

REGULAR MEETING  
June 21, 2021

The Independence City Council met for a Regular Meeting, June 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., virtually held via Microsoft Teams and in person, in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Shirley Murdock, member, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 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, Karen DeLuccie, Mike Steinmeyer, Daniel Hobart and Mayor Eileen Weir. The following members of the City Council were absent: None.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO SPEAK:

Jeff Rogers spoke to Council regarding the Case Development Project on Bass Pro Drive.

Rex Worboys spoke to Council regarding the Case Development Project on Bass Pro Drive.

Daniel Martin spoke to Council regarding the Case Development Project on Bass Pro Drive.

Kenneth Love spoke to Council regarding Crackerneck area.

Holmes Osborne spoke to Council regarding the rezoning of the Bass Pro property.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Councilmember Huff requested that Bill No. 21-764 be pulled for separate consideration.

Mayor Weir requested that Item No. 7 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmembers Huff and Steinmeyer moved to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA minus Bill No. 21-764 and Item No. 7 to be considered separately.

1. Approval of 2021-2022 property insurance renewal with a total premium of \$464,831.
2. Council Action is requested to issue a purchase order to ABM Supply Company in the amount of \$100,715.00 for ballistic helmets and civil unrest protective equipment for the Police Department.
3. Approval of 2021-2022 excess workers' compensation insurance renewal.
4. Council Action is requested to approve an Engineering Services Contract with TranSystems Corporation. to design a deck replacement for the Chrysler Avenue Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Project (No.112108), for an amount not to exceed \$135,572.00, and authorizing future minor change orders for an amount not to exceed \$13,557.00 and/or time extensions.
5. Council Action is requested to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, contract number 50265, for the COVID-19 and Adult Vaccination Supplemental Grant Program for reimbursement of qualified expenses up to \$62,918.
6. Council Action is requested to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the State Investment in Local Public Health Services Grant Program for reimbursement of qualified expenses up to \$105,665.

Bill No. 21-765, entitled, [Res. #6692]

“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ZACHARY MALLORY AS A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.” – *Council Interview Committee Recommendation*

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Bill No. 21-766, entitled, [Res. #6693]

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DENNIS HART, JOHN DAVIES AND ROBERT JONES AS MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.” – *Council Interview Committee Recommendation*

Bill No. 21-767, entitled, [Res. #6694]

“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAROL SALINAS AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.” – *Council Interview Committee Recommendation*

Bill No. 21-768, entitled, [Res. #6695]

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BILLIE PRESTON AND APPOINTING BRYCE YOUNG TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.” – *Council Interview Committee Recommendation*

Bill No. 21-769, entitled, [Res. #6696]

“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAY DOUGLAS TO THE INDEPENDENCE PARK COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.” – *Individual Appointment Mayor Eileen Weir*

Bill No. 21-770, entitled, [Res. #6697]

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JIM POLLARD AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF BUILDING AND ENGINEERING APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.” – *Individual Appointment Mayor Eileen Weir*

Bill No. 21-771, entitled, [Res. #6698]

“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COLLIN MCCLAIN, AUDREY ELDER AND MICHELE DEMOSS TO THE INDEPENDENCE SQUARE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

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 the motion carried, and the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA was approved.

In response to Councilmember Huff, City Manager, Zach Walker, stated that with the reclassification of the Planning & Rates Manager position to a lower pay grade there are some savings. Mr. Walker stated that IPL had operated with a Deputy Director for many years and through internal promoting and another person leaving we have operated the last two years without this position. Mr. Walker stated that instead of paying for external consultants, we are hoping to bring this position back to provide the internal management to help accomplish certain goals we have for staff. Mr. Walker confirmed that we have an Assistant City Manager who oversees all three utilities and the other departments they supervise, we have a Director of IPL and we currently have no Deputy Director at this time. Mr. Walker stated that both Water and Municipal Services have Deputy Directors as well. Councilmember Huff stated that he doesn't understand why we are reducing staff but adding more management at the top for IPL. Mr. Walker stated that staff's recommendation is that we need to achieve some of the strategic initiatives that were recently approved and need manpower. Mr. Walker stated that it was his understanding that staff was not to use external consultants to help get that done.

Councilmembers Huff and DeLuccie moved to approve Bill No. 21-764.

Bill No. 21-764, entitled, [Res. #6691]

“A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN FOR NON-REPRESENTED CITY EMPLOYEES AS ENUMERATED HEREIN ON AND AFTER THE 21ST DAY OF JUNE 21, 2021; RECLASSIFY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO MAYOR TO EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AND MOVE TO SECTION 3; RECLASSIFY PARKS & RECREATION TECHNICIAN (LEVEL 5) TO PARKS TECHNICIAN (LEVEL 3); RECLASSIFY MULTIMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR FROM LEVEL 7 TO LEVEL 8; RECLASSIFY DIGITAL CONTENT SPECIALIST FROM LEVEL 8 TO LEVEL 7; RECLASSIFY VIDEO PRODUCTION SPECIALIST TO DIGITAL PRODUCTION MANAGER; ADD COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION OUTREACH COORDINATOR (LEVEL 8); ADD UTILITY DATA SCIENTIST (LEVEL 15); RECLASSIFY PLANNING & RATE SUPERVISOR (LEVEL 17) TO PLANNING & RATE ADMINISTRATOR (LEVEL 16); ADD

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CONSTRUCTION MANAGER (LEVEL 13); ADD ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR (LEVEL 11); RECLASSIFY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (LEVEL 8) TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR (LEVEL 9); RECLASSIFY BEHAVIOR ENRICHMENT SPECIALIST & RESCUE COORDINATOR FROM LEVEL 7 TO LEVEL 8; ADD DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POWER & LIGHT (LEVEL 17); REMOVE PLANNING & RATES MANAGER.”

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.

In response to Mayor Weir, Mr. Walker stated that this service is for when the Water Department needs to cut the street to repair broken water mains. We utilize contract services repair where the cut is made. Mr. Walker stated that the contract with the current bid with the contractor has expired. When those contracts were scored originally a methodology was used with looking at the bottom line. Mr. Walker stated that under our Procurement Policy, once an intent to award has been made, other unsuccessful vendors have the right to make an appeal of that decision if they wish. In this case, Davenport Construction pointed out that when this contract was last awarded, the methodology used was different. Previously, instead of looking at only the bottom line, three-year averages over the life of the contract of estimated costs were utilized which made their contract over the long term more financially favorable. Mr. Walker stated that additionally, of the three vendors who submitted bids, only Davenport Construction is located inside city limits. The appeal went to the Director of Finance & Administration who felt that the most equitable thing was to consistently apply the scoring methodology across terms and with the Local Preference ordinance in mind, the decision was made to reverse the initial intent to award and move forward with Davenport Construction.

Councilmembers Mayor Weir and Huff moved to approve Item No. 7.

7. Council Action is requested to issue a one (1) year contract, with two (2), one-year renewal periods for Street Cut Repairs with Davenport Construction for the Water Department.

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.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Weir opened a new information only public hearing for the application by Case Development requesting a rezoning from C-2, General Commercial, to R-30/PUD, High-Density Residential/Planned Unit Development and approval of a Preliminary Development Plan, for the property located at 4580 S. Bass Pro Drive. Deputy Director of Community Development, Rick Arroyo, provided background information on this item. There being no additional speakers, Mayor Weir declared the public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

Councilmember DeLuccie stated she will vote in favor of this rezoning. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that the majority of the visions for retail development in the area have not come to pass and the land has been vacant for seventeen years. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that she does not see retail development happening there, although she had hoped it would. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that we anticipate that we will earn \$1.3 Million in real-estate taxes over the next five years to the city. If we do not rezone the property, we will not make that money and the land will continue to sit vacant. She stated that in five years when the TIF expires, the land will be rezoned residential anyway and if we amend the TIF we can take advantage of the real-estate tax income before the TIF expires that will help us pay the TIF. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that the residential homes will help Hartman Heritage, the mall and Crackerneck Creek. She stated that four or five years ago she stated that we have enough housing, but in that area we do not and that is a prime area for young professionals.

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Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he can appreciate that we want to expand the space and utilize the empty land. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he struggles with the idea that it needs to be either retail or an apartment complex. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated he spoke to constituents in the area of this development. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he believes people want to own homes and don't know that they can. He stated that he believes this is a knee jerk response to something that hasn't worked, and he wants to make things better for generations down the road. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he would like to consider postponing this item until the Board of Ethics can review contributions to other Councilmembers to determine if there is a conflict of interest.

In response to Mayor Weir, Acting City Counselor, Mitch Langford, stated that he does not believe it is appropriate to postpone this item and send this to the Board of Ethics as this is not in their purview. Mayor Weir stated that a few weeks ago Council voted on a firefighter contract and she is fairly confident that nearly every Councilmember has received campaign contributions from the Firefighter's Union, and no one abstained from that vote.

Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he believes the Board of Ethics meets to discuss matters like this and he asks that we give the Board of Ethics the opportunity to meet and review this to make a decision. In response, Councilmember DeLuccie made comment regarding interactions with Acting City Counselor from the dais.

Councilmembers Steinmeyer and Huff moved to postpone Bill No. 21-029 until the Board of Ethics can review campaign contributions for conflicts of interest.

Councilmember Stewart stated that he did not accept campaign contributions from the Firefighter's Union, and he also believes that we should postpone this item until the Board of Ethics can confirm that there are no conflicts of interest.

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

Councilmember Steinmeyer referenced an audit of the Crackerneck Creek TIF done in 2013. In response, Mr. Walker confirmed that the city has backed the bonds with full faith and credit of the city. Mr. Walker confirmed that the city had insufficient funds to pay the debt service in 2006. Mr. Walker stated that in 2006 the developer was declared to be in default but city leadership at that time chose not to take the land from the developer. Mr. Walker stated that the city has had to pay millions of dollars in debt service payments and while the recent refinancing has leveled off those payments it extends debt service out for another thirty years. Councilmember Steinmeyer asked how this apartment complex would help the city get out of this financial situation with the TIF. Mr. Walker stated the thought process for staff supporting this recommendation is that this will have little to no risk to the city and will allow us to collect real-estate taxes from the property and utilities from the residents who reside in the complex. Mr. Walker stated that he does not know that this will bring a single retail business into the TIF, but it might. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he wants to look at how multifamily units will help the city down the road, not just right now.

In response to Councilmember Huff, Mr. Walker stated that when the developer pulls permits, they will have to show that they can tie into the utility lines and not overwhelm the system. Councilmember Huff has concerns with us doing business with someone in default with the city. Councilmember Huff stated that he feels like we should worry about other things before building this apartment complex, such as police staffing.

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Bill No. 21-029, entitled, [Ord. #19219]

“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 4580 E. BASS PRO DRIVE IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

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

Mayor Weir opened a full public hearing for the application by SBD Capital Investments, LLC requesting a Preliminary Development Plan for the properties located at 2901-2925 S. Harvard Avenue. Mr. Arroyo provided background information on this item. There being no additional speakers, Mayor Weir declared the public hearing closed. *Full Public Hearing.*

Bill No. 21-030, entitled, [Ord. #19220]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2901-2925 S. HARVARD AVENUE IN DISTRICT R-6/PUD (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

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.

NON-ORDINANCE ACTION ITEMS:

Councilmember DeLuccie and Hobart moved to amend Item No. 1 to remove the request for a vehicle and would like to postpone the repayment of \$240,000 back to Parks, Recreation and Tourism based on the pandemic recovery of the Tourism Tax.

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

Councilmembers DeLuccie and Hobart moved to approve Item No. 1.

1. Budget Amendment Request No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. – *Requested by Councilmember Karen DeLuccie.*

Councilmember DeLuccie stated that the Tourism Reserve Fund has \$1.3 Million in it which is almost twice what Reserve Policy calls for. She stated that this funding will reopen the National Trails Museum, make capital improvements, and repay a note. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that even after spending money for those projects the Fund will still have excess. She asks that everyone remember how important Tourism is to our community and be supportive.

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

2. Council Action is requested to adopt an Expenditure Plan for funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”).

Councilmember DeLuccie stated that due to the timing of reestablishing our Health Department, we missed out on certain state and federal grants. This money will allow our Health Department time to rebuild. Councilmember DeLuccie asked that her fellow Councilmembers support the public health needs by providing this funding for staffing. Councilmember Perkins stated he will be supporting this item but does not want to see the same Health Department that was dismantled years ago due to redundancies between the city and county. Councilmember Perkins would like to see more focus on mental health, and we want to have partnerships with mental health and medical facilities. Councilmember Hobart stated that he agrees with both Councilmember DeLuccie and Perkins. He stated that public health issues now include mental health and homelessness, both issues are an increasing problem. Councilmember Hobart stated he is not interested in the Health Department providing birth certificates or doing immunizations that are both already being done by the county or private providers; he would like to see a new style of Health

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Department. In response to Mayor Weir, Mr. Walker confirmed that staff put together a plan for how to allocate the \$20 Million ARP Funds which was presented to the Audit and Finance Committee. This item is for the approval of that document plus this change. Mayor Weir stated that we worked a miracle to get the Health Department reestablished. The Mayor stated that her concern is that utilizing this money for ongoing expenses is an unsustainable model and this is not in line with the Council's adopted Financial Policy. Mayor Weir stated that she liked the plan that came to the Audit and Finance Committee, but her recommendation would be to postpone this item until the July 19, 2021 meeting. The Mayor stated she is reluctant to spend this money on ongoing operational expenses that we will have to find other money for down the road. The Mayor stated that it has been highly discouraged by senators, congressman and governor to use this one-time money for these expenses.

Mayor Weir moved to postpone this item until the July 19, 2021 Council Meeting.

In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Mr. Walker stated that if Council does not adopt the ARP line items for the Farmer's Market loan repayment back to the Water Fund, the Transit subsidy and the Staywell subsidy for what they were originally proposed for, we would need to come back in during the fiscal year and amend the budget to reflect the fact that those revenues weren't allocated. Mayor Weir rescinded her motion to postpone. In response to Mayor Weir, Mr. Walker stated that this item does not appropriate how the Health Department funds are to be used or specify whether it is to be used for personnel, Council will still need to appropriate and possibly update the pay plan if they choose to hire personnel.

Upon roll call on Item No. 2, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent –None. The Mayor declared the item approved.

Bill No. 21-772, entitled, [Res. #6699]

“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHERI TINDLE AND LES BOATRIGHT AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.” – *Recommendation by the Council Interview Committee*

Councilmember Stewart stated that he has a very strong objection to the recommendation of the Council Interview Committee for this position and will be voting no. He stated he has added two resolutions to the agenda with his suggestions for appointment.

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

Councilmembers Stewart and DeLuccie moved to postpone Bill No. 21-773 indefinitely.

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 motion approved.

Bill No. 21-773, entitled, [*postponed indefinitely*]

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JACK LOONEY AND APPOINTING EDWARD NESBITT AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.” – *Requested by Councilmember Brice Stewart*

Bill No. 21-774, entitled, [*failed*]

“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANTHONY GIARAMITA A AS MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.” – *Requested by Councilmember Brice Stewart*

Councilmember Stewart stated he realizes this would normally go to the Council Interview Committee, but he would like to suggest we go ahead and appoint this individual. Councilmember Perkins stated he hates to vote no on an item like this but feels we should follow the normal process and send this to the Council Interview Committee to make a recommendation and he will be voting no. Councilmember DeLuccie

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stated that she agrees with Councilmember Perkins. Mayor Weir requested for the vote to be restarted after voting had already commenced.

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

## ORDINANCES:

## Bill No. 21-024, entitled, [Ord. #19221]

“AN ORDINANCE FINDING, DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND GRADING EASEMENTS AND GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENTS FOR THE RAYMOND, HACKLESS TO MILLS STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 70131806); 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, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

## Bill No. 21-025, entitled, [Ord. #19222]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2021 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 \$153,166.00; 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, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

## Bill No. 21-026, entitled, [Ord. #19223]

“AN ORDINANCE FINDING, DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING FAÇADE EASEMENTS FOR THE TRUMAN MURAL AND TRAILS MURAL PROJECT; AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EXPERTS AS NEEDED; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS 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: Perkins, DeLuccie, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – Councilmembers: Huff, Stewart and Steinmeyer. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

## Bill No. 21-027, entitled, [Ord. #19224]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2021 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 INVESTIGATION, FOR A GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148,326.00; 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, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

## Bill No. 21-028, entitled, [Ord. #19225]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CRACKERNECK CREEK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN.”

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

Bill No. 21-031, entitled, [Ord. #19226]

“AN ORDINANCE FINDING, DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND GRADING EASEMENTS, NEW RIGHT-OF-WAY AND GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENTS FOR THE 24 HWY COMPLETE STREETS PHASE 1 (PROJECT NO.70111801); 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. Councilmember Perkins provided background information on this item and stated he is excited with the start of this project. 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. 21-032, entitled, [Ord. #19227]

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1, “CITY CEMETERY”; OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CITY CODE, SETTING FEES FOR CITY CEMETERY GRAVE SPACE AND MONUMENT BASE PRICES, AND MOVING SAID FEES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEES, ALL AMENDMENTS OUTLINED IN THIS ORDINANCE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.”

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. 21-033, entitled, [Ord. #19228]

“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022, ESTIMATING THE REVENUES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR; APPROPRIATING SUMS FOR THE PURPOSES STATED IN SAID BUDGET, ESTABLISHING OPERATING TRANSFERS, DESIGNATING FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS, ESTABLISHING THE AUTHORIZED TABLE OF ORGANIZATION, AND DESIGNATING THOSE WHO MAY MAKE A REQUISITION FOR ENCUMBRANCES AGAINST 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, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

FIRST READINGS:

Bill No. 21-034, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12.01.003 OF THE INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE TO ADD THE PHRASES SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY TO 12.01.003(C).”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 21-035, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AMENDED 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEAR 46, AND THE 2021-22 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEAR 47 FOR THE CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS, AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM YEAR 47 AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS ACT (HOME) PROGRAM YEAR 27; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A WRITTEN AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF CDBG AND HOME PROGRAM FUNDS UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974; AND MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 21-508, entitled, [Ord. #19229]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR GRACE SUBDIVISION, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”



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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 Semi-Monthly Update.
2. Municipal Division monthly case report May 2021.
3. Please Note: In accordance with RSMo 610.021, the City Council may convene in an Executive Session at 5:15 pm, in the Council Chambers and move to Conference Room D for the closed 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:

Councilmember Hobart stated the City Theater of Independence is back in business and it is a great way to get outside with family. Councilmember Hobart stated it is good to see the Lagers folks and FOP guys at the Council Meeting. Councilmember Hobart stated that this Council is coming together trying to make positive changes and do great things. He stated he will do his part to stay positive and spread that message. Councilmember Hobart sang a short birthday song.

Councilmember Steinmeyer thanked Assistant City Manager, Adam Norris, for getting him some specific answers to him regarding budget items. Councilmember Steinmeyer thanked our police officers for their service.

Councilmember DeLuccie thanked citizens who support the city. She stated that we are in need of volunteers for tourism sites, and asked residents who are interested to contact city staff.

Councilmember Huff thanked staff for handling the issue on 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mayor Weir provided details about her campaign contributions and stated she will also be submitting a quarterly report by July 15, 2021. The Mayor stated she will put together a Council committee to review what funds are needed and where we might be able to get them. Mayor Weir stated that vaccination clinics are ongoing and thanked community partners who are hosting vaccination events. Mayor Weir asked that citizens continue to get the COVID-19 vaccination. The Mayor asked for patience while businesses in the city are reopening and rebuilding. Mayor Weir stated that many businesses are struggling to have enough staff to adequately serve the community, but they are all trying very hard. Mayor Weir stated the trip to Washington D.C. last week was very successful. The Mayor stated that Community Liaison Specialist, John Mayfield, will be giving an update to the Council at the June 28, 2021 Study Session as well as the lobbyist from Jefferson City who will give a yearly wrap up presentation.

At 7:36 p.m., there being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned to a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., July 6, 2021, in the Council Chambers.

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

ATTEST:

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REGULAR MEETING  
June 21, 2021

City Clerk