



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2026 6:00 PM

20201 E. Jackson Drive
First Floor, Council Chambers
Independence, MO 64057

INVOCATION

1. The invocation will be given by Michael Jones, Reverend of Grace Connection Church
Stephen Ballentyne, Asst. Pastor for the Mount Zion Restoration Branch gave the invocation.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin King, Presiding Officer of the City Council, called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Brice Stewart, Jennie Vaught, John Perkins, Heather Wiley, Cody Atkinson, and Jackie Dorman. Absent – None.

PRESENTATION RESOLUTIONS

1. 26-731 A resolution recognizing Crystal Jeffries, Financial Analyst in the Municipal Services Department, as the ISTAR Award recipient for June 2026. **Item passes 7-0 Res. No. 7220**

Councilmember Perkins moved to Approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Atkinson.

AYES (7): Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley, Councilmember Atkinson, Mayor King, Councilmember Dorman

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Item passes 7-0

PROCLAMATIONS

A proclamation recognizing June as National Safety Month was read by Mayor King.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

Councilmember Perkins moved to allow non-residents to speak. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wiley.

AYES (7): Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley, Councilmember Atkinson, Mayor King, Councilmember Dorman

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Motion passes allowing non-residents to speak, 7-0.

Ronald Smith spoke about the budget

Danielle DuPree spoke about Noland Fashion Square

David Titus spoke about the condition of Little Blue Parkway

James Pat spoke about Willis Emergency Stormwater Project

Wes Epperson spoke about Noland Fashion Square

Bob Sorenson spoke about Noland Fashion Square

Valerie Byrnes spoke about Noland Fashion Square

Ted Luce spoke about Noland Fashion Square

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Perkins moved to Approve the consent agenda minus pulled items. Motion seconded by Councilmember Vaught.

AYES (7): Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley, Councilmember Atkinson, Mayor King, Councilmember Dorman

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Items pulled for special consideration

Item 2 by CM Stewart

Item 5 by CM Perkins

Res. 26-728 by CM Wiley

Consent agenda passes minus the items pulled for special consideration, 7-0

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

1. Approval of minutes from the May 4 and May 18 2026 Regular City Council Meetings
Approved
2. Council action is requested to expend \$180,000.00 to Anixter for Itron Meters, and to

authorize change orders of up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount, for the Power & Light Department (IPL). **Item passes 7-0**

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Perkins.

IPL Director Joe Hegendeffe explained that this item is to continue to replenish standard meters in the field. This is a yearly purchase. The cost for each meter depends if it is for commercial or residential uses.

AYES (7): Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley, Councilmember Atkinson, Mayor King, Councilmember Dorman
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (0):

Item passes 7-0

3. Council action is requested to expend \$500,000 to Arkansas Electric Cooperatives for pole-mount and pad-mount transformers and to authorize change orders of up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount for the Power & Light Department (IPL).

Approved

4. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Altec Industries Inc. in the amount of \$400,827.00 and to authorize change orders of up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount, for a DH48 Digger Derrick for Power & Light (IPL).

Approved

5. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a Public Consumption Agreement with the Independence Square Association for a period between June 4, 2026 and October 31, 2026 for an area generally within the boundary of Noland Road, Truman Road, Spring Street and Kansas Avenue. **Item passes 7-0**

Councilmember Perkins moved to approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Vaught.

This item allows a pilot period allowing people to walk around the square with an open container of alcoholic beverages.

AYES (7): Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley, Councilmember Atkinson, Mayor King, Councilmember Dorman
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (0):

Item passes 7-0

RESOLUTIONS

1. 26-725 A resolution appointing Councilmembers to certain boards and commissions as Councilmember Liaisons **Approved Res. No. 7221**
2. 26-726 A resolution reappointing Councilmember Perkins and Councilmember Wiley and appointing Councilmember Atkinson to the Audit and Finance Committee **Approved Res. No. 7222**

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Perkins.

AYES (7): Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley, Councilmember Atkinson, Mayor King, Councilmember Dorman

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Item passes 7-0

3. 26-727 A resolution appointing members to the Board of Directors of the Independence Events Center Community Improvement District. **Approved Res. No. 7223**
4. 26-728 A resolution approving Savers, a secondhand retail store that receives inventory through donations, to be located at 16607 East 23rd Street South in the Hub Drive Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan area. **Item passes 7-0 Res. No. 7224**

Councilmember Wiley moved to approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Perkins.

This location will have a donation area inside a garage where donated items can be dropped off.

AYES (0): None

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Item passes 7-0

5. 26-729 A resolution appointing Jonathan Lotz to the Street Improvement Oversight Committee **Approved Res. No. 7225**
6. 26-730 A resolution reappointing Ron Bruch as the alternate City Representative on the Jackson County Board of Equalization when said board is considering assessments of property within the City of Independence **Approved Res. No. 7226**

7. 26-731 A resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$1,266,750 from the Missouri Department of Transportation for reimbursement of Drug Enforcement Expert (DRE) Conference Fees and overtime programs for the Police Department for Impaired Driving Enforcement and Youth Alcohol Liquor Compliance Checks from October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, and authorizing future change orders and/or time extensions for the same project to September 20, 2027. **Approved Res. No. 7227**
8. 26-732 A resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$485,000.00 from the Missouri Department of Transportation to cover attendance at the annual Law Enforcement Traffic Safety and Advisory Council (LETSAC) Conference and Overtime Programs for Hazardous Moving Violations Enforcement from October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, and authorizing future change orders, extensions, amendments or addendums for additional funding for the same project to September 20, 2027. **Approved Res. No. 7228**
9. 26-733 A resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$26,000.00 from the Missouri Department of Transportation for reimbursement of overtime for pedestrian safety enforcement programs from October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, and authorizing future change orders, extensions, amendments or addendums for additional funding for the same project to September 20, 2027. **Approved Res. No. 7229**
10. 26-734 A resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Missouri Department of Transportation for reimbursement of overtime for Occupant Protection Enforcement Programs from October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, and authorizing future change orders, extensions, amendments or addendums for additional funding for the same project to September 20, 2027. **Approved Res. No. 7230**

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Proposed Budget Hearing. **Full Public Hearing.**

Jared Fears spoke on this item.

Kristen spoke on this item.

No other speakers came forward

26-063 **1R** An ordinance adopting the Annual Operating and Capital Budgets of the City of Independence, Missouri, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027; estimating the revenues for the 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 Read**

ORDINANCES

1. 26-038 **2R** An ordinance adopting amendments to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, which was approved by Ordinance No. 19682. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19810**

AYES (7): Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley, Councilmember Atkinson, Mayor King, Councilmember Dorman

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Item passes 7-0

2. 26-039 **2R** An ordinance finding, determining, and declaring the necessity of acquiring general utility easements and temporary construction easements for the 33rd and Willis Emergency Stormwater Project (Project No. 131802-19); 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 7-0 Ord. No. 19811**

AYES (7): Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley, Councilmember Atkinson, Mayor King, Councilmember Dorman

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Item passes 7-0

3. 26-040 **2R** An ordinance approving the Noland Fashion Square Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan, establishing a redevelopment area, designating the redevelopment area as a blighted area, making other required findings for the redevelopment plan, designating a developer, approving a redevelopment agreement with the developer and directing staff to implement the redevelopment plan. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19812**

AYES (7): Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley, Councilmember Atkinson, Mayor King, Councilmember Dorman

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Item passes 7-0

4. 26-041 **2R** An ordinance approving Redevelopment Project 1 for the Noland Fashion Square Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and initiating tax increment

financing within Redevelopment Project Area 1. **2R Item Postponed Indefinitely 7-0**

Mayor King moved to postpone Bill Numbers 26-041 through 26-051 indefinitely. Motion seconded by Councilmember Perkins.

AYES (7): Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Vaught, Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Wiley, Councilmember Atkinson, Mayor King, Councilmember Dorman

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Items 26-041, 042, 043, 044, 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 050, and 051 are postponed indefinitely 7-0

5. 26-042 **2R** An ordinance approving Redevelopment Project 2 for the Noland Fashion Square Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and initiating tax increment financing within Redevelopment Project Area 2. **2R Item Postponed Indefinitely 7-0**
6. 26-043 **2R** An ordinance approving Redevelopment Project 3 for the Noland Fashion Square Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and initiating tax increment financing within Redevelopment Project Area 3. **2R Item Postponed Indefinitely 7-0**
7. 26-044 **2R** An ordinance approving Redevelopment Project 4 for the Noland Fashion Square Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and initiating tax increment financing within Redevelopment Project Area 4. **2R Item Postponed Indefinitely 7-0**
8. 26-045 **2R** An ordinance approving Redevelopment Project 5 for the Noland Fashion Square Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and initiating tax increment financing within Redevelopment Project Area 5. **2R Item Postponed Indefinitely 7-0**
9. 26-046 **2R** An ordinance approving Redevelopment Project 6 for the Noland Fashion Square Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and initiating tax increment financing within Redevelopment Project Area 6. **2R Item Postponed Indefinitely 7-0**
10. 26-047 **2R** An ordinance approving Redevelopment Project 7 for the Noland Fashion Square Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and initiating tax increment financing within Redevelopment Project Area 7. **2R Item Postponed Indefinitely 7-0**

11. 26-048 **2R** An ordinance approving Redevelopment Project 8 for the Noland Fashion Square Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and initiating tax increment financing within Redevelopment Project Area 8. **2R Item Postponed Indefinitely 7-0**
12. 26-049 **2R** An ordinance approving Redevelopment Project 9 for the Noland Fashion Square Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and initiating tax increment financing within Redevelopment Project Area 9. **2R Item Postponed Indefinitely 7-0**
13. 26-050 **2R** An ordinance approving Redevelopment Project 10 for the Noland Fashion Square Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and initiating tax increment financing within Redevelopment Project Area 10. **2R Item Postponed Indefinitely 7-0**
14. 26-051 **2R** An ordinance approving Redevelopment Project 11 for the Noland Fashion Square Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and initiating tax increment financing within Redevelopment Project Area 11. **2R Item Postponed Indefinitely 7-0**
15. 26-053 **2R** An ordinance supporting the formation of the Noland Fashion Square Transportation Development District and approving a cooperative agreement. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19813**
16. 26-054 **2R** An ordinance approving the petition for amendment of the Noland Fashion Square Community Improvement District, making findings and authorizing certain actions related thereto, including the execution of a cooperative agreement. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19814**
17. 26-055 **2R** An ordinance approving a plan for an industrial development project; authorizing the City of Independence, Missouri to issue taxable industrial development revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 in connection with the Noland Fashion Square Redevelopment Project; and authorizing certain documents and actions in connection therewith. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19815**

INFORMATION ONLY

1. **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

Councilmember Dorman announced that the Englewood Arts District will be giving their Icon Awards on June 13th at 11:00 during their Pride activities. She also stated that she has gotten positive feedback on the budget town hall that was held and would like to have more of these. Her goal is to have the citizens be more informed. Tomorrow is popsicle in the park. Firefighters cooked hamburgers and hotdogs to recognize their EMTs.

Councilmember Stewart talked about the old McCune School for Boys. Jackson County is ready to do something with this property. Jackson County will be holding a Town Hall tomorrow night from 5:30-6:30 at the Fire Prairie Upper Middle School, to get some ideas of what the community would like to see done with it.

Councilmember Atkinson talked about how excited he is to see the area around the Noland Fashion Square improved. Today is June 1st which is the start of Pride Month. He hopes we all celebrate the freedom to express the love and life that your heart feels.

Councilmember Wiley discussed the budget townhall. She was glad to see the engagement with the public and the thoughtful questions. Several residents raised questions about the maintenance of city infrastructure and public property. She wanted to let everyone know about the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that outlines proposed projects for construction, maintaining, upgrading and replacing the city's infrastructure and equipment over the next six fiscal years. The CIP is available on the city's website for anyone to review. This Saturday, Friends of the Independence Animal Shelter is having a World Cafe meeting at 3:00 p.m. at the Uptown Market. A world cafe is a community conversation process designed to bring people together in small groups to discuss ideas, share perspectives and identify opportunities for action. The meeting will focus on building support for our animal shelter and exploring ways that volunteers, rescue organizations, community partners and residents can work together to improve outcomes for animals in our community.

Councilmember Vaught the World Cup match is only 15 days away. There will be some fun and exciting things happening in our community for this event.

Councilmember Perkins follow-up Councilmember Vaught's comment and discussed the events that will take place on the Square. He also discusses transit centers and drop offs for fans that are trying to get to the game and around town. Englewood Arts had their second annual fundraising event last Saturday. He also reminded everyone this weekend was the Strawberry Festival at the Vaile Mansion and did a quick acknowledgment of Representatives Jobe and Steinmeyer attending the meeting this evening.

Mayor King attended the Island Fest and talked about how incredible it was and encouraged everyone to attend next year. The Spirit of Independence Band played on Memorial Day. He also thanked all the men and women that serve our country.

City Manager Anderson discussed some of the stats he received from the budget town hall. On question number two, 'which format would make it easier to participate in future budget discussions?', 77.8% said in-person town halls. Question three asked 'would you be more likely to participate if there were' and a selection of three options was given. 66.67% said Q&A focused, 50% said budget explainers or glosseries.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk