



City Council Minutes

May 20, 2024 6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 111 E. Maple Ave.

INVOCATION

SERGIO QUINTERO

Sergio Quintero will give the invocation in Spanish

Gave the invocation in Spanish

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Fears - Present Councilmember Perkins - Present Councilmember Stewart - Appeared via Teams Councilmember McCandless - Present Councilmember Wiley - Present Councilmember Vaught - Present Mayor Rowland - Present

All present; Councilmember Brice Stewart appeared via video/Teams

CITIZEN REQUESTS

Bob Sorenson spoke about the 2024-2025 Budget; Matt Roberts (non-citizen) spoke about Chapter 5 of the City Code; Mike Fowler spoke about the FOP contract

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to allow non-residents to speak. Councilmember McCandless 2nd. Voice vote, all yes

Bob Sorenson spoke on the proposed budget. The budget also shows no changes to retirees' healthcare, highlighting the Mayor and City Council for honoring the promise made to retirees. 995 post 65 receiving health ins. 218 members in the Staywell group. .71 cent/mo increase last year.

Matt Roberts (non-resident) spoke on the Charter Section 5 for the second time. He stated the Mayor asked for changes to this, but nothing is different. The change didn't relate to his concern, but he didn't see any changes.

Mike Fowler, an Independence Police Officer for 20 years. He is currently the Investigations Trustee of FOP 1 and is the training and recruiting Sergeant. He spoke about the applications for the police department. There were no applicants in January. In February, five people were invited to test for a police officer position; three did not show up, two conditional offers were made, and one person was hired. In March, eight were invited, three did not show up, four conditional offers were given, and two are going through a background investigation. In April, eleven were invited, three did not show up, six conditional offers were given, and four went through a background investigation. In May, fourteen were invited, twelve did not show up, and two conditional offers were made and are going through background investigations.

He highlighted May and stated that KCPD's pay increase was effective in May.

He thanked the City for bringing the health insurance benefit in retirement back. The pay increase and the health insurance will keep our City more competitive with other agencies in the metro.

The FOP has unanimous support for this tax to be put on the August ballot. The tax will help the pay scale and needed equipment. This tax will bring more officers to the department and officers patrolling the neighborhoods.

PRESENTATION RESOLUTIONS

PROCLAMATIONS

1. A Proclamation for Emergency Medical Services Week

A proclamation for Emergency Medical Services Week was accepted by Craig Duplantis and Paul Liniger on behalf of EMS workers. nute test to show how it looks after entry.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items pulled by Councilmember McCandless were resolutions 24-718 and 24-727. Item pulled by Councilmember Stewart was resolution 24-728.

1. Council action is requested to increase expenditures \$27,000 with Ozark Kenworth for heavy equipment fleet repairs for the Central Garage for the Municipal Services Department. The total amount of expenditures will increase to \$75,000.00

APPROVED

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

1. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to approve a General Utility Easement and a Sanitary Sewer Easement vacation for the properties located at 1210 and 1220 S. Powell Road. **APPROVED**
2. Council action is requested authorizing the City Manager to execute a six-month contract extension for intra-city transit services with First Transit. **APPROVED**

Resolutions

1. 24-718 A resolution establishing the opioid settlement advisory committee, stating

the broad policy guidelines for use of said funds, and outlining the process by which funds will be dispersed. (*Sponsored by Councilmember Bridget McCandless*).

APPROVED __ 6 in favor 1 opposed Res. No. 7007

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Councilmember At Large McCandless moved to Motion to adopt the amendment the item as presented. Motion seconded by City Council At Large Fears. Motion Passed.

AYES (6): Mayor Rowland, City Council At Large Fears, 2nd District City Council Stewart, Councilmember At Large McCandless, 4th District City Council Vaught, City Council, District 1 Wiley
NAYS (1): City Council, District 1 Perkins

ABSENT (0): Councilmember McCandless read her proposed amendments to this resolution, recommending goals and objectives for using these funds and the committee structure.

Councilmember McCandless made a motion for the adoption of the amendment.

Councilmember Fears seconded the motion.

2. 24-725 A resolution appointing Meagan Borth to the Board of Directors of the Independence Events Center Community Improvement District. **APPROVED Res. No. 7008**
3. 24-726 A Resolution reappointing Mindy Meadows, Helen Hurley, Virginia Hudson and Nina Woodson-Falls to the Human Relations Commission **APPROVED Res. No. 7009**
4. 24-727 A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the Generator Interconnection Agreement between Southwest Power Pool, Blue Valley Grid, LLC and the City of Independence. **APPROVED Res. No. 7010**
5. 24-728 A resolution authorizing an agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge # 1, For the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028 **APPROVED Res. No. 7011**
6. 24-729 A resolution accepting the City of Independence City Wide Housing Study update. **APPROVED Res. No. 7012**

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing(s)

1. A public hearing for the amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 14, of the City Code relating to Data Center Use. **Full Public Hearing.**
 - a. 24-032 2R An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 14, of the City Code pertaining to Data Center use in I-1. ***This addresses item 2.1.c of the 2023-2024 Independence Action Plan.*** 2R **PASSES 7-0 Ord. No.**

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2. A public hearing for the application by Elevated Spaces to rezone the property at 9519 E. Truman Road from C-2, General Commercial, and R-12, Two-Family Residential, to R-6, Single Family Residential. ***New Information Only.***
 - a. 24-034 2R An ordinance approving a rezoning from District C-2 (General Commercial) and District R-12 (Two-Family Residential) to District R-6 (Single-Family Residential) for the property at 9519 E. Truman Road. 2R **~~POSTPONED FOR 60 DAYS to July 15th agenda - moved to June 3rd Agenda~~**
3. A public hearing for the application by Robert Scarborough to rezone the property at 120 E. College Street from R-30/PUD, High Density Residential/Planned Unit Development, to R-6, Single Family Residential. ***New Information Only.***
 - a. 24-035 2R An ordinance approving a rezoning from District R-30/PUD (High Density Residential) to R-6 (Single Family Residential) for the property at 120 E College Street. 2R **~~POSTPONED FOR 60 DAYS to July 15th agenda - moved to June 3rd agenda~~**
4. A public hearing for the application by Bobby Anderson to rezone the property at 908 N. Liberty Street from C-2, General Commercial, to R-6, Single Family Residential. ***New Information Only.***
 - a. 24-036 2R An ordinance approving a rezoning from District C-2 (General Commercial) to District R-6 (Single Family Residential) for the property at 908 N. Liberty Street. 2R **PASSES 7-0 Ord. No. 19551**
5. A full public hearing for a Restaurant Selling Intoxicating Liquor License application for Catrina's Tacos & Tequilas located at 19801 E. Valley View Parkway. ***Full Public Hearing.***
 - a. Council action is requested on the Restaurant Selling Intoxicating Liquor License application for Catrina's Tacos & Tequilas located at 19801 E. Valley View Pkwy. **PASSES 7-0**
6. Fiscal year 2024-25 Proposed Budget Hearing. ***Full Public Hearing.***

Ordinances

1. 24-031 2R An Ordinance amending Chapter 9 (Fire Code) of the Independence City Code by Adding Article 2 to add Lift Assist Cost Recovery and Non-Resident Mitigation Fees. 2R **PASSES 7-0 Ord. No. 19552**

2. 24-033 2R An ordinance repealing Chapter 5, Article 1 and adding a new Chapter 5, Article 1 of the City Code and renaming Chapter 5 to “Business Licenses”. ***This addresses item 2.1.a of the 2023-2024 Independence Action Plan.*** 2R **PASSES 7-0 Ord. No. 19553**
3. 24-037 2R An ordinance approving the petition to establish the Fairmount Community Improvement District, establishing the district, and making findings and authorizing actions related to establishment of the district. 2R **PASSES 7-0 Ord. No. 19554**
4. 24-040 2R An ordinance imposing a Police Sales Tax at the rate of one-fourth of one percent of the receipts from the sale at retail of all tangible personal property or taxable services at retail within the City of Independence, Missouri, which shall remain in effect at said rate thereafter until repealed by the voters of the City; calling for the proposition adopting said tax to be placed on the ballot at the regularly scheduled election to be held August 6, 2024; proposing the form of the ballots and directing the City Clerk to do all things called for by law in connection with the holding of said election. 2R **PASSES 7-0 Ord. No.19555**

First Reading(s)

1. 24-038 1R An ordinance authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to provide financial assistance for the State Investment in Local Public Health Services Grant Program for the period of June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025; accepting funds for the period in the amount of \$118,386; authorizing future change orders for additional funding and/or time extensions for the same project; and authorizing certain future appropriations. 1R
2. 24-039 1R An ordinance approving a Final Plat for Wader’s Place – Replat A, in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri. 1R

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Municipal Court Report
2. ***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

ADJOURNMENT