



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2024 6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 111 E. Maple Ave.

INVOCATION

Meeting began at 6:03 p.m. with an invocation from Tim Alison.

1. Tim Allison of the Visiting Nurse Association Hospice will give the invocation

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Rory Rowland, Presiding Officer of the City Council, called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Rory Rowland, Jared Fears, Bridget McCandless, Jennie Vaught, John Perkins, Heather Wiley, and Mayor Rory Rowland. Absent – Brice Stewart.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Councilmember At Large McCandless moved to Motion to hear Proclamations and Presentation Resolutions out of order the item as presented. Motion seconded by City Council, District 1 Wiley. Motion .

AYES (0): None

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): 2nd District City Council Stewart

CITIZEN REQUESTS

Debra Powell is a representative of Mom's Demand Action Against Gun Violence and spoke on that topic. She was also presented a Proclamation in recognition of this cause.

PRESENTATION RESOLUTIONS

1. 24-730 A resolution recognizing Lilia White, Account Information Representative for the Water Department, as the I-STAR Award - Service & Teamwork Above Responsibilities Award recipient for June 2024 **PRESENTED**

Resolution was read aloud. Lilia was not present to accept.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

City Council, District 1 Perkins moved to Motion to pass Resolution for ISTAR Award the item as presented. Motion seconded by City Council At Large Fears. Motion .

AYES (0): None

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): 2nd District City Council Stewart

PROCLAMATIONS

The Flag Day Proclamation was read and presented

A second Proclamation was presented to Debra Powell on behalf of Mom's Demand Action Against Gun Violence

1. Proclamation recognizing Flag Day June 14th **PRESENTED**

Presented to a representative of the Sons of the Revolution.

CONSENT AGENDA

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

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City Council, District 1 Perkins moved to approve Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager as presented. Motion seconded by City Council At Large Fears. Motion Passed.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): 2nd District City Council Stewart

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meetings on May 6 and May 20, 2024 **APPROVED**
2. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Advanced Utility Systems in the amount of \$221,739.95 for the annual maintenance and support of the City's utility customer information and billing system. **APPROVED**

3. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Altec Industries in the amount of \$400,214.00, for an Altec DM45 digger derrick for the Power & Light Department. **APPROVED**
4. Council action is requested to issue a \$50,000 change order to the for intra-city transit services with First Transit for the Community Development Department. **APPROVED**
5. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to GE Grid Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$839,406.17 for the JPAX Next Gen Fiber Optic Equipment Replacement for IPL. **APPROVED**
6. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Electronic Technology, Inc. (ETI) in the amount of \$115,228.30 for the Security Camera Project Upgrades/Replacements for the IPL Service Center, Substation P and Substation M. **APPROVED**
7. Council action is requested to amend the Schedule of Fees for the City of Independence effective July 1, 2024. **APPROVED**

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Staff has provided an amended schedule of fees with reformatting. The fee schedule is being updated according to increase in the costs.

City Council At Large Fears moved to amend Item #7. Motion seconded by City Council, District 1 Perkins. Motion Passed.

AYES (6): Mayor Rowland, City Council At Large Fears, City Council At Large McCandless, 4th District City Council Vaught, City Council, District 1 Perkins, City Council, District 1 Wiley
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): 2nd District City Council Stewart

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

City Council At Large Fears moved to amend Item #7 as amended. Motion seconded by City Council, District 1 Perkins. Motion Passed.

AYES (6): Mayor Rowland, City Council At Large Fears, City Council At Large McCandless, 4th District City Council Vaught, City Council, District 1 Perkins, City Council, District 1 Wiley
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): 2nd District City Council Stewart

Councilmember Perkins asked if the City could come up with a way for vendors to buy one permit for the year instead of them having to buy permits for each event. City Manager Walker said they would look into this.

8. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Life Scan Wellness Centers in

the amount of \$181,000 for mandatory Fire Department physicals (contract extension). **APPROVED**

Resolutions

1. 24-731 A Resolution appointing Jose Torres as a member of the City Planning Commission of the City of Independence, Missouri **Res. No. 7013**
2. 24-732 A Resolution appointing Liz Baker to the Board of Directors of the Southwest Independence 353 Redevelopment Corporation **Res. No. 7014**

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing(s)

Ordinances

1. 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 Ord. No. 19556**

This item was previously postponed from a prior agenda. The owners have come into compliance with this rezoning.

This ordinance was approved 6 Ayes; 0 Nays

The item was presented with no further discussion.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): 2nd District City Council Stewart

2. 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 Ord. No. 19557**

The item was presented with no further discussion.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): 2nd District City Council Stewart

3. 24-038 **2R** 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. **2R Ord. No. 19558**

The item was presented with no further discussion.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): 2nd District City Council Stewart

4. 24-039 **2R** An ordinance approving a Final Plat for Wader's Place – Replat A, in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri. **2R Ord. No. 19559**

The item was presented with no further discussion.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): 2nd District City Council Stewart

First Reading(s)

1. 24-041 **1R** 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. **1R**

This item was read.

2. 24-042 **1R** 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. **1R**

This item was read.

3. 24-043 **1R** 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. **1R**

This item was 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).

City Council At Large Fears moved to go into Closed Executive Session. Motion seconded by City Council District 3 Wiley. Motion passed.

AYES (0): None

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): 2nd District City Council Stewart

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Perkins said Woodlawn Park and Cemetery looked great. Great turnout for the Northwest clean up. Thanks to everyone that helped out and those who provided supplies.

Councilmember Vaught attended a ribbon-cutting for the Walmart Neighborhood Market.

Walmart handed out three \$1000 checks to local nonprofit groups. She attended the Strawberry Festival at Vaille Mansion. She also visited the National Frontier Trails Museum. The story and presentation is very well done. Encourages everyone to visit it.

Councilmember Wiley was able to see the new fire truck purchased for Station 7. It was built in Missouri by Precision Fire Apparatus. The East Independence Branch of the Mid-Continent Library opens this Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Councilmember McCandless: IPL worked tirelessly to repair electricity loss from the Memorial Day storm. Outages were kept up-to-date on social media. Everyone did an excellent job. She attended the City of Independence Service Recognition Dinner where they recognized 10 employees for their 20, 25, 30 and 40 years of service to the City. They had an accumulative service of 255 years. Two events coming up. The Neck was a neighborhood established in 1877. It is now called McCoy Park. The families that used to live there will have names put in stone and a public dedication will be held on June 15th at 10 a.m. On June 10th, Presidential descendants will be welcomed at the Truman Library.

City Manager Walker reminded residents that we have a drop-off depot this Saturday from 8-3 for storm debris as well as other items. Delegates from the City toured area justice centers to get ideas for our Justice Center.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:35 P.M. the meeting was adjourned to go into a closed Executive Session.

Presiding Officer of the City Council

of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk