

REGULAR MEETING July 20, 2020

The Independence City Council met for a Regular Meeting, July 20, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Wayne Nelson, Lead Chaplain with the Independence Police Department provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Huff, Presiding Officer of the City Council, called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following members of the City Council were present: Mike Huff, John Perkins, Brice Stewart, Karen DeLuccie, Mike Steinmeyer, and Daniel Hobart. The following members of the City Council were absent: Mayor Eileen Weir.

CITIZENS REQUESTS:

Laura Dominik spoke to Council regarding the funding of IPL officers at Hawthorne.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Councilmember Hobart requested that Item No. 1 and Item No. 2 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmember DeLuccie requested that Item No. 3, Item No. 6, Bill No. 20-754, Bill No. 20-759 and Bill No. 20-760 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmembers Steinmeyer and DeLuccie moved to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA minus Item No. 1, Item No. 2, Item No. 3, Item No. 6, Bill No. 20-754, Bill No. 20-759 and Bill No. 20-760 to be considered separately.

4. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to SKC Communication Products, LLC in the amount of \$84,401.52 for for the telephone system software annual maintenance and to enter into a three year maintenance agreement.
5. Council action is recommended to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Independence, Missouri and the Independence Police Foundation.

Bill No. 20-756, entitled, [Res. #6577]
 “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT PHILLIPS TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS.” -*Individual Appointment-Mayor Eileen Weir*

Bill No. 20-757, entitled, [Res. #6578]
 “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KRYSTEL LUGENBEEL AS A MEMBER OF THE BRAND INDEPENDENCE COMMITTEE.” -*Individual Council Appointment-Councilmember Daniel Hobart*

Bill No. 20-758, entitled, [Res. 6579]
 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, TO APPOINT SEVEN (7) INDIVIDUALS AS DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST INDEPENDENCE 353 REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.”

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried and the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA was approved.

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Councilmember Hobart stated that Item No. 1 and Item No. 2 are for software and hardware updates. Councilmember Hobart stated that he is concerned about spending this amount of money on these software upgrades without doing further research.

In response to Councilmember Hobart, City Manager, Zach Walker, stated that considering the considerable investment that is being made here, there will be a brief presentation from Chief Information Officer, Jason Newkirk. Mr. Walker stated that given the sensitivity and critical nature of this, Mr. Newkirk will provide a brief summary and some background.

Mr. Newkirk provided a presentation.

In response to Councilmember Hobart, Mr. Newkirk stated that the vast majority of this cost will be for hardware. Mr. Newkirk stated that the software is for the servers, not end user software. Mr. Newkirk confirmed that this is software on both sides of the firewall. Mr. Newkirk stated that if this is approved, they expect to start immediately and have this completed by the end of first quarter in 2021.

In response to Councilmember Hobart, Mr. Newkirk stated that these costs are for the full implementation including professional services so that the companies would be working with city staff to jointly implement all hardware and software. Mr. Newkirk confirmed that he has been involved in projects like this before.

In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Mr. Newkirk stated that he is in charge of the implementation of this project. Mr. Newkirk stated this cost does include professional services as well as educational services. Mr. Newkirk stated that the Munis program is an externally hosted system and would not be hosted by this, but Munis does load through our network.

Councilmember DeLuccie stated that two years ago Council approved implementation of the Munis system and it is still not fully implemented and that is giving her a lot of problems. In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Mr. Newkirk stated that there is a bit of difference between installing software and hardware changes. Software takes a much longer install period. Mr. Newkirk stated that part of why there is a rush at this time to get this approved through Council is that Dell has informed us that there will be price increases made in August so our purchase order needs to be entered by the end of July to receive the current pricing. Mr. Newkirk stated that ConvergeOne is very good at what they do and they work with other local governments to help project our needs into the future.

In response to Councilmember Perkins, Mr. Newkirk stated that he is not sure why Dell is having the sudden increase in pricing. He stated that from what he has been told by the Dell representatives, they do not receive much advanced warning when there are price increases. Mr. Newkirk stated that this is likely due to our current economic situation due to the pandemic. He stated that the production on technology equipment has slowed down, so it's costing more to obtain them. Mr. Newkirk stated he believes the professional services built in will help safe guard the city to make sure things are implemented within the estimated timeframe.

Councilmember Perkins suggested that we receive monthly updates through our Audit and Finance Committee with where we are on this project.

In response to Councilmember Hobart, Mr. Walker stated we can postpone this and have someone from ConvergeOne come and provide more information. Mr. Walker stated the risk assessment is highlighting the deficiencies that we have in our system and that is why we are bringing this to you with a debt financing package. Mr. Walker stated that he hopes two weeks wouldn't make too much of a

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difference. However, things have happened to other cities where their systems were victim to ransomware attacks and have had to pay a handsome price to restore information and even then it is not all retrieved.

In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Mr. Newkirk stated that he is not sure whether these companies will guarantee that this installation will be completed in 9-10 months.

In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, City Clerk, Becky Behrens, stated that they are able to adjourn this meeting to next Monday night.

In response to Councilmember Stewart, Mr. Newkirk stated that best practice when you have a primary and back up datacenter is to have distance between them to reduce the overall risk of something happening to both datacenters.

In response to Councilmember Huff, Mr. Newkirk stated that this will be hands on training during the implementation. Mr. Newkirk stated that all of our network staff, four employees, will be involved in this project in varying capacities. Mr. Newkirk stated that a lot of our equipment has already reached its end of life. He stated that replacing one item at a time will be very expensive and will not be forward thinking and he's trying to avoid that.

In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Mr. Newkirk stated that we do have cyber security insurance. Mr. Newkirk stated that the insurance will cover expenses. However, there is risk with the outage and down time and it takes a very long time to recover from a full comprehensive cyber-attack.

In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, Mr. Walker stated that he is not sure what the industry standard is. Mr. Newkirk advised that he has been informed by text from a member of his staff that the industry standard is around 8% of a city's overall budget goes toward cyber security. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he is concerned at how little we are spending to protect our information and those of our residents.

Councilmember Stewart stated that he works a full time IT job with Jackson County and has worked with ConvergeOne before and stated that they are a good company to work with. He is in favor of having them come in during an adjourned meeting.

Councilmembers DeLuccie and Hobart made a motion to postpone Item No. 1, Item No. 2 and Item No. 3 to an adjourned meeting on July 27, 2020.

Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion approved.

1. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to ConvergeOne Inc. in the amount of \$1,877,067.49 for hardware and software to modernize the City's primary and disaster recovery data centers. *[Postponed to 7/27/2020]*
2. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to ConvergeOne Inc. in the amount of \$1,567,399.50 for cyber security infrastructure and support services. *[Postponed to 7/27/2020]*
3. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Riverside Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$971,995 for network hardware that is required as part of the data center and network modernization project. *[Postponed to 7/27/2020]*

In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, stated that workers' compensation and risk management is included in the budget. Mr. Walker stated that this is for excess coverage. He stated that the more you use that insurance, the more the premiums go up and this will help with those additional costs and this amount will purchase the additional coverage.

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Councilmembers DeLuccie and Perkins moved to approve Item No. 6.

6. Approval of 2020-2021 excess workers' compensation insurance renewal.

Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion approved.

In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he was able to meet with Mr. Walker as well as Tom Lesnak from the Chamber of Commerce to better define our relationship with the Chamber. Tom Lesnak, President of the Independence Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Lesnak spoke to Council regarding the membership agreement with the Chamber. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he felt the discussion was good and he does not feel like we are in a rush to make a decision on this item.

Councilmembers DeLuccie and Steinmeyer moved to postpone Bill No. 20-754 until after August 21, 2020.

Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion approved.

Bill No. 20-754, entitled, Postponed until after 8/21

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THAT NO CITY FUNDS BE EXPENDED ON MEMBERSHIP DUES WITH THE INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 AND THAT ALL EXPENDITURES FOR INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS AND SPONSORSHIPS BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE CITY MANAGER.” *-Requested by Councilmember Michael Steinmeyer*

Councilmember DeLuccie stated that she lived next to Hawthorne Place Apartments for 15-20 years. Councilmember DeLuccie stated there is a world of difference between having no police officers and two police officers stationed at this location. She stated that Hawthorne Place is the second largest public housing complex in the country. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that the current owners have made significant progress in being a community partner. She stated that she has spoken with Hawthorne and they are more than willing to speak to the city and she wants to maintain a positive relationship with them. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that she does not see a positive side of this for the city, she wants to maintain the safety in her neighborhood,

In response to Councilmember Huff, Police Chief, Brad Halsey, stated that in the 1990's you didn't go into the Hawthorne Complex without at least three cars. Chief Halsey stated that the officers posted at Hawthorne are community officers and if they are removed, this will impact the district in which those officers work in.

In response to Councilmember Hobart, Chief Halsey stated that he recommends that we keep the agreement with Hawthorne and stated that it is a good partnership. Chief Halsey stated that this area has become a pilot program for not only the city but for other community partners such as Community Services League (CSL) and many others.

Councilmember Perkins stated that Mr. Walker was able to provide some statistics last week. Year to date, there have 868 calls for service at Hawthorne. Chief Halsey stated that if the officers are working then they are the ones responding, however if they are not working or if they are on another call then another district officer will respond to the call. Councilmember Perkins stated that he does not feel like this will have a positive impact and has concerns that the city will lose even more money be renegotiating the terms with Hawthorne. He stated that he will vote no on this bill.

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Councilmember DeLuccie read a statement from a citizen who stated that the Hawthorne group also funds savings for the residents and CSL is on site which is changing people's lives and helping them get out of Hawthorne. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that she would not want to take funding away from that and she will be voting no on this bill.

In response to Councilmember Hobart, Mr. Walker stated that for the two full time officers that are posted on site, Hawthorne is paying 53% of the salary and benefits for those officers and the city pays the remaining 47%.

Councilmember Stewart stated that if they were to hire two off duty police officers it would cost approximately \$158,000 and Hawthorne paying \$108,000 does not come anywhere near that amount. Councilmember Stewart stated that he is in favor of having officers there, he just believes that this should be renegotiated.

In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, Mr. Walker stated that Missouri state statute created the Industrial Development Authority. Cities around the state of Missouri have this tool in their toolbox. Mr. Walker stated that the only authority the City Council has with this is to appoint members to the board for the Industrial Development Authority. The actions of the Industrial Development Authority are not subject to review by the City Council or any other city entity. Mr. Walker stated that the \$43,000 loan is solely for construction improvement of the property. Mr. Walker stated that he is not sure of everything they are planning to do to the area as it is not something subject to city involvement. Mr. Walker confirmed that if the developer should default on the loan, the city will have zero liability.

Councilmembers DeLuccie and Perkins moved to approve Bill No. 20-759.

Bill No. 20-759, entitled

"A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO RENEGOTIATE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, HAWTHORNE ASSOCIATES, AND POAH COMMUNITIES RELATED TO POLICE COVERAGE AT HAWTHORNE PLACE APARTMENTS." -*Requested by Councilmember Brice Stewart*

Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Stewart and Steinmeyer. Noes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, DeLuccie and Hobart. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion failed.

In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Mr. Walker stated that one part of this is a fire truck. Instead of purchasing this truck outright, we are opting for a lease because of the economic downturn due to COVID-19. Mr. Walker stated that the technology side of this is discussed as part of Consent Agenda Item No. 1, Item No. 2 and Item No. 3. Mr. Walker stated that this is declaring intent to enter into an agreement, not binding the Council tonight, but this is the first step to doing debt financing. Mr. Walker confirmed that the Charter does allow this.

Councilmembers DeLuccie and Perkins moved to approve Bill No. 20-760.

Bill No. 20-760, entitled, [Res. #6580]

"RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO TO ENTER INTO A TAX-EXEMPT LEASE TO PAY FOR CERTAIN FIRE AND TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT."

Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion approved.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Pro Tem Huff opened a new information only public hearing for the application by JWP Properties, LLC requesting a rezoning from C-2, General Commercial, to R-6, Single-Family Residential, for the property located at 2415 S. RD Mize Road. Community Development Director, Tom Scannell, stated that the Planning Commission recommends approval of this rezoning and stated that there is no new information to report. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

Bill. No. 20-048, entitled, [Ord. #19132]
“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO DISTRICT R-6 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR THE PROPERTY AT 2415 S. R. D. MIZE ROAD, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the bill approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Huff opened a new information only public hearing for the application by Powell/CWM requesting a rezoning from R-6, Single-Family Residential, and C-2, General Commercial, to C-3, Service Commercial, for the properties located at 603 E. US 24 Highway and 909 N. Emery Street. Mr. Scannell, stated that the Planning Commission recommends approval of this rezoning and stated that there is no new information to report. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

Bill No. 20-049, entitled, [Ord. #19133]
“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICTS R-6 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO DISTRICT C-3 (SERVICE COMMERCIAL) FOR THE PROPERTY AT 603 E. US 24 HIGHWAY AND 909 N. EMERY STREET, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the bill approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Huff opened a new information only public hearing for the application by Douglas Shrout requesting a rezoning from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial, to R-1, Residential-Agricultural, for the property located at 2000 N. Elsea Smith Road. Mr. Scannell, stated that the Planning Commission recommends approval of this rezoning and stated that there is no new information to report. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

Bill No. 20-050, entitled, [Ord. #19134]
“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT C-1 (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) TO DISTRICT R-A (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE) FOR THE PROPERTY AT 2000 N. ELSEA SMITH ROAD, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the bill approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Huff opened a new information only public hearing for the application by CDD Independence requesting a Preliminary Development Plan to construct a home for the developmentally disabled at 2740 E. Englewood Terrace. Mr. Scannell, stated that the Planning Commission recommends approval of this rezoning and stated that there is no new information to report. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

Bill No. 20-051, entitled, [Ord. #19135]

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“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CENTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED AT 2740 AND 2742 S. ENGLEWOOD TERRACE.”
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the bill approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Huff opened a full public hearing for the formation of the Independence Square Community Improvement District. Assistant City Manager, Mark Randall provided back ground information on this item. Austin Conley spoke in support of this item. Danielle Dupree-Crawford spoke in support of this item. Jeff Rogers spoke in support of this item. Laura Dominik proposed questions regarding this item. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the public hearing closed. *Full Public Hearing.*

Councilmember Perkins stated that this will be our downtown, and this will start attracting the tourism and believes this is a great project.

In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Mr. Randall stated that the map includes the right of way on Maple down to a convenience store. Mr. Randall stated that if you have a point of sale location that collects sales tax in this district then the additional 1% tax, if passed, would be collected and applied to this CID. Mr. Randall stated that a CID is a lot more flexible than a NID. Mr. Randall explained the difference between a CID and NID. Mr. Randall provided additional clarifying information.

Councilmember Perkins stated that this is almost exactly the same as the Englewood CID that was passed about a year ago.

In response to Councilmember Stewart, Austin Conley stated that there are approximately 35-50 registered voters within the district and it takes a majority to pass.

ORDINANCES:

Bill No. 20-045, entitled, [Ord. #19136]
“AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN EXISTING 5 FOOT SANITARY EASEMENT, RECORDED IN BOOK 1478 AT PAGE 18, OF THE JACKSON COUNTY DEED RECORDS, AND LOCATED AT 11004 E 40 HIGHWAY.”
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the bill approved.

Bill No. 20-046, entitled, [Ord. #19137]
“AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN EXISTING 15 FOOT SANITARY EASEMENT, RECORDED IN BOOK 1478 AT PAGE 18, OF THE JACKSON COUNTY DEED RECORDS, AND LOCATED AT 11004 E 40 HIGHWAY.”
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the bill approved.

Bill No. 20-047, entitled, [Ord. #19138]
“AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN EXISTING 15 FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT, RECORDED ON INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2014E0029183, BOOK 149, PAGE 83, OF THE JACKSON COUNTY DEED RECORDS, AND LOCATED AT 11004 E 40 HIGHWAY.”
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the bill approved.

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Bill No. 20-052, entitled, [Ord. #19139]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE 2020 CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,415.00; APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET; MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS; AUTHORIZING FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND/OR TIME EXTENSIONS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS.”

was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the bill approved.

Bill No. 20-053, entitled, [Ord. #19140]

“AN ORDINANCE FINDING, DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND GRADING EASEMENTS FOR THE BISON PARK SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 302003); 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.”

was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the bill approved.

FIRST READINGS:

Bill No. 20-054, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$263,091.00 FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERTIME FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A CRASH INVESTIGATION SOFTWARE LICENSE, STALKER RADAR UNITS, LETSAC CONFERENCE FEES AND HAZARDOUS MOVING VIOLATIONS ENFORCEMENT FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; AUTHORIZING FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS, EXTENSIONS, AMENDMENTS OR ADDENDUMS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE SAME PROJECT AND MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 20-055, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$456,250.00 FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERTIME FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT AND YOUTH ALCOHOL LIQUOR COMPLIANCE CHECKS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; AUTHORIZING FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS AND/OR TIME EXTENSIONS FOR THE SAME PROJECT AND MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 20-056, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING A 20 FOOT GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENT TO THE LITTLE BLUE VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT ACROSS THEIR PROPERTY AT 21101 E 78 HIGHWAY.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 20-057, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN EXCHANGE FOR PAYMENT OF \$1,500 FOR LAND DESIGNATED AS CITY SURPLUS PROPERTY AT 11323 EAST 15TH STREET SOUTH AND TO DO ALL THE THINGS NECESSARY TO CONSUMMATE SAID SALE.”

was given its first reading by title.

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Bill No. 20-058, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE CONCURRENTLY DEANNEXING CERTAIN ABUTTING LANDS AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ARGO ROAD AND 7 HWY WITH THE CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DO THOSE THINGS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH SAID ACTION.”
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 20-059, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDEPENDENCE SQUARE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.”
was given its first reading by title.

In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Mr. Walker stated that Blue Springs and Central Jackson County are partners in this with us. Mr. Walker stated that our police headquarters is located at the corner of Truman Rd. and Noland Rd. He stated that the radio tower on top of that building provides more capacity than the city needs, so we lease to surrounding jurisdictions.

In response to Councilmember Huff, Mr. Walker stated these figures have been worked into the current budget. Mr. Walker stated the cost is based off of utilization. Mr. Walker stated that these numbers were approved by IPL directly to ensure that they were paying an appropriate rate.

Bill No. 20-507, entitled, [Ord. #19141]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO AN EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE USED TO PAY THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN RADIO EQUIPMENT; AND TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

was given its first and second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, and Hobart. Noes – None. Absent – Mayor Weir. The Mayor Pro Tem declared the bill approved.

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. The City Clerk's Office is in receipt of the Englewood Community Improvement District resolution approving the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.
2. Municipal Division Monthly Case Report June 2020
3. Report on purchase agreements between \$50,000 and \$100,000 per Procurement Policy.
4. COVID-19 Semi-Monthly Update
5. COVID-19 Meeting Procedures: The June 15 City Council Meeting will be shared with the public via YouTube and City7. In accordance with social distancing guidelines, very limited public seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The current social distancing maximum capacity is 31 individuals in the audience. Individuals who sign-up to speak can do so in person or online via the live meeting platform. If capacity is exceeded, speakers may be asked to wait in the lobby area and will be called in at the appropriate time. All attendees are asked to wear a cloth face covering and must participate in a health check upon entering the building. Please plan accordingly to allow time for this prior to the 6 p.m. meeting start time. Those individuals with a fever or showing symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to watch the meeting on one of the virtual formats. Attendees will be required to socially distance in seats as indicated by the markings on the bench, although minors may sit with a custodial adult. Social distancing maximum capacity is currently 31 individuals in the audience.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Hobart stated that he has personally seen some argument from individuals regarding the Jackson County Mask Order. He stated that it is hard to see people who work in retail or

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other businesses have to deal with disgruntled patrons due to the County Mask Order. Councilmember Hobart asks that the citizens go forward with respect and kindness toward one another.

Councilmember Steinmeyer thanked Mr. Walker for adding the COVID-19 Semi-Monthly Update to the Information Only section on the agenda. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that this may be a good time for Council to resurrect a City Health Department. In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, Mr. Walker provided some background information regarding the Health Department and how it was broken up to synergize within other departments and partnership with the County. Mr. Walker stated that right now they are starting to have conversations about having a Local Public Health Agency within our city. Mr. Walker stated that we would need recognition from the state of Missouri as a Local Public Health Agency, we would need to perform core duties of a public health department and then we would receive grant funding to perform those duties. Councilmember Steinmeyer asked for regular updates about where we stand in reestablishing a health department. Mr. Walker stated that he can ask that the staff liaison for the Advisory Board of Health reach out to the board and ask about holding monthly meetings.

Councilmember Steinmeyer stated he wanted to remind everyone that the additional \$600 a week in unemployment benefits will end in the upcoming week. He stated that Independence has a 13% unemployment rate and he believes we will see a rise in need. Councilmember Steinmeyer asked if it is possible for staff to provide a report at every study session showing how much revenue we are receiving and how much we are spending. Mr. Walker provided information about how we get reporting from the state regarding sales tax that is collected. Mr. Walker stated that he believes the June financial report will be very helpful and will be available in August.

Councilmember Huff stated that he is thankful for the sidewalk repair at 23rd Street and Lee's Summit Road. Councilmember Huff asked if the city could look into erosion of the creeks around the city that is destroying people's property.

Councilmember Hobart stated that he received many calls regarding Phil Roberts Park that had many homeless individuals that were residing on the property. He stated that IPD, Public Works and Parks & Rec went out and did a joint clean up and had four dumpsters of items that were thrown away and a few arrests made. This made a huge difference for the neighborhood.

At 8:05 p.m., there being no further business, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the meeting adjourned to an Adjourned Meeting at 6:00 p.m., July 27, 2020, in the Council Chambers.

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk