



City Council Study Session Minutes

April 27, 2026 6:00 PM

20201 E. Jackson Drive
First Floor, Oregon and Santa Fe Conference Room
Independence, MO 64057

COUNCIL SPONSORED ITEMS

Present: Mayor King, CM Dorman, CM Perkins, CM Stewart, CM Atkinson and CM Wiley

1. 26-719 A resolution directing the City Manager to seek approval of the City Council prior to executing any separation agreement requiring the City to pay any amount that exceeds the City Manager's purchasing authority (*Sponsored by Councilmember Stewart*)

This resolution is sponsored by Councilmember Stewart. If the City Manager wants to do a separation agreement beyond their spending authority, which is \$100,000, they would need to get council approval for this.

CM Perkins asked the City Manager, Troy Anderson, if he had any concerns about this. CM Anderson said he did not have any concerns.

No further discussion.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

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

No citizens came forward to speak on this item.

PRESENTATIONS

1. 2025 Annual Police Report

Interim Police Chief Brinkley gave this presentation.

Areas of Focus

- Better communication Throughout the Dept
 - Established a weekly Chief's newsletter
 - Added all Captains to our command staff meetings
- Quarterly Sergeant's Meeting with the Chief
- Re-established formal promotion/ Award ceremonies
- Completed LLRMI Police Assessment Recommendations

2025 Police Assessment - LLRMI

- Chain of Command & Critical Incident Response
- Use of Force After-action Reviews
- Body Worn Camera Compliance
- Vehicle Pursuit Policy Review
- Foot Pursuit Safety Enhancements
- Internal Affairs Process Improvements
- Property & Evidence Management
- Leadership Development

Operations Bureau

Deputy Chief Sumstad oversees the Patrol Division, Investigations Division and Special Operations.

2025 National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) showed a decrease the following:

firearm/weapons crimes

hate crime

property crimes

motor vehicle theft

fraud

arson

larceny

violent crimes

murder

robbery

There was an increase in:

domestic violence

drug/narcotics

burglary

aggravated assault

sex offenses

Crimes against officers:

decrease in simple assault and officers killed in the line of duty

increase in aggravated assault against officers

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

– Abuse or stalking committed by a family member or household member, further defined in 455.010 RSMo as assault, battery, coercion, harassment, sexual assault or unlawful imprisonment.

766 crimes reported in 2025

751 crimes reported in 2024

2% Increase

Weapons of choice:

589 – personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, arms, teeth, etc.)

47 – firearms

25 - cutting instruments

26 – blunt objects

59 – all other weapons

30 – no weapon

DRUG AND NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS

– The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation or importation of any controlled drug

613 crimes reported in 2025

492 crimes reported in 2024

24.59% Increase

Violation by criminal activity:

576 - possessing/concealing

35 - using/consuming

20 - distributing/selling

0 - transporting/transmitting/import

3 - buying/receiving

1 – cultivating/manufacturing

FIREARM RELATED CRIME

- Crimes involving firearms are offenses that involve the use of the following types of firearms: firearm, firearm-automatic, handgun, handgun-automatic, rifle, rifleautomatic, shotgun, shotgun-automatic, other firearm, other firearm-automatic.

466 cases reported in 2025

543 cases reported in 2024

14.18% decrease

6 – fatal firearm related cases in 2025

460 – non-fatal firearm related cases in 2025

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED & ASSAULTED

- The Law Enforcement Officers Killed & Assaulted (LEOKA) offers information about officers who

were feloniously or accidentally killed or assaulted while performing their duties. Law Enforcement

Officers Killed or Assaulted in this context consists of the offenses of murder, aggravated assault, simple assault and intimidation.

98 offenses reported in 2025

96 offenses reported in 2024

2.08% Increase

68 simple assault on officer in 2025

76 simple assault on officer in 2024

11% decrease

30 aggravated assault on an officer in 2025

20 aggravated assault on an officer in 2024

40% increase

PROPERTY CRIME

- An offender's intent is to obtain money, property, or some other benefit, (example burglary, fraud, and larceny).

4,032 property crimes reported in 2025

4,738 property crimes reported in 2024

16.12% decrease

VIOLENT CRIME

- Violent crime consists of murder (consisting of murder and non-negligent manslaughter), robbery, aggravated assault and rape.

674 violent crimes reported in 2025

697 violent crimes reported in 2024

4.53% decrease

PERSONNEL

Sworn Staff: 231 budgeted

- 9 Conditional Offers

/FTO/Academy recruits

- 29 Vacancies

Professional Staff: 98 budgeted

- 2 Conditional Offers

- 25 Vacancies

CRIMINAL & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

3,999 cases assigned

2,436 cases closed

1,013 cases open

60.92% closure rate

213 Persons of Interest Issued

Operating with 20 Detectives

6 vacancies

CRIMINAL & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Special Victims Unit:

- 610 cases assigned
- Average of 7 cases per month, per detective

Property Crimes Squad:

- 856 cases assigned
- Averaging 12 cases per month, per detective

Crimes Against Persons Squad:

- 553 cases assigned
- Averaging 8 cases per month, per detective
- 295 cases assigned
- Averaging 5 cases per month, per detective

Gun Squad

- 295 cases assigned
- Averaging 5 cases per month, per detective

Regional Computer Forensic Lab

- One detective assigned
- 24 cases assigned

Drug Enforcement Squad

- 55 cases assigned
- 27 cases filed at city level
- 28 cases filed at state level

Street Crimes Unit

- 2,669 grams of methamphetamines seized
- 203.73 grams of fentanyl seized
- 2.18 grams of PCP seized
- 54 recovered firearms
- 50,000 rounds of live ammunition recovered
- 168 felony warrants cleared
- 268 city warrants cleared
- 36 search warrants executed
- 25 federal indictments
- 11 homicide suspects arrested

Crime Scene

2,218 Pieces of Evidence Collected

1,002 Digital Evidence Recoveries

98 death Investigations

7 Autopsy/Body Exams

132 NIBIN Firearms Processed

629 NIBIN Entries

Patrol Division

56,929 Calls for Service

- Return to Districts – After a threeyear trial run having sectors, the patrol unit returned to districts. The return to districts decreases response time to calls and gives the officers a sense of pride as they serve a smaller area. It also promotes district integrity, accountability and the ability to have a more community minded approach to their district.

CORE (Crime Overview Response Evaluation)

178 Proactive Business Checks

305 Homeless Contacts

120 Felony Warrant Arrests

24 Recovered Firearms

30 Recovered Stolen Vehicles

97 Drug Arrests

Accident Investigations

22 Fatal Crashes Investigated

641 Injury Crashes Investigated

1,610 Non-Injury Crashes Investigated

591 Hit-And-Run Crashes Investigated

121 Felony DWIs Submitted to the State

Motorcycle Unit

452 City Works Complaints

10 Special Details

12 Escorts

2,733 Traffic Citations Issued

SWAT

127 Search Warrants

28 Barricades

24 Open Air Take Downs

10 Homicide Arrests

25 Federal Warrant Arrest

25 Felony Warrant Arrests

5 Felon in Possession of a Firearm Arrests

23 Guns Recovered

10 Stolen Vehicles Recovered
9 High-Risk Surveillances Conducted
309 Training Hours Attended
184 Training Hours Taught to IPD Officers

K9 Unit

413 Canine Calls
4 Canine Call Outs
74 Canine apprehensions
39 building searches
10 suspect finds
106 narcotic finds
54 track finds
11 K9 demonstrations

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Unit-Wide Events

- National Night Out Against Crime
- Trunk-or-Treat
- Halloween Parade
- 1st Annual Cody Allen Car Show
- Christmas Nursing Home Visits
- 3 Coffee With A Cop Events
- Historical Interview with Al Rudd

Independence Center Substation (39th Street Corridor)

- 202 Shoplift Calls
- 150 Reports
- 122 Arrests
- \$12,148.53 in Recovered Stolen

Merchandise

- Handled PIO duties for the Department

Square Substation (Crime Prevention)

- 826 Calls for Service
- 525 Homeless Outreach Visits
- 11 VIPS Meetings
- 12 Neighborhood Watch Meetings
- Citizens Police Academy
- 285 Trespass MOUs with Private

Property Owners

Hawthorne Substation

- 557 Calls for Service
- 101 Community Meetings
- 14 Crime Prevention Through

Environmental Design Business

Security Assessments

- Warrant Sweep with 21 Total arrests

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

- Elected to Mid-America CIT Board of Directors for Law Enforcement
- Mid-America CIT awards for Law Enforcement and Community Mental Health Organizations
- Data collection for Connect and Protect and JMHCP Federal grants
- Attended National CIT/Co-Responder Conference
- Ride along with local media showcasing CIT Coordinator Program
- Panel member for Centerstone counselor hiring process

IPD CIT STATS:

Follow Up Visits : 104

Outreach w/ Community

Behavioral Health Liaison : 27

Probate Warrants : 2

Homeless Outreach : 15

Community Events : 25

Block Parties : 5

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

6,706 Calls for Service

654 Case Reports

549 Youth Court Referrals

109 Truancy Cases Investigated

SNIPER SQUAD

7 deployments averaging 2 hours in duration

EXPLOSIVE ORDINANCE DISPOSAL

14 deployments

4 outside agency assists

HOSTAGE/CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM

5 new negotiators added

11 call out activations - safe resolutions for all

DRONE ACTIVITY

AREA CHECKS – 17

TRAINING – 13

COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENTS – 12

FLEEING SUSPECTS – 37

BUILDING CLEARINGS – 3

SEARCH WARRANTS – 2

SURVEILLANCE - 11

Operations Support Bureau
Deputy Chief Petersen
Emergency Communications
Professional Standards
Records
Detention
Fiscal
Fleet
Technology

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

236,044 incoming calls

- 91,789 – 911 calls dispatched
- 144,255 – non-emergency calls
- 81,773 – related to Police incidents
- 24,325 – related to Fire incidents
- 318 – text to 911 calls
- 98.81% of calls are answered within 15 seconds
- 99.30% of calls are answered within 20 seconds

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

138 COMPLAINTS AGAINST PERSONNEL

85 Closed
32 Sustained
8 Exonerated
7 Closed for Noncooperation
10 Pending
8 Not Sustained
2 Unfounded

RESPONSE TO FORCE/RESISTANCE INCIDENTS

234 Response to force/resistance incidents
51% of offenders sustained no injury
Less than 3% of offenders sustained moderate injury
34 IPD officers sustained injuries during these incidents

POLICE RECORDS

FRONT DESK: 6,840 REPORTS

RECORDS

733 Stolen Autos
156 Missing Persons
211 Runaways

344 Order of Protections
WARRANT DIVISION: 4,933 WARRANTS
1,999 Warrants Served
1,833 Warrants Recalled
848 Outstanding Warrants
140 Inactive warrants
113 Active Warrants

DETENTION
5,533 BOOKINGS
815 DETAINEES HOUSED OFFSITE

YEAR IN REVIEW

- 42 IPD Officers traveled to Washington DC in May for National Police Week to honor fallen officer Cody Allen.
- IPD Officers participated in the Missouri Maverick's First Responder Appreciation Night.
- IPD held our first awards ceremony since 2019. 104 officers received awards. This will become an annual tradition again.
- Sgt. Kennon received the 10th Annual Examiner Women of Distinction Award.

2. Semi-Annual Report of the Independence Park Commission

This item was presented by Diane Keyser, Park Commission Chair

OVERVIEW

The Independence Park Commission was established by ordinance in 1999.
The Commission's primary mission is to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council relating to public education use, and knowledge regarding Parks and Recreation activities.
The Commission reviews the status of projects funded by the Parks Improvement Sales Tax.

Revenues FY 2025-26
Budgeted \$6,008,600
Actual \$2,821,256

Expenses FY 2025-26
Budgeted \$7,141,712
Actual \$2,770,318

Park & Recreation Master Plan
Pros Consulting and Confluence
Began in January 2025 with completion in March 2026
Community Profile & Surveys
Park, Trail and Green Space Inventory
Recreation Programming Analysis
Financial Analysis
Strategic Action Plan
Adoption by City Council - April 8

Park Maintenance

Sales Tax Funds Maintenance in the following areas:

- 40 Parks & Green Spaces (mowing, trimming, and maintenance)
- 28 Playgrounds and 2 Splash Pads
- 42 Basketball, Tennis & Pickleball Courts
- 21 Baseball, Softball & T -Ball
- 19 Football & Soccer Fields
- 30 Miles of trails
- 984 Acres of Parks & Green Spaces
- 4 Recreation Facilities (94,086 sq ft)

Highlights in the Field

- New turf at Clothier Park
- Replaced walking bridge on play feature at Waterfall Park
- Replaced fences at Dickinson Park & George Owens Nature Park
- Repaired damage to Waterfall Park fishing pier & numerous parks from July storm
- Replaced & upgraded vandalized wiring & plumbing at Athletic Complex

Park Maintenance in Action

During the fall and winter months, staff remains busy

- Sharpen blades and winterize mowers • Equipment maintenance • Trim trees & remove dead trees in parks and along trails • CDL training for new staff • Assist with moving staff, office furniture and records out of City Hall into Municipal Commons • Daily challenges with vandalism, graffiti, and homeless

Recreation Core Programming

Aquatics Arts & Culture Community & Special Events Continuing Education & Life Skills
Fitness & Wellness Nature Education & Outdoor Adventure Sports Youth & Family Out -of -
School Enrichment

Let's Play: Recreation in Action

- 4 th of July Celebration • Popsicles in the Park • New Theatre Trip – “Clue” • Dragonfly Days
- Hummingbird Festival • Plant Academy • UV Night Hike • Fall Bird Survey • Build Bluebird Boxes • Santa Fe Park Tennis Tournament • Farmers Market • Winter Market • Toddler Town • My First Campout • Fall Crafts Class • Best Little Arts & Craft Show • Annual Cultural & Heritage Skate Competition • Seniors' Autumn Adventure Trip • Holiday Lights Trip • Winter Solstice Torchlit Hike • Seniors' Christmas Celebration

Getting the Word Out

- Published 1 st ever Parks & Recreation Department Annual Report • Began designing Spring & Summer 2026 Parks & Recreation Activity Catalog • Launched new Instagram Account for Parks & Recreation • Manage Five Facebook and Two Instagram Accounts • Gained Followers For All Accounts • Continued Development of Sponsorship Program and Policy

3. Semi-Annual Report of the Stormwater Oversight Committee

This item was presented by R. Scott Smith, Committee Chair.

Oversight Committee Members: R. Scott Smith, Committee Chair • Dan Montgomery • Les Boatright • Timothy Deveney • Allie Zaroor • Grant Watkins - Davis • Mary Smead

Program Overview: • Monitor appropriate expenditure of City's Storm Water Sales Tax • The program was established in 2001, renewed in 2016, and is currently in its 25th year of operation • Completed more than \$50 million in improvements across 114 projects • Voters approved renewal of the Storm Water Sales Tax in 2010 • The program has leveraged \$10.5 million in grant funding over the past two fiscal years

Storm Water Sales Tax Revenue from July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025 was budgeted for \$5,867,000 and has generated \$2,777,183 (47.34%) so far.

Total budgeted allocation of funds: \$20,476,540.45

Encumbrances: \$7,995,218.03

Expenditures: \$6,607,428.85

Balance: \$5,873,893.57

Current Work Orders:

Rock Cree Watershed - Phase 2

- Construction Contract Awarded:
- SHEDIGS IT
- Construction Began: Winter 2025
- Projected Completion Date: Summer 2026

- 80% Federally Funded
- 3,545 FT of pipe were repaired in place
- 1,760 FT of pipe removed and replaced
- 32 New and repaired inlet structures
- 95% Completion
- Total Estimated Project Cost: \$6,011,103

2025 Emergency Project - 45th and Noland

- Design Contract Awarded:
- Wiedenmann
- Construction Began: Spring 2026
- Projected Completion Date: Spring 2026

- 204 FT of new 72-inch pipe installed
- 95% Completion
- Total Estimated Project Cost: \$383,000

Rockwood Storm Drainage Improvements

- Design Contract Awarded:

- Abay Construction
- Construction Began: Spring 2025
- Projected Completion Date: Summer 2026

- 80% Federally funded
- 1,800 FT of new pipe installed
- 20 New inlet structures installed
- 95% Completion
- Total Estimated Project Cost: \$2,011,103

Leslie to Crane to Hereford Strom Drainage Improvements

- Construction Contract Awarded:
- Linaweaver Construction
- Construction Begins: Spring 2026
- Projected Completion Date: Fall 2026

- 80% Federally funded
- 1,300 FT of storm drainage conduit
- 15 New inlet structures
- 10% Completion
- Total Estimated Project Cost: \$3,158,498

2026 Emergency Project - 1716 N. Rogers

- Construction Contract Awarded:
- SHEDIGS IT
- Construction Begins: Spring 2026
- Projected Completion Date: Spring 2026

- Install 200 FT of new 48-inch pipe
- 2 New inlets and 1 junction box
- 5% Completion
- Total Estimated Project Cost: \$251,000

Future Capital Improvement Projects

\$9,720,000 is budgeted for upcoming projects with approximately \$64.9 million in expected federal matching grant funds. There are currently 12 projects in the design phase:

17703 E. Redwood Dr. • Woodbury at 25th St. S. • 33rd & Willis (Rock Creek) • Little Blue River General Investigation (USACE) • Nickel Ave Culvert Replacement (Mill Creek) • Truman at Harris Drainage Improvements • 19200 E Bundschu Rd. Culvert Headwall • Fairmount Neighborhood, and Glenwood (Sugar Creek) • Bundschu Regional Detention Basin (Bundschu Creek) • Highway 40 at Pittman Drainage (Round Grove Creek) • Ellisonway Storm Drainage – Phase 2 (Springbranch Creek)

4. Semi-Annual Report of the Street Improvement Oversight Committee

This item was presented by Wes Epperson, Chairman of the Street Improvement Oversight Committee.

Oversight Committee Members: • Wes Epperson, Committee Chair • John Powell • Libet Ojeda • Marcie Gragg • Pam Wishon • Marcus Bowen • One vacancy

Program Overview: • Monitor Use of Street Sales Tax and General Obligation (GO) Bonds • Street Sales Tax program went into effect in 2009 • Voters approved renewal of Street Sales Tax in 2017 • Voters approved GO Bond funding for Bridges, Sidewalks to Schools, and Preventive Pavement Maintenance in April 2025

Street Sales Tax Revenue July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025
Budgeted \$11,665,000; Actual to Date \$5,515,856; % of budget 47.29%

Allocations:

Total: \$44,519,443

Encumbrances: \$5,710,144

Expenditures: \$8,304,238

Balance: \$30,505,061

Completed Projects

Vaile Sidewalks – Phase 2 & 31st Sidewalk Improvements

- Construction Contract Awarded: • Linaweaver Construction • Construction Began: Fall 2025 • Substantial Completion: Fall 2025

- Vaile Sidewalks Phase 2: • Repair and replace curb and ADA-compliant sidewalk • Limits - Main St from W 2nd St S to Jones

- 31st Sidewalk Improvements: • New install of curb and ADA-compliant sidewalks • Limits - E 31st St from Cassell Park Elementary to Northern Blvd
- Total Estimated Project Cost: \$490,695
- Final Project Cost: \$435,454

Square Streetscape - Phase 1

- Construction Contract Awarded: • J.M Fahey • Construction Began: Spring 2025 • Projected Completion Date: Early 2026
- Fully funded Federal grant project
- Sidewalk, curb & gutter, storm sewer, lighting, landscaping and hardscape improvements
- New traffic pattern and parking layout
- Total Estimated Project Cost: \$3,727,497

Under Construction

Pavement Preventative Maintenance

- Entering the 5th Year Of Alternate Maintenance Programming
- Blended Approach: Micro-surfacing, Crack, Scrub & Cape Seals
- Combined past 4 years: 401.54 Lane Miles
- FY25-26 Program: 47.54 Lane Miles (currently projected) • 2026 Crack Sealing – 9.08 LM • 2026 Overlay – 18.54 LM • 2026 Seals – 19.92 LM

24 Highway Complete Streets - Phase 1

- Design Contract Awarded: • Burns & McDonnell • Construction Began : Winter 2024
- Administered by MoDOT • Projected Completion Date: Summer 2026
- MoDOT cost-share project
- River Blvd. to M-291
- New sidewalks, curb & gutter, and pavement
- 10-foot multi-use path south side and 5-foot sidewalk north side
- Storm sewers and traffic signal improvements
- Total Estimated Project Cost: \$15,323,605

Truman Connected Phase 1

- Construction Contract Awarded: • J.M Fahey • Construction Begins: Spring 2026 • Projected Completion Date: Summer 2026
- Sidewalk, curb & gutter, storm sewer, landscaping and hardscape improvements
- Shared use path from Truman Library to Englewood Arts District
- 80% Federally Funded
- Total Estimated Project Cost: \$3,166,217.60

Future Capital Improvement Projects

- \$33,576,956 budgeted for upcoming projects
- Approximately \$49.7 million in expected grant reimbursement
- 12 Projects in Design Phase: • Truman Connected Ph.2 • Square Streetscape Ph.2 • Historic Trails Ph.1 • Fairmount Loop Trail • Sidewalk Programs • Noland Road Multimodal Corridor • Englewood Traffic Circle & Winner Rd. Streetscape • 23rd Street Mobility and Safety Improvement Project Ph.1,2,3

GO Bond Overview

- Voters approved \$55 million in GO Bond funding in April 2025
 - o \$15 million – Bridge Maintenance
 - o \$10 million – Sidewalk Maintenance
 - o \$30 million – Pavement Maintenance
- Fund 54 was established for the purpose of tracking GO Bond funds

GO Bond Budget & Expenses as of December 31, 2025

Bridges:

Budget \$15,000,000

Encumbrances: \$5,432,304.42

Expenditures: \$159,327.73

Balance: \$9,408,367.85

Crysler Ave. Bridge over UPRR & E. Kentucky Rd. Bridge over Mill Creek

- Construction Contract Awarded: • Louis-Company LLC
- Chrysler Ave. Bridge: • Construction Begins: Spring 2026 • Projected Completion Date: Late 2026 • Estimated Project Cost: \$2,466,074.50 •

E. Kentucky Rd. Bridge: • Construction Begins: Spring 2026 • Projected Completion Date: Late 2026 • Estimated Project Cost: \$1,130,472.32

- Total Estimated Project Cost: \$3,596,546.82

GO Bond Bridges in Design

- Kentucky Ave. Bridge over Rock Creek
- R.D. Mize over Bridge over Little Blue River
- Winner Road Bridge over CPKC rail line
- Arlington Ave. Bridge over Rock Creek
- Lake City Valley Rd. Bridge over Small Creek

GO Bond Sidewalks To Schools

Design-build contract in development: • Cassell Park Elementary School • Mill Creek Elementary School

Future projects identified by school leadership: • Blackburn Elementary • Fairmont Elementary • Ott Elementary • Cler-Mont Elementary • Elm Grove Elementary

GO Bond Overlay

Five-Year Investment: • ~\$6M per year allocated for overlay

FY 26 Overlay Program: • Contractor: Superior Bowen • Contract Amount: \$6,227,548.30 •

Lane Miles: 53.44

5. Semi-Annual Report of the Public Safety Tax Oversight Committee

This item was presented by Bruce Frakes, Chair of the Public Safety Tax Oversight Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to monitor the use of taxes devoted to public safety.

Independence Fire Department July 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026

Fire Protection Sales Tax Year Two Objectives

Fire Department will continue to work towards the objectives set in the Standard of Cover / Community Risk Assessment and Master Plan for the Fire department. This will include Station Locations, Future Station Needs, Staffing, and other considerations for the department.

- Update Capital Outlay 5-year plan to account for tax changes.
- Creation and reorganization of the Fiscal Budget for the Sales Tax. To stay in compliance with the ordinance, the budget will require some adjustments so that the transparency of the tax dollars are better tracked by the differing requirements.
- Bring our staffing level up to meet full staffing with existing apparatus.
- Begin construction of Station 8, Station 5 and Station 11, as well as determine locations for future replacement/new station needs. This could include property acquisition,

environmental studies and beginning design.

- Continue to evaluate staffing/apparatus locations to handle increase call volume, service needs and administrative functions.

Fire Department Project Updates

Open/Unpaid Encumbrances:

- 1 Pumper Ordered – October 2026 delivery
- 2 Pumpers Ordered – Fall 2027 delivery
- Station Design process - Ground-breaking and footings poured for Station #8 and the Training building - Conceptual design done for Station #5 & Station #11

Completed Major Projects:

- 1 Pumper delivered and in service February 2026 at Station #6

Projects in Process:

- 1 Pumper Ordered – Fall 2027 Delivery
- 1 Additional Pumper Ordered – Fall 2027 Delivery (\$80k savings)
- Station 1 West side parking lot – Trees have been removed

Fire Tax for July 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026

Beginning 2025/2026 FY Unassigned Fund Balance: \$16,645,670

Budgeted Revenue from Sales Tax: \$11,211,000

Estimated Waterfall from Use Tax: \$1,013,000

Total Revenue Collected through 2/28/2026 \$8,594,913

Unassigned Fund Balance, 2/28/2026 \$14,688,878

Independence Police Department

There are four different reports for IPD that are reviewed by the Public Safety Tax Oversight Committee

1. The Public Safety Sales Tax Report
2. The Use Tax (PROP P) Report
3. The Marijuana Tax Report
4. The Prop PD Tax Report

Independence Police Department Public Safety Sales Tax Information from July 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026

Beginning Fund Balance for 25/26 FY: \$ 3,037,426

Total Revenue Collected through 2/28/26: \$ 2,141,134

Total Expenditures through 2/28/26: \$ 1,253,605

Total Transfers Out through 2/28/26: \$ 1,205,667

Canceled Prior Year Encumbrances: \$ 6,523

Pending Capital Project Transfers to Fund 052 \$ 1,037,043

Ending Unassigned Fund Balance, 2/28/26: \$ 1,688,768

- Expenditures are devoted to three main purpose areas: Communications, Facilities, and

Equipment

Significant Purchases this Fiscal Year to date:

- Annual Tyler Tech / New World Maintenance Agreement
- Annual computer replacements
- Annual purchase / replacement of in-car Mobile Data Terminals
- Officer uniforms & body armor
- LDV Mobile Command Center
- Security cameras on Bearcat
- Ongoing payments to Project Advocates (Owner Rep on Independence Justice Center project)

Use Tax (PROP P) Information from July 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026

Beginning Fund Balance for 25/26 FY: \$ 3,597,151

Total Revenue Collected through 2/28/26: \$ 4,869,962

Total Expenditures through 2/28/26: \$ 3,468,771

Total Transfers Out through 2/28/26: \$ 793,500

Canceled Prior Year Encumbrances: \$ 3,512

Pending Capital Project Transfers to Fund 052: \$ 1,791,623

Ending Unassigned Fund Balance, 2/28/26: \$ 2,416,731

Marijuana Tax Information from July 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026

Beginning 2025/26 FY Unassigned Fund Balance: \$ 326,120

Total Revenue Collected through 2/28/26: \$ 565,040

Total Expenditures: Public Safety \$ 0

Animal Services \$ 29,291

Community Development \$ 96

Debt Service \$ 201,100

\$ 230,487

Ending Unassigned Fund Balance, 2/28/26: \$ 660,673

Expenses include Salary & Benefits for (2) Part-time Animal Dispatchers, Investment Advisor Fees, and Payment on the 2025 Public Safety Infrastructure Revenue Bond.

PROP PD Tax Information from July 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026

Beginning 2025/26 FY Unassigned Fund Balance: \$ 1,160,075

Total Revenue Collected through 2/28/26: \$ 4,019,149

Transfers In from General Fund through 2/28/26: \$ 24,020,241

Total Expenditures:

Salaries & Benefits (5100s) \$ 24,754,291

Services (5200s) \$ 4,828,895

Supplies (5300s) \$ 291,841

Equipment (5400s) \$ 168,901 \$ 30,043,928

Ending Unassigned Fund Balance, 2/28/26: (\$ 844,463)

Prop PD is a funding mechanism to maintain a competitive wage scale for sworn police officers and make Independence more competitive in the hiring market. Starting in FY 2025/26, the Police Department's budget was shifted out of the General Fund to the Prop PD Tax Fund, so expenditures now reflect all Divisions within the Department, except for Grants and other Tax Funds.

6. Semi-Annual Report of the Animal Welfare Committee

This item was presented by Christina Heinen, Director of Health and Animal Services

REVENUES & EXPENDITURES FY 2025-26 (through February 2026)

Revenues: \$911,000

Expenditures (through February 2026):

Salaries/Benefits: \$544,873.82

Operating: \$15,494.32

Shelter Successes

1520 animals taken in

4,864 pounds of pet food donated to the public through the food pantry

Over 12k Facebook followers and started Instagram page

158 TNR/Operation Litter Less surgeries

9,597 volunteer hours

Prop P Use Tax Report Shelter Fund February 2026

On August 6, 2019, the voters of the City of Independence approved Proposition P, which implements a local use tax at the rate of 2.25%. Fifty percent of these funds are allocated to fund the regional animal shelter until such time that the amount being allocated into the regional animal shelter fund reaches \$750,000 annually, to be increased each year by the consumer price index per ordinance 19011. Collection of the use tax began on January 1, 2020 Resolution 7100 established the Independence Animal Welfare Committee to meet quarterly to review collection and expenditure of revenue generated through the collection of the local use tax allocated to fund the operation of the shelter.

Revenues Use Tax Collected 7/1/25 through 2/28/26: \$911,000

Expenditures FY 2025/26 (7/1/25 – 2/28/26): \$560,368.14

It is the opinion of the members of the Animal Welfare Committee that the items and individuals funded by the Prop P Use Tax are in keeping with the program's intent and that the use tax program is critical in supporting the work of the shelter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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).

