



City Council Regular Meeting

September 8, 2026

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

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INVOCATION

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

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION RESOLUTIONS

1. 26-761 A resolution recognizing Frederick Woods, District Planner I for the Independence Power & Light Department, as the ISTAR award recipient for the month of September 2026

PROCLAMATIONS

1. A proclamation recognizing Elle Williams for her heroic actions during a critical incident
2. A proclamation recognizing September as Emergency Preparedness Month

CITIZEN REQUESTS

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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).
2. 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.

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**

CONSENT AGENDA

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

1. Approval of minutes from the August 3rd and August 17th 2026 Regular City Council Meetings
2. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order(s) in the amount of \$146,931.45 to C1 for continued software, licensing and support for the City's server infrastructure, and to authorize change orders up to ten (10) percent of the authorized amount, to support the Technology Services Department in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
3. Council action is requested to authorize a purchase order and to authorize change orders up to ten (10) percent of the authorized amount to Advanced Utility Systems in the amount of \$523,853, for the software upgrade of CIS Infinity V4 to CIS Infinity V5.
4. Council action is requested to authorize expenditures of up to \$1,506,000 to Tenaska

for energy services and energy data management services, and to authorize up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount for future change orders, for the Power & Light Department (IPL) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

5. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order(s) in the amount of \$327,236 to Shawnee Mission Ford for seven (7) Model Year 2027 Ford Explorer All-Wheel Drive Police Vehicles, and to authorize up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount for future change orders, to support the Police Department in Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
6. Council action is requested to authorize a purchase order with Toth & Associates in the amount of \$125,000 for the development of steel transmission pole standards for the Power & Light Department (IPL), and to authorize change orders up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount.
7. Council action is recommended to approve expenditures and issue the required purchase orders up to the budgeted amount of \$26,356,600 to Cigna for medical and pharmacy administration for Active and Pre-65 Retirees, Met Life for dental insurance coverage and flexible spending account coverage, and UMB for health savings accounts for plan year beginning January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.
8. Council action is requested to authorize a contract renewal with Cigna for Post-65 Medicare Surround insurance plans for a 39% increase to the Custom Plan, a 17% to Plan G, and a 9% increase to Plan F for the plan year beginning January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027.
9. Council action is requested to authorize a contract renewal with HealthSpring (HCSC) for post-65 medical insurance coverage for a 9.2% increase to Medicare Advantage and 8.2% increase to Medicare Part D plans (PDP) for the plan year beginning January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027.
10. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to approve Change Order #2 to the existing design-build contract (C#500001004) with MegaKC, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$3,023,985, for additional design-build services near Cassell Park Elementary as part of the FY26 GO Bond - Sidewalks Project (No. 542602-1).
11. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to approve Change Order

#1 to the existing design services contract (PO#26000908) with Benesch, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$103,090 for additional construction inspection services for the E. Kentucky Ave Bridge over Mill Creek (542601-2) as part of the GO Bond - Bridges Project (No. 542601).

12. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to approve a construction contract with Viking Painting LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$508,250, and to authorize a ten percent (10%) contingency of the authorized amount, to replace the protective coating of the wash water tower at the Courtney Bend Water Treatment Plant as part of the Paint West Wash Water Tower Project (No. 402701).
13. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to approve Change Order #1 to the existing contract (PO#27000490) with SHEDIGS IT, LLC, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$313,523, and to authorize change orders up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount, for additional construction-related expenses as part of the 1716 Rogers Street Emergency Stormwater Project (No. 131802).
14. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to approve a professional services contract with, and issue a purchase order to, Wilson & Company for an amount not to exceed \$153,655.90, and to authorize change orders up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount, for environmental review services as part of the Englewood Roundabout & Winner Road Upgrades Project (No. 112603).
15. Council approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to approve a construction contract with Brotcke Well and Pump, for an amount not to exceed \$620,417, and to authorize change orders up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount, for the rehabilitation of five wells at the Courtney Bend Water Treatment Plant.
16. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to approve Change Order #1 to the existing design services contract (PO#) with Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly (CMT), for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$172,220, and to authorize change orders up to ten percent (10%) of the authorized amount, for additional engineering services as part of the 23rd Street Complete Streets Phase 1 Project (No. 112111).

RESOLUTIONS

1. 26-762 A resolution adopting the 2026-2029 Independence City Council Strategic Action Plan Update.
2. 26-763 A resolution adopting the City of Independence Five-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2027-2031 and establishing a framework for long-term financial planning and prioritization.
3. 26-764 A resolution reappointing Laura Dominik to the Personnel Board
4. 26-765 A resolution appointing Carter Sevic to the Planning Commission
5. 26-766 A resolution appointing Dennis Hart to the Board of Adjustment
6. 26-767 A resolution appointing Linda Seever to the Housing Authority Commission
7. 26-768 A resolution appointing Mary Smead and reappointing Pamela Smith to the Independence Park Commission
8. 26-769 A resolution appointing Ralvell Rogers to the Japanese Sister City Committee
9. 26-770 A resolution amending Article I as it pertains to Workplace and Equal Employment Opportunity Policies, Amendment and Adoption of Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1. A public hearing for the application to rezone the property at 19901 E. M-78 Highway from R-6, Single Family Residential, to R-6/PUD, Single Family Residential/Planned Unit Development, and approve a preliminary development plan. ***New Information Only.***

26-085 **2R** 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. **2R**

2. A public hearing regarding a letter of endorsement for Missouri Ground Ambulance Service Licensure for HCA Healthcare. **Full Public Hearing**

26-771 A resolution authorizing the City Manager to issue a Letter of Endorsement for Missouri Ground Ambulance Service Licensure for HCA Healthcare.

ORDINANCES

1. 26-080 **2R** 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. **2R**
2. 26-081 **2R** 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. **2R**
3. 26-082 **2R** 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. **2R**
4. 26-083 **2R** 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. **2R**
5. 26-084 **2R** 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)). **2R**

FIRST READING(S)

1. 26-086 **1R** An ordinance granting easement authority as part of the Lake City Valley Road Bridge Project (No. 542601-3). **1R**
2. 26-087 **1R** An ordinance approving a rezoning from District C-2 (General Commercial) and District R-30/PUD (High Density Residential /Planned Unit Development) to District R-6 (Single-Family Residential) for the property located at 221 N. Crysler Avenue. **1R**
3. 26-088 **1R** An ordinance approving a rezoning from District R-30/PUD (High-Density Residential/Planned Unit Development) to R-6 (Single-Family Residential) for the property located at 914 and 916 E. Frederick Street. **1R**
4. 26-089 **1R** An ordinance approving a rezoning from district R-12/PUD (Two Family Residential/Planned Unit Development) to R-A (Residential Agricultural) for the property located at 515 S. Powell Road. **1R**
5. 26-090 **1R** An ordinance levying a tax on all real property subject to taxation on January 1, 2026, within the corporate limits of the City of Independence, Missouri, for all General Revenue and Public Health and Recreation Purposes, for General Obligation Debt, and for the Independence Square Special Benefit District; said levies and assessments being separate and distinct, all for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of July 2026 and ending on the 30th day of June 2027. **1R**

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

ADJOURNMENT