

REGULAR MEETING
April 5, 2021

The Independence City Council met for a Regular Meeting, April 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., virtually held via Microsoft Teams and in person, in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Shirley Murdock, member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day, provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Mike Steinmeyer and Mayor Eileen Weir. Karen DeLuccie and Daniel Hobart attended virtually. The following members of the City Council were absent: None.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO SPEAK:

Virginia Still spoke to Council regarding the liquor license application for Fuel Expresso #41.

PRESENTATION RESOLUTION:

Councilmembers Huff and Perkins moved to approve Bill No. 21-733.

Bill No. 21-733, entitled, [Res. #6662]
“A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CLAUDIA KUNZLER, CUSTODIAN, WITH THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AS THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL 2021.”
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.

PROCLAMATIONS:

City Clerk, Becky Behrens, read a proclamation for Van Horn High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team Day.

City Clerk, Becky Behrens, read a proclamation for William Chrisman High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team Day.

City Clerk, Becky Behrens, read a proclamation for SevenDays.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Mayor Weir requested that Bill No. 21-735 to be considered separately.

Councilmember Huff requested that Bill No. 21-734 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmembers Huff and Steinmeyer moved to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA minus Bill No. 21-735 and Bill No. 21-734 to be considered separately.

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meetings on March 1, 2021 and March 15, 2021.
2. A request for Council approval to authorize the City Manager to direct the Police Department to submit applications and participate in the 2021/2022 Hazardous Moving Violation grant as provided through the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Division.
3. A request for Council approval to authorize the City Manager to direct the Police Department to submit applications and participate in the 2021/2022 DWI Enforcement Grant as provided through the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Division.

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4. A request for Council approval to authorize the City Manager to direct the Police Department to submit applications and participate in the 2021/2022 Occupant Protection grant as provided through the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Division.
5. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Altec Industries, in the amount of \$235,483.00 for a digger derrick for the Power and Light Department.
6. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Altec Industries, in the amount of \$367,590.00 for two, tracked mini-digger derricks for the Power and Light Department.

Bill No. 21-736, entitled, [Res. #6664]

“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP), LODGE NO. 1, FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.”

Bill No. 21-737, entitled, [Res. #6665]

“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 781, FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2021, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.”

Bill No. 21-738, entitled, [Res. #6666]

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT A RESILIENCY AND CASH BALANCE POLICY IN THE CITY’S WATER UTILITY FUND USING RISK-BASED METHODOLOGY TO ENSURE THE CITY UTILITY’S HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE FOR LONG-TERM FINANCIAL STABILITY AND SYSTEM RELIABILITY.”

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the AMENDED 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 AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA was approved.

Mayor Weir stated that this is a very important item to the financial health of our city. The Mayor stated that this will address some issues that have been a burden to the taxpayers of Independence for a long time. Mayor Weir stated that there was a presentation at a Study Session regarding this item. Mayor Weir stated that she believes this is a very complex issue and the taxpayers of the city should have more time to fully understand the impact of this policy moving forward.

Mayor Weir and Councilmember Perkins moved to postpone Bill No. 21-735 to the April 19, 2021 meeting.

Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he agrees this is a very complex issue. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated he is curious about why staff has asked that the TIF Commission not make a decision for three months.

In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, Community Development Director, Tom Scannell, stated the request to delay a decision was made by our Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, so that they could further look at this and coordinate with what the Finance Department is doing.

Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he feels like there are members on the TIF Commission that are trying to prioritize things other than paying down this debt. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he does not feel as though more time needed. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he is concerned about passing this debt on to younger generations. He stated he will not support giving them more time.

Upon roll call for the motion to postpone the item until the April 19, 2021 meeting, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmember: Perkins, DeLuccie, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – Councilmembers: Huff, Stewart and Steinmeyer. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion approved.

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Bill No. 21-735, entitled, *[Postponed to 4/19]*
 “A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION POLICY.”

In response to Councilmember Huff, Director of Finance and Administration, Bryan Kidney, provided some background information on this item. Mr. Kidney stated that we are allowing the agreement to be used as collateral for refinancing. Mr. Kidney stated that in the original agreement we allowed for this to be done.

Councilmembers Huff and Steinmeyer moved to approve Bill No. 21-734.

Bill No. 21-734, entitled, *[Res. #6663]*
 “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THAT CERTAIN SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION SITE LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY, AS LANDLORD, AND MCP-INDEPENDENCE II, LLC, AS TENANT; AND APPROVING A CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATED TO A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT, SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION SITE LEASE AND INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH MCP-INDEPENDENCE II, LLC.”

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Weir opened a new information only public hearing for the application by Carolyn McCarthy requesting a rezoning from C-2, General Commercial, to R-6, Single-Family Residential, for the properties located at 1327 and 1329 S. Main Street. Assistant Community Development Director, Rick Arroyo, provided background information on this item. Mayor Weir declared the public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

In response to Mayor Weir, Mr. Arroyo stated this area was not included in the TIF and was zoned commercial. Mr. Arroyo confirmed that this address has always had a residence located here.

Bill No. 21-011, entitled, *[Ord. #19200]*
 “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO DISTRICT R-6 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1327 & 1329 S. MAIN 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, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Mayor Weir opened a new information only public hearing for the application by Travis Thonen requesting a rezoning from C-2, General Commercial, to R-6, Single Family Residential for the property located at 2301 S. Glenwood Ave. Mr. Arroyo provided background information on this item. Mayor Weir declared the public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

Bill No. 21-012, entitled, *[Ord. #19201]*
 “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-6 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR THE PROPERTY AT 2301 S. GLENWOOD AVENUE, 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, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Mayor Weir opened a new information only public hearing for the application by Travis Thonen requesting a rezoning from C-2, General Commercial, to R-30/PUD, High Density Residential/Planned

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Unit Development) and approve a Preliminary Development Plan for the property located at 9401 E. 23rd Street. Mr. Arroyo provided background information on this item. Mayor Weir declared the public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

Bill No. 21-013, entitled, [Ord. #19202]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO DISTRICT R-30/PUD (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) AND A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9401 E. 23RD 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, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent –None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Mayor Weir opened a full public hearing for the application received from Spirit World & Food Mart for a Retail Selling of Intoxicating Liquor in the Original Package license for their new location at 17525 E. US 24 Highway. Mr. Scannell provided background information on this item. There being no speakers, Mayor Weir declared the public hearing closed. *Full Public Hearing.*

Council action is requested on the application received from Spirit World & Food Mart for a Retail Selling of Intoxicating Liquor in the Original Package license for their new location at 17525 E. US 24 Highway.

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 item approved.

Mayor Weir opened a full A public hearing for the application received from S.M. Trading Corporation, doing business as Fuel Express #41, for a Retail Selling of Intoxicating Liquor of all kinds in the original package license for their location currently under construction at 4200 S. Lee’s Summit Road. Mr. Scannell provided background information on this item. Barbara Leasure spoke in opposition of this item. A gentleman who stated he was also a neighbor of the area (no name provided by speaker) spoke in opposition of this item. Harold Leasure spoke in opposition of this item. Jerry Roush, who represents the party trying to purchase the property from the original builder, spoke in support of this item. Virginia Still spoke again in regard to the water runoff. In response to Mr. Leasure, Mr. Scannell stated that all residents within 300 feet of this establishment were notified and the Jackson County park property is over 400 feet from this establishment. There being no additional speakers, Mayor Weir declared the public hearing closed. *Full Public Hearing.*

Council action is requested on the application received from S.M. Trading Corporation, doing business as Fuel Express #41, for a Retail Selling of Intoxicating Liquor of all kinds in the original package license for their location currently under construction at 4200 S. Lee’s Summit Road.

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

NON-ORDINANCE ACTION ITEMS:

Councilmember Stewart stated that, not specifically to the Pride flag, but he does not believe that we should be favoring one organization or group over another by flying flags on city buildings or properties. Councilmember Stewart stated that he feels as though we have an inclusive community and does not believe the flag would be a benefit.

Councilmember DeLuccie stated she agrees with Councilmember Stewart and will be voting no on this item.

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Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he is torn by this item. He would like to have a discussion about our diversity and inclusion and hiring practices within the city. Councilmember Steinmeyer has asked that the City Manager pull some of the demographic information regarding our hiring of staff within the city. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he doesn't want this to be a hollow gesture, he would like there to be more discussion around diversity and inclusion and does not believe that flying a flag will really accomplish that.

Mayor Weir stated she established the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force almost two years ago to address many issues in our city related to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity, gender identity. Many of those issues have been discussed and the Task Force has now been merged with our Human Relations Commission. Mayor Weir stated that when she joined the Council in 2012, the hiring practices were looked at extensively and some changes were made, one example was to include domestic partners in healthcare benefits. The Mayor stated that when visiting other cities, it is quite common to see cities celebrating Pride Month in this fashion by flying a flag and some have parades to show acceptance and inclusion in a very public way. Mayor Weir stated that this is not a hollow gesture.

Mayor Weir stated that a few years ago we put the Pride flag up outside of City Hall and it remained there for the month of June. The Mayor stated that she personally received and outpouring of appreciation from our city employees and community. It was determined later, that to request for a flag be flown at city facilities would come before Council for approval, whether that be for the Royals winning the World Series or the Chiefs winning the Super Bowl. Mayor Weir stated that she is a member of Mayors Against LGBT Discrimination and we participate in the Municipal Equity Index which are things specifically addressing the needs of the LGBTQ+ community. The Mayor stated that is why she continues to bring this forward and seek Council support as she has every year. Mayor Weir stated that she believes in her heart that this is something that matters. The Mayor stated that this may be a small gesture, but it has great meaning.

Councilmember Hobart stated that Mayor Weir captured the spirit of what flying the Pride flag would mean for him. Councilmember Hobart stated that he does, however, agree with Councilmember Stewart. He stated that he thinks it is important for people of all characteristics to be welcome. Councilmember Hobart stated that he believes it is important for the city as a form of government, to stay as neutral as possible and send that message to our community. Councilmember Hobart stated that he supports the idea but cannot vote in favor of this item.

Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he was not trying to imply this was a hollow gesture, he just didn't understand the heart behind this item. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he is supportive of our LGBT community and he just didn't understand it. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated he wants to really work on the things that this gesture would stand for and to be more inclusive and diverse in our community.

Bill No. 21-739, entitled

"A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 6347 BY ADDING THE PRIDE FLAG TO THE LIST OF FLAGS TO BE DISPLAYED AT CITY HALL AND OTHER MUNICIPAL FACILITIES." – *Requested by Mayor Eileen Weir*

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

Bill No. 21-740, entitled, [Res. #6667]

"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, FY 2020 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM, THROUGH A KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI ORDINANCE NO. 210071, WHICH ALLOCATES \$50,022 TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S USE."

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.

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ORDINANCES:

Bill No. 21-010, entitled, [Ord. #19203]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL AND DESTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL COURT RECORDS THAT HAVE MET ALL REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH DESTRUCTION AND ARE THE SUBJECT OF CIRCUIT COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2021-214.”

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, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Bill No. 21-014, entitled, [Ord. #19204]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTRACT WITH JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, WHICH CALLS FOR JACKSON COUNTY TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00 TO THE CITY FOR INDEPENDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S LAW ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL BASED INITIATIVE CALLED S.T.E.P.”

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, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Bill No. 21-015, entitled, [Postponed to 4/19]

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 ARTICLE 6 “PURCHASES AND SALES” SECTION 2, SECTION 3, SECTION 4, AND SECTION 6. AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO AMEND THE PROCUREMENT POLICY ACCORDINGLY.” –

Requested by Councilmember Brice Stewart

was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage.

Councilmember Stewart provided background information about why he requested this item.

Councilmember Hobart stated that he can appreciate Councilmember Stewart’s desire to be more fiscally responsibly but does not believe this is the way to do it. Councilmember Hobart stated he hasn’t heard that there were any issues with the Procurement Policy. Councilmember Hobart stated that instead of restricting the City Manager’s ability to run the city, we should be looking for ways to better enable that without micromanaging. Councilmember Hobart stated that he believes it is Council’s job to review the recommendations made by the City Manager and make a decision that is best for the residents. Councilmember Hobart stated he will be voting no on this item.

Councilmember DeLuccie stated that she will also be voting no on this item. She stated that she reads all contracts brought forward and every service contract coming before Council would be extremely difficult and not necessary.

Councilmember Perkins stated that his concern is that we would have a slow down of work. Councilmember Perkins used the Englewood traffic schedules and work being done by Municipal Services to explain that everything would be delayed if every service contract had to be approved by Council. Councilmember Perkins stated that if there are concerns or suggestions, they can always be brought forward to the Audit and Finance Committee to review as well. Councilmember Perkins stated he likes the policy the way it is but is willing to listen and consider things he may be missing or consider more specifics.

Councilmember Huff stated this item is about transparency. Councilmember Huff stated that there has been another Councilmember who consistently brings up concerns about money almost every Council Meeting. Councilmember Huff stated that not every study or contract needs to be brought before the Council, but that the Council recently voted unanimously to not use a certain company and at this time

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there has been a contract signed with them to perform work. Councilmember Huff stated he will be voting yes on this item.

Councilmember Steinmeyer provided some background information. He stated that Council had a vote on the use of the DKMT Report and discovered along the way they were supposed to look at personnel with utilities and how we can reduce cost and voted against that moving forward. Then it was found that there was an agreement being made for over \$60,000 to have a study regarding manpower and some cuts that may be required. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that it had the appearance of backdooring the Council. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that this was stopped, but there are things that we need to be aware of and looked at. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he will support this item because it will make things more transparent and accountable for the tax dollars we collect and spend. Councilmember Steinmeyer applauded Councilmember Stewart for bringing this forward. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he believes right now with the current economy that Council should be more involved in some of the financial decisions being made.

Mayor Weir stated that we changed the policy not that long ago from \$50,000 to \$100,000, which is pretty high, and higher than most of our peers in the region. Mayor Weir stated that she has no objection to lowering the amount, but she does object to reviewing every contract. The Mayor stated that she believes this Council over the last year has done an incredible job of streamlining our services and eliminating red tape for our businesses to be able to do business effectively, attract business, and gain a reputation of a city that is easy to operate and work in. Mayor Weir stated that she thinks this runs in the opposite direction of the efforts made by the Council and the direction they have decided to go in terms of being efficient. Mayor Weir stated she will be voting no but is happy to reconsider lowering the amount back down to \$50,000.

Councilmembers Steinmeyer and Huff moved to amend Bill No. 21-015 to remove the language regarding Council approval on all consultants and surveys.

Mayor Weir stated for clarification, the City Manager provides a monthly report to Council for contracts that he approves that are within his authority so there is no lack of transparency. The Mayor stated that while the Council doesn't vote on them, they appear on the Council Agenda every month as Information Only item per the Procurement Policy requirement.

Councilmembers DeLuccie and Hobart moved to postpone Bill No. 21-015 to the April 19, 2021 Council Meeting.

Upon roll call on the motion to postpone Bill No. 21-015, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Perkins, DeLuccie, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – Councilmembers: Huff, Stewart and Steinmeyer. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion approved.

FIRST READINGS:

Bill No. 21-016, entitled
“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 14, OF THE INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO BUSINESS PARK ZONING DISTRICTS.”
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 21-017, entitled
“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT C-1 (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) TO DISTRICT R-12 (TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12816 E. 47TH STREET S., IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”
was given its first reading by title.

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Bill No. 21-503, entitled, [Ord. #19205]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR ATLAS RIDGE, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI; 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.

Bill No. 21-504, entitled, [Ord. #19206]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR TYBROOK ESTATES, PUD, PHASE 1A, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI; 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. Semi-Annual Report of the Stormwater Sales Tax Oversight Committee.
2. Streets Improvements Oversight Committee (SIOC) Semi-Annual Presentation to Council.
3. Semi-Annual Report of the Jackson County Animal Welfare Committee.
4. The City Clerk's Office is in receipt of the Arrowhead Community Improvement District Annual Report ending June 30, 2020.
5. The City Clerk's Office is in receipt of the Crackerneck Center Community Improvement District Annual Report ending June 30, 2020.
6. Susquehanna East Shopping Center CID Proposed Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
7. Hartman Heritage CID Proposed Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
8. Trinity Woods CID Proposed Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
9. COVID-19 Semi-Monthly Update.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Perkins congratulated Van Horn and William Chrisman high schools for their excellent seasons this year.

Councilmember Huff thanked The Mayor and Mr. Scannell for the hard work in getting the Great Western Hotel torn down. Councilmember Huff thanked Assistant Director of Municipal Services, Mike Jackson for Lee's Summit Road between Truman Road and 23rd Street repairs. Councilmember Huff congratulated Councilmember Steinmeyer for bowling a 300 on his birthday.

Councilmember Steinmeyer thanked Assistant City Manager, Adam Norris, for stepping in while City Manager, Zack Walker, was away. Councilmember Steinmeyer wanted to highlight Mr. Scannell, stating that he can call him in the evening, and he will take his calls or call him back. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated Mr. Scannell always finds answers for him and he is very responsive and wanted to recognize him.

Councilmember Steinmeyer stated we know that people are nervous and scared right now. He hopes we really get serious about getting the hiring going for our Police Department because they need help. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he has received calls from residents who have concerns about speeding in their neighborhoods and they don't feel like they are being listened to, and we need to be

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responsive. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he would also like to see us doing something about all the expired temporary tags being seen on cars driving around the city. He wants us to be sure that those individuals are paying their taxes, getting their licenses and have insurance so that the rest of us don't have to pay if there is an issue.

Police Chief, Brad Halsey, stated that IPD had 78 complaints on speeding due to the fact that we were assigning special operations into patrol to make sure we had basic services covered. Chief Halsey stated that now that they are back in their specialized units, hopefully that will improve, and we'll get better feedback. Chief Halsey stated that his officer was very lucky to walk away from the recent incident. Councilmember Steinmeyer thanked Chief Halsey for all he does and wished his officer well.

Councilmember Hobart stated that the IPD officer was shot in both the head and the chest and is lucky to be here with us today. Councilmember Hobart stated he wanted all our officers and Chief Halsey to know we feel very lucky in Independence to have a police force that looks out for us. Councilmember Hobart stated he wanted to remind the citizens that as many complaints as you may have and as many things that happen that interrupt your life in varying degrees of seriousness, our police officers are out there every day doing the very best that they can to make this a safer place to live and to protect us. Councilmember Hobart stated that the young officer shot was protecting us from a very serious threat and almost paid the ultimate price for it. Councilmember Hobart stated that tonight we approved the Police and Fire contracts and as hard as some of these management parts can be, he wants our Police Department, Fire Department and all of city staff to know that they have a Council full of people that support you. He stated this does not discount complaints of the citizens.

Councilmember Hobart informed citizens that the Audit and Finance Committee is holding a special meeting on Friday to introduce the plan for spending some of the Federal Government COVID Funds we are getting. He stated that there are provisions to help staff IPD forces.

Mayor Weir stated that our thoughts are always with our Police, Fire and city staff, especially our first responders and employees that are in harms way every day.

Mayor Weir stated that we will be conducting a vaccination clinic Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with the State of Missouri. The National Guard and the State Emergency Management will be here to assist us with that. The Mayor stated that we will be doing approximately 1,100 vaccines each of those three days so there will be spots available for walk-up appointments from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday. The Mayor stated there will be a limited number of spots and are being scheduled through the State Vaccination Navigator. Mayor Weir stated that if you sign up tomorrow for a vaccination you must be able to return to the Independence Center in three weeks for your second dose. Mayor Weir stated that as of this Friday, anyone over the age of 16 will be able to get vaccinated.

Mayor Weir stated that we did 4,000 vaccines in March. The Mayor stated that right now it is getting more complicated because you have to coordinate first shots and second shots as well as working with both Jackson County and the State of Missouri. Mayor Weir stated that we will do around 15,000 vaccines this month, which is a great accomplishment. The Mayor encouraged citizens to stop by and see the operation at the Independence Center in action.

At 7:29 p.m., there being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned to a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., April 19, 2021, in the Council Chambers.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
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ATTEST:

City Clerk