



City Council Regular Meeting

August 17, 2026

6:00 PM, Council Chambers - 20201 E. Jackson Drive

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INVOCATION

1. The invocation will be given by Tim Allison, Chaplain of the Visiting Nurse Association Hospital.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PROCLAMATIONS

CITIZEN REQUESTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

1. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order(s) to RubinBrown, LLP in the amount of \$170,300, and authorizing change orders of up to ten (10%) of the authorized amount, subject to annual budget appropriations, for the annual audit services for Fiscal Year Ending 2026. **Item passes 7-0**
2. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to issue a blanket purchase order(s) to WEX Bank in the amount of \$150,000 for fuel purchase, and authorizing up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount for future change orders, to support the Fire Department in Fiscal Year 2026-2027. **Approved**
3. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order(s) in the amount of \$200,000 to MacQueen for turnout gear, and authorizing up to ten

percent (10%) of the authorized amount for future change orders, to support Fire Department personnel in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027. **Approved**

4. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to issue a change order to TC Fuller Construction, LLC in the amount of \$21,643.40 for the parking lot project at Fire Station 1. **Approved**
5. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Life Scan Wellness Centers in the amount of \$181,000 for mandatory physicals, and authorizing up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount for future change orders, to support the Fire Department in Fiscal Year 2026-2027. **Item passes 7-0**
6. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the Independence Chamber of Commerce for the license of the Independence Square public area for the Santa-Cali-Gon Festival. **Approved**
7. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to accept a grant from Mid-America Regional Council in the amount of \$52,000 for the City's Senior Adult Nutrition Site Program for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, and execute the Community Center Services Agreement; making the necessary appropriations; authorizing future change orders for additional funding and/or time extensions; and, authorizing certain future appropriations. **Approved**
8. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a design services contract with, and issue a purchase order to, Cochran Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$410,060, and authorizing a ten percent (10%) contingency of the authorized amount, as part of the Square Streetscape Phase 2 Project (No. 111902-1). **Item postponed to 9/8/26 7-0**
9. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a design services contract with, and issue a purchase order to, Burns & McDonnell for an amount not to exceed \$130,000, and authorizing a ten percent (10%) contingency of the authorized amount, for the Wellfield Overhead Electrical Improvements Project (No. 402008) at the Courtney Bend Water Treatment Plant. **Approved**
10. Council action is requested allow the City Manager to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with, and issue a purchase order for \$100,000 to the Community Services League (CSL) as part of a commitment to "Independence TOGETHER". **Item passes 7-0**

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 Data Centers & Battery Energy Storage Systems. **Full Public Hearing. Item postponed to 9/8/26 7-0**

26-072 **2R** An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 14, of the Independence City Code pertaining to data processing and hosting and battery energy storage systems uses. **2R Item postponed to 9/8/26 7-0**

ORDINANCES

1. 26-057 **2R** An ordinance creating Section 12.05.018 of the Independence City Code for the Prohibition of Unlawfully Gaining Entry into a Motor Vehicle **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19831**
2. 26-058 **2R** An ordinance amending Chapter 5, Article 10 of the Independence City Code regarding Private Security Guards **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19832**
3. 26-073 **2R** An ordinance amending ordinance #19723 by repealing and replacing the previously approved legal descriptions for Parcel 1 of the Annual Neighborhood Sanitary Sewer Project (Project No 302004-1). **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19833**
4. 26-074 **2R** An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a Mutual Aid Agreement in the amount of \$450,000.00 from KC2026 for Law Enforcement Assistance provided by the Independence, MO Police Department during the FIFA World Cup Events held in Kansas City, Missouri; appropriating the necessary funds in the Police Department Grant Fund; authorizing the acceptance of future change orders, extension, amendments or addendums for additional funding or time extensions for the same project, and authorizing certain future appropriations. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19834**
5. 26-076 **2R** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a sidewalk improvement agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Winner Road Complete Streets Project (Project No. 112403 / Federal Project No. STBG-33479(440)). **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19835**
6. 26-077 **2R** An ordinance amending Section 12.03.009(A) of the Independence City Code to add subsection (3) to create a Santa-Cali-Gon district curfew over the Labor Day weekend. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19836**
7. 26-078 **2R** An ordinance calling an election to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the City of Independence, Missouri. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19837**

8. 26-079 **2R** An ordinance authorizing persons to hold more than one office within the City. **2R Item passes 7-0 Ord. No. 19838**

FIRST READING(S)

1. 26-080 **1R** An ordinance amending City Code Chapter 16, Article 5, by adding provisions requiring an Energy Services Agreement (ESA) for large load customers served by Independence Power & Light. **1R Read**
2. 26-081 **1R** An ordinance authorizing acceptance of the 2026 Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Kansas City/Overland Park DEA Task Force Initiative, and related documents, with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, for a grant award in the amount of \$165,015.00; making the necessary appropriations; and authorizing future change orders for additional funding and/or time extensions. **1R Read**
3. 26-082 **1R** An ordinance authorizing acceptance of the 2026 Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Investigative Support Center Initiative, and related documents, with the Kansas Bureau of Investigations, for a grant award in the amount of \$135,054.31; making the necessary appropriations; and authorizing future change orders for additional funding and/or time extensions. **1R Read**
4. 26-083 **1R** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a certain grant agreement in the amount of \$6,000,000 with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the 23rd Street Safety & Mobility Improvements Project (Project No. 112601/Federal Project No. STBG-3379(448)) and adopting amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget, which was approved by ordinance No. 19816. **1R Read**
5. 26-084 **1R** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 19748 and authorizing the City Manager to execute a certain grant agreement supplement 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**
6. 26-085 **1R** An ordinance approving a rezoning from District R-6 (Single-Family Residential) to District R-6/PUD (Single-Family Residential/Planned Unit development) and approving a preliminary development plan for the property located at 19901 E. Missouri 78 Highway. **1R Read**

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Municipal Court Report for July 2026

2. **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