



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 20, 2025

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

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INVOCATION

1. The invocation will be given by Ken Truax, Elder at the East Independence Church of Christ

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION RESOLUTIONS

1. Citizen's Academy Graduation Presentation

PROCLAMATIONS

CITIZEN REQUESTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

1. Council action is requested to enter into a contract with Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity for the administration of a Minor Home Repair Program for low- to moderate-income homeowners utilizing 2025-26 CDBG Program funds in an amount not to exceed \$401,953.75 **Item passes 7-0**
2. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to approve a contract and issue a purchase order with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office for detention housing services for the Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00, and authorizing change orders of up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount, with

the option to renew for up to five additional one-year terms. **Approved**

3. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Strategic Government Resources for the Interim Police Chief position in the amount of \$274,700.00. **Approved**
4. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a design services contract and issue a purchase order to Alfred Benesch & Company for an amount not to exceed \$825,603, for the Kentucky Avenue over Rock Creek Bridge (No. 542601-4), the Arlington Avenue over Rock Creek Bridge (No. 542601-5), and the R D Mize over Little Blue River Bridge (No. 542601-6) as part of the Bridges - GO Bond Project (No. 542601). **Item passes 7-0**
5. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Rand Construction Company in the amount of \$234,701.88 for a replacement dual cage drive on Contact Basin No. 8 at the Courtney Bend Water Plant as part of the Basin Drive Improvements Project (No. 402108). **Approved**

RESOLUTIONS

1. 25-794 A resolution directing the City Manager to verify business license compliance within proposed economic development incentive districts. (***Sponsored by Councilmember Stewart***) **Item passes 7-0 Res. No. 7172**
2. 25-795 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of funding from the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Blue Shield Program in the amount of \$50,000.00, for the purchase of Law Enforcement Equipment. **Approved Res. No. 7173**

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1. A public hearing for the amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 14, of the Independence City Code relating to community gardens. **Full Public Hearing.**

25-092 **2R** An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 14, of the Independence City Code pertaining to community gardens. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19736**
2. A public hearing for the amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 14, of the Independence City Code relating to ARTS District signage. **Full Public Hearing.**

25-093 **2R** An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance,

Chapter 14, of the Independence City Code to allow electronic message signs in the ARTS District. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19737**

3. A public hearing on a petition for the addition of property to the Noland Road Community Improvement District. ***Full Public Hearing.***

25-097 **1R** An ordinance approving a petition to add property to the Noland Road Community Improvement District. **1R Read**

ORDINANCES

1. 25-089 **2R** An ordinance amending Article 6 of Chapter 8 and Article 4 of Chapter 20, of the Independence City Code pertaining to the adoption of a revised Procurement Policy. **2R Item fails 1-6**
2. 25-090 **2R** An ordinance exempting the City of Independence from temporary extended hours for selling, serving, and allowing consumption of intoxicating liquor within the City of Independence during the 2026 FIFA World Cup. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19738**
3. 25-091 **2R** An ordinance finding, determining and declaring the necessity of acquiring temporary construction easements for the Fairmount Loop Project (Project No. 112501); authorizing the negotiation and eminent domain proceedings if necessary; approving the plans and specifications for the project; 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. **2R Item passes Ord. No. 19739**
4. 25-094 **2R** An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant for \$2,500 from the MO Department of Conservation (MDC) to remove invasive honeysuckle at George Owens Nature Park (GONP). **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19740**
5. 25-095 **2R** An ordinance adopting amendments to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget, which was approved by Ordinance No. 19561. **2R Item passes 7-0 ord. No. 19741**
6. 25-096 **2R** An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of an agreement with the City of Sugar Creek, Missouri for Independence Police to provide dispatching services for an annual fee and allocating that fee to a special revenue account to support related communications expenses; appropriating the necessary funds; and authorizing future change orders and appropriations for the same project. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19742**

FIRST READING(S)

1. 25-098 **1R** An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$8,000.00 from the Missouri Department of Transportation for reimbursement of overtime for the police department for work zone enforcement from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025; authorizing future change orders and/or time extensions for the same project and making the necessary appropriations. **1R Read**
2. 25-099 **1R** An ordinance adopting amendments to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget, which was approved by Ordinance No. 19682. **1R Read**
3. 25-100 **1R** An ordinance amending Article 15 of Chapter 4 Rental Ready Program to amend the effective date of the licensing requirement for utility turn-on. **1R Read**
4. 25-101 **1R** An ordinance amending Independence City Code Section 5.01.002 “Definitions” related to businesses. **1R Read**
5. 25-102 **1R** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a certain grant agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission as part of the 23rd Street (M-78) Complete Streets Phase 3 Project (Project No. 112111-3 / Federal Project No. CRP-3379(447)). **1R Read**

INFORMATION ONLY

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COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT