



City Council Study Session Minutes

September 8, 2025 6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 111 E. Maple Ave.

COUNCIL SPONSORED ITEMS

1. A resolution directing the City Manager to verify business license compliance within proposed economic development incentive districts. (*Sponsored by Councilmember Stewart*)

This resolution is sponsored by Councilmember Stewart. It would require any economic development district to check all businesses within their district to ensure they have a business license before the proposed incentive is brought to Council. Councilmember Fears suggested adding an amendment to this that specifically states it will be the applicant's responsibility to ensure all businesses within the district are properly licensed. City Manager Walker will add this amendment to the resolution for the regular City Council meeting.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

1. Citizen Requests - Per Council Rules, Sec. 6.4 only "Council Sponsored Items" are eligible.

Becky Hake spoke on the the sponsored resolution.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Parks Master Plan Update

Leon Younger from Pros Consulting gave the presentation on the findings for this item.

The project team consists of:

Pros Consulting who will lead community engagement, demographics and recreation trends, benchmark analysis, level of service, recreation program analysis, operational and maintenance

review, funding strategies and action plan
PGAV Planners who will lead the historic facility management plan
ETC Institute will statistically valid community survey and
Confluence who will lead parks and open space conditions, site concepts, and park classifications and level of service standards

Community make up:

Slight increase in population over the next 8 years

This is an aging community - programs and facilities need to be multi-generational in nature

This is also a diverse community which plays into the type of interests our citizens have

They also look at recreation trends such as exercise, outdoor adventure, etc.

E-gaming is becoming popular as well.

Core Program Areas:

Arts & Culture

Nature

Sports & Wellness

Continued Education & Life Skills

Senior Programs

Facility Rentals

Special Events

There is an overall deficiency in parkland. Current developed park acreage (6.41 acres per 1000 people) falls below national benchmarks (12.8 acres per 1000 people in the Midwest)

Current trail mileage (34.92) is above national benchmarks (29)

Needs:

One rectangular field

Ball diamond level meets future needs

Needs exist for basketball, tennis and pickleball courts

There is a lack of an outdoor aquatic facility

Each park had a rating done to evaluate the amenities and their conditions.

There is an ongoing concern of damage that is being done to the park restrooms by the homeless population.

An evaluation was also done on historic sites regarding operations, maintenance and a future funding strategy. The historic sites are underutilized so they are looking at ways to get more visitors to them.

Surveys were sent out to random residents for their input. Maintenance and safety were the two biggest concerns. Special events are a top attraction in the city.

2. Housing Authority Overview

This item was postponed to a study session date in October.

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Boards and Commissions Report
2. **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).