



City Council PUBLIC MEETING Minutes

September 8, 2025 5:00 PM

Conference Room D, First Floor, 111 E. Maple Ave.

WELCOME

Mayor Rory Rowland, Presiding Officer of the City Council, called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Jared Fears, Brice Stewart, Bridget McCandless, Jennie Vaught, John Perkins and Heather Wiley. Also present were City Manager Zach Walker and Deputy City Manager Lisa Reynolds. Several members of the Municipal Court staff observed the meeting as well as several citizens.

DISCUSSION OF CITY FACILITIES

A. The future home of Municipal Court

Several suggestions were made regarding a future temporary place for the Municipal Court. Among those suggestions were the first floor of the Independence Police Dept. in the multipurpose room, the Truman Library, the Legislative chambers at the Jackson County Courthouse and the Independence School District School Board Room.

Councilmember McCandless suggested a work group consisting of Judge Helm, Deputy Chief Petersen and other members to meet and discuss the needs of the court staff to run sufficiently. This group and the City Council will reconvene at a later date to further discuss this topic.

B. The future location for City Council meetings

This discussion was about the location of Council staff (Kim Osborne, John Mayfield and Andrew Frazier) and council meetings. It was agreed that council meetings would likely take place where the Municipal Court is temporarily placed.

Andrew Frazier, Financial Analyst, will be asked to evaluate the cost of the places suggested.

- C. Allocation of City Council direct-report employees between the Municipal Commons and any building designated to host Council meetings

Council staff will likely be officed at the new location of City Hall, the Independence Municipal Commons (IMC), however there may be an auxiliary office at the Truman Memorial Building so Councilmembers have a place on the square to meet with constituents.

INFORMATION ONLY

- A. **Please Note:** In accordance with RSMo. 610.021, the City Council may convene in a Closed 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).

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk