



CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting

August 18, 2025

6:00 PM, Council Chambers - 111 E. Maple Ave.

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INVOCATION

1. The Invocation will be given by Stephen Ballentyne, Assistant Pastor at the Mount Zion Restoration Branch

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PROCLAMATIONS

CITIZEN REQUESTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

1. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Power Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$154,114.00 for Augmented Engineering Services for the Power & Light Department (IPL). **Approved**
2. Council action is requested to renew a contract with Pinnacle Staffing Group for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 for Custodial Services for the Power & Light Department and the Parks and Recreation Department. This contract was approved in FY2025 for one year with two one-year renewal options. *(This addresses item 4.1.d and 6.3.c in the 2023-2024 Independence Action Plan).* **Approved**
3. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to sign and accept the 2025/2026 Law Enforcement School-Based Initiative (LESBI) Agreement from Jackson

County COMBAT in the amount of \$225,000.00 to be used for the Police Department's Students Transitioning Exceptionally Prepared (STEP) program.

Approved

4. Council approval is requested to issue a blanket purchase order for \$150,000.00 to accommodate fuel purchase for Fire Department vehicles and apparatus with QuikTrip through WEX Bank. **Approved**
5. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order for \$240,000.00 to WEG Transformers USA LLC. (WEG), for power distribution transformers, for the Power & Light Department. **Approved**
6. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order for \$180,000.00 to Solomon Corporation, for transformer repair/re-manufacturing, for the Power & Light Department. **Approved**
7. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order for \$575,000.00 to Graybar Electric, for aluminum & copper cable/wire, for the Power & Light Department. **Approved**
8. Council action is requested to expend \$350,000.00 in purchase orders for fiscal year 2025-2026 to Fletcher-Reinhardt for steel and aluminum poles for the Power & Light Department. **Approved**
9. Council action is requested to expend \$160,000.00 in purchase orders for fiscal year 2025-2026 to Anixter for steel and aluminum poles for the Power & Light Department. **Approved**
10. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order for \$850,000 to Fletcher-Reinhardt, for utility hardware group 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 for fiscal year 2025-2026, for the Power & Light Department. **Approved**
11. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order for \$350,000 to Stella-Jones, for wood transmission & distribution poles, for the Power & Light Department. **Approved**

RESOLUTIONS

1. 25-778 A resolution reappointing Les Boatright to the Public Utilities Advisory Board. **Approved Res. No. 7157**
2. 25-779 A resolution appointing Donna Knold and GK Callahan to the Independence Arts Council **Approved Res. No. 7158**

3. 25-780 A resolution appointing Jason Pearson to the Heritage Commission
Approved Res. No. 7159
4. 25-781 A resolution amending the appointment of Haven Herndon and Lee Argo to the Heritage Commission **Approved Res. No. 7160**
5. 25-782 A resolution establishing the "City Manager Recruitment Sub-Committee" of the City Council, Appointing members, and defining the Committee's rules and responsibilities (Requested by Councilmember Bridget McCandless). **Approved Res. No. 7161**

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

ORDINANCES

1. 25-060 **2R** An ordinance amending the Independence City Code Chapter 18, Traffic. *(Sponsored by Councilmember McCandless)* **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19708**
2. 25-064 **2R** An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$32,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds, series 2025 of the City of Independence, Missouri, and certain other documents and actions by the City. **2R Item Passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19709**
3. 25-065 **2R** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No.19425 and the HOME-ARP 2021-22 Annual Action Plan; and making the necessary appropriations **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19710**
4. 25-066 **2R** An ordinance authorizing the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Independence, Missouri, to amend its articles of incorporation. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19711**
5. 25-067 **2R** An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of funding from Jackson County, Missouri, through a recipient award from COMBAT, which allocates \$90,000.00 to the City of Independence, Missouri, for a substance use and prevention program and adopting amendments to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget, which was approved by Ordinance No. 19682. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19712**
6. 25-068 **2R** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the realignment of the East US-24 Highway and South Ash Avenue intersection, in

connection with the 24 Highway Complete Streets Phase 3 Project (City Project No. 112212 / Federal Project No. CMAQ-3379(443)). **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19713**

FIRST READING(S)

1. 25-069 **1R** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from Mid-America Regional Council in the amount of \$81,370 for the City's Senior Adult Nutrition Site Program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and execute the Community Center Services Agreement; making the necessary appropriations; authorizing future change orders for additional funding and/or time extensions; and, authorizing certain future appropriations. **1R Read**
2. 25-070 **1R** An ordinance authorizing acceptance of the 2025 Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Kansas City / Overland Park DEA Task Force Initiative, and related documents, with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, for a grant award in the amount of \$165,015.00; making the necessary appropriations; authorizing future change orders for additional funding and/or time extensions; and authorizing certain future appropriations. **1R Read**
3. 25-071 **1R** An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the 2025 Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Investigative Support Center Initiative, and related documents, with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, for a grant award in the amount of \$135,054.31; making the necessary appropriations; authorizing future change orders for additional funding and/or time extensions; and authorizing certain future appropriations. **1R Read**
4. 25-072 **1R** An ordinance amending Independence City Code Section 5.01.023 "License Denial, Suspension or Revocation". **1R Read**
5. 25-073 **1R** An ordinance approving a rezoning from District R-18/PUD (Moderate Density Residential/Planned Unit Development) and District C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to District C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) for the property located at 201 E. Partridge Avenue. **1R Read**
6. 25-074 **1R** An ordinance approving a Special Use Permit to operate a convenience store at 11037 East Winner Road, in Independence, Missouri. **1R Read**
7. 25-075 **1R** An ordinance approving a Final Plat for Little Blue Estates—Plat 1B located on Quail Drive west of Jackson Drive in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri. **1R Read**

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Municipal Court Report for July 2025
2. ***Please Note:*** *In accordance with RSMo. 610.021, the City Council may convene in an Executive Session during or after the 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

ADJOURNMENT