreach regarding smoke alarms.

Councilmember Wiley shared a phone number for citizens to call if they need a smoke alarm (816) 325-7123.

Councilmember McCandless gave a shout-out to Randy Johnson from IPL who is retiring after 45 years of service. She went to the graduation of Youth Court, celebrating 37 new youth

attorneys.

Councilmember Perkins met with KC Home Builders Association last week. He gave a shout-out to Municipal Services employee Steve Maldonado for doing some street work and grating that needed to be done and got it done quickly.

City Manager Zach Walker encouraged citizens to tune in for the Study Session next Tuesday for important items regarding the General Obligation Bond, the Square Redevelopment Plan and the Tourism restructuring.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk