



City Council Regular Meeting

April 8, 2026
6:00 PM,
20201 E. Jackson Drive
First Floor, Oregon and Santa Fe Conference Room
Independence, MO 64057

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INVOCATION

1. The invocation will be given by Reverend Michael Jones, Grace Connection Church.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION RESOLUTIONS

1. 26-715 A resolution recognizing Sgt. Emily Kennon of the Independence Police Department as the ISTAR Award recipient for Service & Teamwork Above Responsibilities for the month of April 2026.

PROCLAMATIONS

CITIZEN REQUESTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

1. Approval of minutes from the March 2nd and March 16th regular meetings.
2. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to approve a guaranteed maximum price proposal, and issue a purchase order to MegaKC, partnered with Cook, Flat & Strobel Engineers (CFS) and MKEC Engineering Inc., in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the design-build of the Cassell Park Elementary and Mill Creek Elementary portion of the FY26 GO Bond - Sidewalks Project (No. 542602-1).
3. Council action is requested to approve a change order to purchase order 26000661, for an additional \$75,000.00 and authorize change orders of up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount, with Healy Law Offices LLC for legal and contract assistance for the Power & Light (IPL) department. The total of the purchase order will increase to \$225,000.00.
4. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order for \$145,651.08, and to authorize change orders up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount, to Eagle Eye Power Solution, LLC, for additional equipment for the Eagle Eye Vigilant Battery Monitoring System – monitors, sensors, chargers, installation, etc., for the Power & Light Department (IPL).
5. Council action is requested to approve Change Order #2 to Purchase Order (PO) 25001038 to Walter P Moore in the amount of \$73,875.00, to include a floodplain study for the replacement of the Rock Creek Trail pedestrian bridge for the Parks and Recreation Department, and authorizing change orders of up to ten percent (10%) of the new revised authorized total amount of the PO of \$187,250.00.
6. Council action is requested to issue a change order to P.O. 26001042 to Allied Power Group, in the amount of \$74,400.00 (including an estimated \$5,000 for shipping), and authorizing change orders of up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount, for additional rotor repairs due to the misalignment of the J-2 substation combustion turbine for the Power & Light Department (IPL).
7. Council action is requested to issue a change order to P.O. 26001018 to GE Vernova, in the amount of \$474,360.98 and authorizing change orders of up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount, for an alignment of the J-2 substation combustion turbine for the Power & Light Department (IPL).
8. Council action is requested to issue a change order to P.O. 26001155 to Belger Cartage Service, in the amount of \$95,101 and authorizing change orders of up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount, for crane service during the alignment and reassembly of the J-2 substation combustion turbine for the Power & Light Department (IPL).

9. Council action is requested to approve an Energy Management Agreement ("EMA") with an initial term beginning August 2027, in a total amount not to exceed \$3,472,647, inclusive of an annual escalation rate of 2.55%, with Rainbow Energy Marketing Corporation ("Energy Manager") for oversight, direction, and various services, and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City.
10. Council action is requested to approve the IAFF Local 781 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

RESOLUTIONS

1. 26-716 A resolution adopting the 2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
2. 26-717 A resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit the Missouri Department of Transportation State Transit Assistance Program application for FY 2027 and to execute an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Public Transit Operating Assistance Grant for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. 26-020 **2R** An ordinance amending Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Missouri, by adding a new article prohibiting the sale of certain intoxicating Kratom derivatives and restricting the sale of Kratom products to persons twenty-one years of age or older. *(Sponsored by Mayor Rowland)* **2R**
2. 26-025 **2R** An Ordinance finding, determining, and declaring the necessity of acquiring General Utility Easements for the 39th Street & Independence Center Signal Design portion of the Traffic System Improvements Project (Project No. 112602); 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.

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FIRST READING(S)

1. 26-026 **1R** An Ordinance authorizing the submission of the Program Years 2026–2030 Consolidated Plan, Citizen Participation Plan, and the Fiscal Year 2026–27 Annual Action Plan for the CDBG and HOME Programs to the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD); authorizing applications for CDBG and HOME program funds; authorizing execution of a written agreement and acceptance of federal funds; and making the necessary appropriations. **1R**

2. 26-027 **1R** An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a monetary donation to George Owens Nature Park (GONP) to establish a butterfly garden. **1R**
3. 26-028 **1R** An Ordinance finding, determining, and declaring the necessity of acquiring temporary construction easements and Right-Of-Way for the 23rd Street (M-78) Complete Streets Phase 1 Project (No. 112111); 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. **1R**
4. 26-029 **1R** An ordinance approving a rezoning from District C-2 (General Commercial) and District I-1 (Industrial) to District HSQ (Historic Square) for the City-owned properties located near Truman Road and Noland Road, Lexington Avenue and Memorial Drive, and Lexington Avenue and Lynn Street. **1R**
5. 26-030 **1R** An ordinance authorizing the city of Independence, Missouri to issue its taxable industrial development revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000,000; and authorizing certain documents and actions in connection therewith. **1R**
6. 26-031 **1R** An ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article 16, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Missouri, by adding a Code of Ethics. **1R**

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Municipal Court report for the month of February 2026
2. Pavilions at Hartman Heritage CID budget for FYE 6/30/2027.
3. New Town at Harmony CID Preliminary Budget
4. **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).

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT