

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING September 14, 2020

The Independence City Council met for a Special Called Meeting, September 14, 2020, at 6:06 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Mayor, Eileen Weir, 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, Daniel Hobart and Mayor Eileen Weir. The following members of the City Council were absent: None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Councilmembers Huff and Hobart moved to approve the CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Council action is requested to award a corrected and revised contract to Madden Media to provide Tourism Marketing Services for the Parks/ Recreation/Tourism Department from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, with the option to extend for an additional three years providing funds are available.

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

FIRST READINGS:

In response to Mayor Weir, Mr. Walker provided background information about this item. Mr. Walker stated that funds were made available across the country to help promote tourism activity since this is one of the industries hardest hit by the pandemic. These funds will help marketing and advertising to try and bolster the lost revenue. This item authorizes acceptance of grant funds for our tourism economy.

Bill No. 20-508, entitled, [Ord. #19155]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF ROUND ONE AND ROUND TWO OF SHOW ME STRONG DMO PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE STATE OF MISSOURI, DIVISION OF TOURISM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,055,998.00; AWARDING A CONTRACT WITH THE MADDEN MEDIA, THE CITY’S TOURISM MARKETING AGENCY OF RECORD FOR PROGRAM GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION; AUTHORIZING FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND/OR TIME EXTENSIONS; AND MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS, 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, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent –None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. COVID-19 Meeting Procedures: The September 14 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 must participate in a health check and be wearing a cloth face covering 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.
2. The City Council is expected to convene in an Executive Session at 5:00 pm, Monday, September 14, 2020, in Conference Room A, on matters of Contract Negotiation, as permitted by Sec. 610.021(12) and on matters of Litigation, as permitted by Sec. 610.021(1).

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At 6:11 p.m., there being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned to a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., September 21, 2020, in the Council Chambers.

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk