



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2026 6:00 PM

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

INVOCATION

1. The Invocation will be given by Laurie Dean Wiley, Congregant at the Vision Church KC.

Laurie Dean Wiley, Congregant at the Vision Church KC 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor King read a Proclamation recognizing Shirley Baker's birthday.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

Cindi Rogers spoke on the historic square summer activities
Daniel Moorehead spoke on the sunshine law and records transparency
Kelly Garrett spoke on moratoriums
Darren Sederwell spoke on the recall of Councilmember Perkins
Hanna Albina spoke on AMI
Terrence Kelley spoke on the recall of Councilmember Perkins
Joanie Flanagan spoke on the recall of Councilmember Perkins

Lynne Baker spoke on the recall of Councilmember Perkins
Elisa Breitenbach spoke on the first district
Jennifer Manuleleua spoke on the good things happening in the first district
Tammy Parksons spoke on the recall of Councilmember Perkins
Jason Conaway spoke on the recall of Councilmember Perkins
GK Callahan spoke on the recall of Councilmember Perkins
Wes Epperson spoke on the recall election

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CM Perkins asked to pull bill number 26-736 for special consideration.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0):

Consent agenda passes, minus bill number 26-736, 7-0

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

1. Council approval is requested to amend the Schedule of Fees for the City of Independence, effective July 1, 2026. **Approved**
2. Council action is requested to approve a purchase order through Lockton Companies for the 2026-2027 Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance Program with Midwest Employers, for an estimated annual premium not to exceed \$428,051. **Approved**
3. Council action is requested for the 2026-27 utility property insurance renewal through Lockton Companies with an estimated annual premium and engineering fees of \$844,683. **Approved**
4. Council action is requested for the 2026-27 non-utility Property Insurance renewal with Midwest Public Risk, which includes the Auto Physical Damage and Mobile Equipment programs, for an annual premium of \$925,109, and authorizing change orders up to 10% of the authorized amount. **Approved**
5. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Burns & McDonnell (B&M) in the amount of \$350,249 and to authorize change orders up to ten (10) percent of the authorized amount, for the Substation A 69kV Reconfiguration Engineer-Procure-Construct (EPC) Phase 1 services for the Power & Light Department (IPL). **Approved**

6. Council action is requested to authorize blanket purchase orders for Monaco Property Services, Estrada Services, and DuPree Landscaping & Lawn Care in a total amount not to exceed \$430,000 for 2026–27 Code Enforcement and Board-Up Abatement Services for the Community Development Department, and authorizing change orders up to 10% of the authorized amount. **Approved**
7. Council action is requested to issue a change order to Purchase Order #26001629 for Life Scan Wellness Centers in the additional amount of \$19,108.30 for mandatory Fire Department physicals. **Approved**
8. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to exercise the first one-year renewal of the agreement between the City of Independence, Missouri, and the Independence Convention and Visitors Bureau, d/b/a Visit Independence.
Approved
9. Council action is requested to authorize a contract with WHC SAF, LLC for the purpose of providing on-demand micro-transit services for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$830,425, and authorizing change orders of up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount. **Approved**
10. Council action is requested to issue purchase orders totaling \$2,500,000, and to authorize change orders up to ten (10) percent of the total authorized amount, for augmented journeyman lineman crews with Capital Electric Line Builders, J.F. Electric, and Black & McDonald, to support Independence Power & Light (IPL) operations through June 30, 2027. **Approved**
11. Council action is requested to expend \$650,454.77 in purchase orders for fiscal year 2026-2027 to Logicalis for the renewal of Microsoft Office Licensing. **Approved**
12. Council action is requested on the change of ownership for a Retail Selling of Intoxicating Liquor of all kinds in the original package for Fuel Espresso #41 located at 4200 S. Lee's Summit Rd. **Approved**

RESOLUTIONS

1. 26-735 A resolution appointing successor directors to the Arrowhead Community Improvement District. **Approved Res. No. 7231**
2. 26-736 A resolution amending the Public Art Policy for the City of Independence.
Item passes 7-0 Res. No. 7232

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

CM Perkins thanked the Arts Council for their handwork on this and their collaboration on the Truman Connected Phase. CM Atkinson said he has had questions about where the trees went and if they're coming back. He assured everyone the trees will return.

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. 26-737 A resolution appointing James Calderon to the Park Commission. **Approved Res. No. 7232**
4. 26-738 A resolution authorizing an agreement with the Water Pollution Control Collective Bargaining Unit for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029. **Approved Res. No. 7233**
5. 26-739 A resolution authorizing the City of Independence to file applications for public assistance through the State of Missouri. **Approved Res. No. 7235**

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. 26-063 **2R** 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. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19816**

Mayor King 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):

CM Vaught asked about the Worker's Compensation Claims being it he negative. City Manager Anderson stated that the city continues to run in the negative with worker's comp claims but we are working with improving and reducing risk, increasing training around individuals and help lower those costs.

City Manager Anderson also stated that there are a couple of minor changes that necessitated the amendment which include Emergency Preparedness being moved from the Health Dept. to the Fire Department. They also found a duplicated division within the police department and a couple of line items in the sanitary sewer fund that were not reflective of the annual budget. And the risk management fund was adjusted based on some of the recent lawsuits.

Amendment passes 7-0

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

FIRST READING(S)

1. 26-056 **1R** An ordinance approving the issuance of Tax Increment and Special District Revenue Bonds (Wally's Redevelopment Project), Series 2026, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,000,000, by the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Independence, Missouri and authorizing certain other actions and documents in connection therewith. **1R Read**

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Pursuant to City Charter Sec. 7.4, the City Council is hereby notified that the Jackson County Election Board has certified sufficient signatures to cause a recall election of District 1 Councilmember John Perkins.

The final certification date for the August 4 election was May 26; therefore, the Jackson County Election Board has agreed to conduct the special recall election on Tuesday, September 1. As such, an ordinance to call a special election on Tuesday, September 1, will be added to the July 6, 2026, City Council meeting agenda for Council action. The Election Board estimates the cost to the City for the special election will be \$164,400, which will require a budget amendment.

2. Memorandum for Multiple SPP Delivery Point Assessments
3. **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 said she appreciated the number of people present at the meeting tonight. It is indicative of the democracy we have and the different opinions. She appreciates that citizens have shown they are engaged in what's going on.

Councilmember Atkinson said it was a joy for him to see so many people come up and express their first amendment right. He also stated he went to the Missouri Municipal League Conference to learn more about municipal governments. It was great to see so many people there from all over the state, towns bigger and smaller than ours. He thanked those that organized the Pride event in Englewood. It was nice to go somewhere and see a celebration of love and non-judgment. He also had fun at the Soccer Saturday event put on at the square. It was great to see so much of the community members engaging with each other.

Councilmember Wiley met with tenants at the Independence Towers. She received an update on the progress being made under the new management. The tenants acknowledged there have been meaningful improvements made but they still have some concerns about management following through with the agreement that was signed last year. On June 7th, she and CM Atkinson hosted a town hall focused on animal welfare. There were approximately 35 participants representing local rescuers, staff from the Independence shelter, fosters and several outreach organizations. They brainstormed priorities for the newly established Friends of the Independence Animal Shelter nonprofit and are working on making three of those ideas actionable priorities. She also met with the president of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater KC. She was able to tour the Independence 15 and Mahomies Club. These clubs provide safe and affordable activities for children during the summer. Finally, she attended the promotion ceremony at IPD. Three officers and three civilians were promoted.

Councilmember Vaught reminded everyone that the first FIFA match for our area will be held tomorrow night when Argentina takes on Algeria. She is so excited and thankful to staff for this opportunity for our area. She also thanked the Independence Square Association for bringing some fun and excitement to our community for the World Cup. She wanted to remind everyone that these events are free and include food trucks.

Councilmember Perkins thanked everyone for being here tonight and expressing your thoughts and views. He attended a kitchen table discussion with members of the hispanic community as well as the city manager, assistant city manager and CM Atkinson. The next steps are to take them on a tour of city hall to help break down some of the barriers and get them familiar with departments and the police department.

Mayor King talked about attending the Strawberry Festival. He said it was a great time and encouraged everyone to go next year. He attended the first birthday of Howdy's Homemade ice cream shop. They work with individuals with disabilities, which is what makes this group so great. Their business is in Lee's Summit but its headquarters are here in Independence. He is hopeful they will open a shop here. He also reminded everyone that with FIFA starting, we will

be seeing a lot of visitors from other countries. He is also organizing a Ted Lasso look-alike contest for July 11th.

City Manager Troy Anderson thanked the staff for their hard work on the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk