



CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting

September 2, 2025

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

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INVOCATION

1. The Invocation will be given by Laurie Dean Wiley, Chair of God at Center Committee at Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CITIZEN REQUESTS

PRESENTATION RESOLUTIONS

1. The Susan P. Block Award will be presented to Charlotte Olejko by Kelly Freeland, Past President of the Junior Service League, 2022-2023, and Chair of the Susan P. Block Distinguished Public Service Award Committee.
2. 25-783 A resolution recognizing Michelle Carpenter, Telecommunicator II/Acting Emergency Communications Supervisor for the Independence Police Department as the ISTAR Award recipient for September 2025. **Item pass 6-0 Res. No. 7162**

PROCLAMATIONS

1. National Preparedness Month

CONSENT AGENDA

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meetings on August 4 and August 18, 2025.
Approved
2. Council action is requested to issue a Purchase Order to ImageTrend, Inc. in the amount of \$105,483.75 to retain the current Independence Fire Department emergency reporting and report management system. **Approved**
3. Council action is requested to expend \$465,177 to Design Mechanical, for HVAC maintenance and repairs for Independence Power & Light (IPL) Service Center, Independence Utilities Center (IUC), Fire Department, Independence Municipal Commons and Parks & Recreation Department locations. **Approved**
4. Council action is requested to authorize the expenditure of \$250,000 with Central Salt, LLC for the purchase of road salt by the Municipal Services Department.
Approved
5. Council action is requested to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to JCI Industries, LLC in the amount of \$249,996 for the purchase of two (2) replacement pumps for the Rock Creek Pump Station (Project No. 302606), for use by the Municipal Services Department. **Approved**
6. Council action is requested to approve an agreement with Prudential for employee life and disability insurance starting January 1, 2026. **Approved**
7. Council action is requested to approve an agreement with Cigna for employee voluntary worksite benefits starting January 1, 2026. **Approved 6-0**
8. Council action is requested to authorize a contract with HealthSpring (HCSC) for post-65 medical insurance coverage for Advantage and Medicare Part D plans effective January 1, 2026. **Approved 6-0**
9. Council action is requested to renew the contract with Cigna for Post-65 Medicare Surround insurance plans. **Approved 6-0**
10. Council action is requested to approve a 10% premium increase for all active and pre-65-member healthcare plans for the year 2026 with no other healthcare plan changes. **Approved 6-0**
11. Council action is requested to approve an RFP (request for proposal) to hire a search firm for the purpose of recruiting candidates for the City Manager position.
Approved 6-0

RESOLUTIONS

1. 25-784 A resolution in support of the application for an affordable rental housing development known as Terrace Crossing, to the Missouri Housing Development Commission's nine percent housing tax credits and approving a waiver of building permit fees in the amount of \$50,001.00. **Item passes 5-1 Res. No. 7163**
2. 25-785 A resolution in support of Mid-Continent Public Library acquiring a portion of city-owned property located at 111 East Maple Avenue for the relocation of the library's headquarters. **Item passes 6-0 Res. No. 7164**

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1. A public hearing on proposed property tax rates to be set by the City of Independence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, based on the current assessed valuation by Jackson and Clay Counties. *Full Public Hearing.*

25-076 **1R** An ordinance levying a tax on all real property subject to taxation on January 1, 2025, within the corporate limits of the City of Independence, Missouri, for all General Revenue and Public Health and Recreation Purposes, for General Obligation Debt, and for the Independence Square Special Benefit District; said levies and assessments being separate and distinct, all for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of July 2025 and ending on the 30th day of June 2026. **1R Read**
2. A public hearing for the application to rezone the property at 201 E. Partridge Avenue from R-18/PUD, Medium Density Residential/Planned Unit Development, and C-1, Neighborhood Commercial, to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial. **New Information Only.**

25-073 **2R** 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. **2R Item passes 6-0 Ord. No. 19715**
3. A public hearing for the Special Use Permit application to operate a convenience store at 11037 E. Winner Road. **New Information Only.**

25-074 **2R** An ordinance approving a Special Use Permit to operate a convenience store at 11037 East Winner Road, in Independence, Missouri. **2R Item passes 6-0 Ord. No. 19716**
4. A full public hearing for a Retail Selling of Intoxicating Liquor by the Drink for Pour Decisionz that will be located at 925 E. US 24 Hwy. **Full Public Hearing.**

Council action is requested on the application received from Pour Decisionz, LLC for Retail Selling of Intoxicating Liquor by the Drink for Pour Decisionz that will be located at 925 E. US 24 Hwy.

ORDINANCES

1. 25-069 **2R** 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. **2R Item passes 6-0 Ord. No. 19717**
2. 25-070 **2R** 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. **2R Item passes 6-0 Ord. No. 19718**
3. 25-071 **2R** 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. **2R Item passes 6-0 Ord. No. 19719**
4. 25-072 **2R** An ordinance amending Independence City Code Section 5.01.023 "License Denial, Suspension or Revocation". **2R Item passes 6-0 Ord. No. 19720**
5. 25-075 **2R** 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. **2R Item passes 6-0 ord. No. 19721**

FIRST READING(S)

1. 25-077 **1R** An Ordinance finding, determining, and declaring the necessity of acquiring General Utility Easements and Temporary Construction Easements for the Annual Neighborhood Sanitary Sewer Project (Project No. 302004-1); authorizing negotiation with property owners and the initiation of eminent

domain proceedings, if necessary; approving the plans and specifications for the project; authorizing the use of experts as needed; and authorizing and directing the execution of documents and the payment of funds to property owners or others holding property rights in connection with the project. **1R Read**

2. 25-078 **1R** An ordinance repealing Section 14-901 “HSQ District” and adding a new Section 14-901 “HSQ District” of the Unified Development Ordinance. **1R Read**
3. 25-079 **1R** An ordinance approving a rezoning from District R-6 (Single-Family Residential) to District R-6/PUD (Single-Family Residential/Planned Unit Development) and approving a preliminary development plan for the property located at 1316 S. Osage Street. **1R Read**
4. 25-080 **1R** An ordinance approving a Special Use Permit to operate a bed and breakfast at 3417 S. Denton Road, in Independence, Missouri. **1R Read**
5. 25-081 **1R** An ordinance authorizing the City Clerk to do all things necessary for the holding of a Primary and General Election within the City of Independence, Missouri, in compliance with the Charter adopted by said City, as amended, and all state laws in reference thereto, and to certify to the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners all names of candidates properly presented by petitions under the Charter and for the holding of a Primary Election on February 3, 2026, and a General Election on April 7, 2026. **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, 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