

## REGULAR MEETING

December 6, 2021

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

John Mayfield, Constituent Services and Legislative Affairs Officer, 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:

Councilmembers DeLuccie and Huff made a motion to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to allow for non-residents to speak.

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.

Gerry Winship spoke to Council regarding the Noland Road ordinance.

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Councilmember Stewart requested that Item No. 3 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmembers Huff and DeLuccie moved to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA minus Item No. 3 to be considered separately.

1. Approval is recommended on the certification of the November 2, 2021 Special Election results, from the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners.
2. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meetings on November 1, 2021 and November 15, 2021.
4. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to ESRI in the amount of \$52,100.00 for the Advantage Program – a collaborative engagement to assist in defining and executing a geospatial strategy.
5. Approval of Stop-loss insurance for the City's self-insurance health program.
6. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to approve a geotechnical engineering and inspection services contract with Wilson & Company for an amount not to exceed \$52,486, authorizing future minor change orders for an amount not to exceed \$5,200 for the Bison Park Sanitary Sewers Improvement Project (No. 302003).
7. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Anixter Inc, in the amount of \$90,580.00, for New Handhelds for the Meter Reading Department for the Power & Light Department.
8. Council action is requested to issue a one (1) year contract, with two (2), one year renewal periods to Monaco Property Services (MPS) DBA MO TURF CARE, for Abatement Services for the Community Development Department.
9. Council action is requested to issue a contract to Monaco Property Services (MPS) DBA MO TURF CARE, in the amount of 100,000.00, for Illegal Dumping Removal for the Municipal Services Department.
10. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity, in the amount of \$50,000.00, for '21-'22 Weatherization Program for the Power & Light Department.

Bill No. 21-827, entitled, [Res. #6747]

“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE POLICY.”

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Bill No. 21-828, entitled, [Res. #6748]

“A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN FOR NON-REPRESENTED CITY EMPLOYEES AS ENUMERATED HEREIN ON AND AFTER THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2021; RECLASSIFY LABORATORY ASSISTANT FROM LEVEL 1 TO LEVEL 6; ADD DEPUTY CITY MANAGER (EXECUTIVE 1); ADD INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPERVISOR (LEVEL 14); RECLASSIFY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (LEVEL 13) TO COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER (LEVEL 15); RECLASSIFY ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR (LEVEL 12) TO ACCOUNTING MANAGER (LEVEL 13); ADD FINANCE OPERATIONS MANAGER (LEVEL 13); ADD FINANCE TREASURY/DEBT MANAGER (LEVEL 13); ADD FINANCE ANALYST (LEVEL 10).”

Bill No. 21-829, entitled, [Res. #6749]

“A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI ADDING LEAVE TIME FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE.”

Bill No. 21-830, entitled, [Res. #6750]

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARCIA VANVELZEN TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

Bill No. 21-831, entitled, [Res. #6751]

“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROHN GROTENHUIS TO THE MAYOR’S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON THE ARTS.” - *Individual Appointment-Mayor Eileen Weir*

Bill No. 21-832, entitled, [Res. #6752]

“A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY GIARAMITA TO THE STORM WATER CONTROL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.” - *Individual Appointment-Councilmember Mike Huff*

Bill No. 21-833, entitled, [Res. #6753]

“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANNALISA DEATON TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

Bill No. 21-834, entitled, [Res. #6754]

“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GLEN ESPLIN TO THE TOURISM COMMISSION 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 declared the motion carried, and the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA was approved.

In response to Councilmember Stewart, City Manager, Zach Walker, provided background information on Item No. 3.

Councilmembers Stewart and DeLuccie moved to approve Item No. 3.

3. Council action is requested on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 1 (FOP).

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.

## NON-ORDINANCE ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Walker provided background information on Non-Ordinance Action Item No. 1 and reasoning behind postponing this indefinitely.

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Councilmembers DeLuccie and Hobart moved to postpone Non-Ordinance Action Item No. 1 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.

1. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to General Electric International, Inc. in the amount of \$1,909,344.00 for the inspection and repair of the generator rotor for Combustion Turbine H5.-Postponed from the July 19, 2021 Council Meeting
2. Council action is requested on the change of ownership application from 11215 Independence, LLC for the Retail Selling of Intoxicating Liquor of All Kinds in the Original Package license for the Sterling Apple Market located at 11215 E. US 24 Hwy.

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.

## ORDINANCES:

Bill No. 21-081, entitled, [Ord. #19279]

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.35.003 OF THE INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO STRUCTURE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH.”

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. 21-515, entitled, [Ord. #19280]

“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020- 2021 BUDGET, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 19131. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES MAY RECEIVE TWO READINGS AND BE VOTED ON AT THE SAME MEETING.” – *Second reading was postponed from November 15, 2021 meeting.*

was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. In response to Councilmember Huff, Mr. Walker gave more information regarding glass that was installed at the Event Center and gave more information regarding this item. 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. 21-082, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT O-1 (OFFICE-RESIDENTIAL) TO DISTRICT C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR THE SOUTH PART OF 2400 S. LEE’S SUMMIT ROAD IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 21-083, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A BODY ART SHOP AT 2400 S. LEE’S SUMMIT ROAD, SUITE 150, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 21-084, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE FINDING, DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND GRADING EASEMENTS AND GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENTS FOR THE RALSTON STORMWATER PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 131805); 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.”

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was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 21-085, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE TERMINATING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING WITHIN THE HARTMAN HERITAGE PARK REDEVELOPMENT AREA; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING THERETO.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 21-086, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.”

was given its first reading by title. In response to Mayor Weir, Mr. Walker provided background information on this item.

Bill No. 21-516, entitled, [Ord. #19281]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR NOLAND FASHION SQUARE, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

was given its first and second reading by title and placed on final passage. Councilmember DeLuccie reminded the public this and the next bill are read as emergencies because they are final plats. 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. 21-517, entitled, [Ord. #19282]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR TRAIL RIDGE PLAZA – REPLAT A, 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. 21-518, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NEED TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY FOR THE AMELIORATION OF CONDITIONS WHICH CONSTITUTE BLIGHT IN THE CITY BY NEGOTIATION, OR, IF NECESSARY, BY CONDEMNATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO OBTAIN AND EXECUTE ALL INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY FOR ACQUISITION OF SUCH LAND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

was given its first reading by title. In response to Mayor Weir, Mr. Walker provided some background information on this item. In response to Councilmember Stewart, Mr. Walker provided additional information about why this item is listed as an emergency ordinance. Mr. Walker stated that the city has tried to contact the property owner through all possible means. Mr. Walker stated that there are no citation issues, but the building has been tagged dangerous. Mr. Walker provided additional background information. Councilmember Stewart stated he has an issue with reading this as an emergency and asked the process for postponing the second reading.

Mayor Weir called for five-minute recess. Mayor Weir called the meeting back to order at 6:38 p.m.

City Counselor, Jeremy Cover, advised that a motion can be made to postpone the second reading of Bill No. 21-518 to the next Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Cover advised that if a motion is not made or the motion fails, then a vote on the second reading would take place.

Councilmembers Stewart and DeLuccie moved to postpone the second reading of Bill No. 21-518 until the December 20, 2021, Council Meeting.

Upon roll call to postpone Bill No. 21-518, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion approved.

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INFORMATION ONLY:

Mayor Weir brought attention to the COVID-19 Semi-Monthly Update. In response to Mayor Weir, Director of Health and Animal Services, Christina Heinen, provided additional information regarding the Advisory Board of Health letter in support of pediatric vaccines. Ms. Heinen stated she would work with our Communications Manager to make the letter easily accessible to the public on the website.

1. COVID-19 Semi-Monthly Update.
2. Advisory Board of Health Letter in Support of Pediatric Vaccines.
3. The City Clerk's Office is in receipt of the Arrowhead Community Improvement District Annual Report ending June 30, 2021.
4. Purchase order 22000566, in the amount of \$95,000.00 was issued to Shaner Appraisals Inc, DBA: Valbridge Property Advisors for Property Appraisal Services for the 24 Highway Complete Streets Project for the Municipal Services Department.
5. 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 Huff stated that he would like to see more background information regarding the Noland Fashion Square area.

Councilmember Perkins talked about the Living Windows event and thanked everyone for the time and effort put into the event.

Councilmember DeLuccie stated she enjoyed the music at the Living Windows event. She stated that the Vaile Mansion, Bingham-Waggoner Estate and National Frontier Trails Museum are open and decorated for the holidays and encourages citizens to visit. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that unfortunately the Chicago Alton Depot is not open because we don't have enough volunteers this year. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that Councilmembers Huff and Hobart worked wonders at the Palmer Center Senior Luncheon.

Councilmember Steinmeyer thanked everyone who reached out to him and his family since the loss of his father in-law.

Councilmember Hobart thanked Jodie Krantz who started the Living Windows program here in Independence and stated it was such a nice event. Councilmember Hobart stated it was very nice to see people out and about enjoying themselves. Councilmember Hobart gave condolences to Councilmember Steinmeyer for his recent loss.

Mayor Weir stated that there are still a lot of ways to celebrate Christmas. The Mayor stated the Vaile Mansion and other historic sites are decked out for the holidays and are beautiful and encouraged people to visit. Mayor Weir stated that the Truman Library is open three days and selling advance tickets only. Mayor Weir provided information about additional upcoming holiday events. Mayor Weir spoke about Senator Bob Dole's passing and some of his local achievements and visits. Mayor Weir talked about working with the Metropolitan Community College to use their facility for our Police Academy and

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believes it will be a great enhancement to our recruitment. Mayor Weir wished Police Chief Brad Halsey well wishes in his retirement.

At 6:52 p.m., there being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned to a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., December 20, 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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City Clerk