

## REGULAR MEETING

February 28, 2022

The Independence City Council met for a Special Called Meeting, February 28, 2022, at 7:28 p.m., virtually held via Microsoft Teams and in person, 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. Councilmember Karen DeLuccie attended virtually.

### CITIZENS REQUEST TO SPEAK:

Kevin Baird spoke to Council regarding IPL's proposed new generation plan.

Bridgett McCandless spoke to Council regarding the IPL generator item.

Lowell Krofft spoke to Council regarding the IPL new generation plan.

### NON-ORDINANCE ACTION ITEMS:

1. Council action is recommended to authorize the City Manager to execute a Letter of Intent with PROENERGY Services, LLC and/or its assignees for the Independence Power & Light Substation A Generation Project, RFP 21094.

Councilmember DeLuccie stated she is in favor of this project. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated there are other questions that should be considered, such as the debt and what we are getting in return. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he feels because this is a public utility that we need more input from the public. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated it may be beneficial to hold a public hearing before voting on this item. Mayor Weir stated that public input is critical, and she has strongly encouraged PUAB to hold public hearings and to this point they have not, but that opportunity is still an option. Mayor Weir stated that Council would like to hear directly from the experts that have been consulted on this item. Mayor Weir stated that it will take the community coming forward to help organize a Town Hall event to allow the public to ask the questions to the appropriate people. Mayor Weir stated that she believes we should still use internal staff and not go the IPL strategic planning route. Mayor Weir stated that a public vote of this magnitude may be warranted. Mayor Weir stated that if Council does not direct staff to move forward, we will not get a chance to ask the needed questions and stated that this is a necessary step to bring forward the experts for this community to make this very important decision. Mayor Weir stated that she will be supporting this item.

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 item approved.

### INFORMATION ONLY:

1. 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:

In response to Councilmember Stewart, City Manager, Zach Walker, stated he would work with staff to supply the count of active city credit cards to the Council.

Councilmember Perkins recognized Officer Tanner Phillips with the Police Department for receiving the MACIT Crisis Intervention Officer of the Year award presented at a ceremony held at the KCPD headquarters.

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Councilmember Hobart confirmed that IPD is getting four new officers sworn in tomorrow.

Mayor Weir congratulated Officer Phillips on his award. Mayor Weir stated that the second Mental Health Town Hall meeting will be held tomorrow and provided details about the event. Mayor Weir gave information about the EDC quarterly luncheon being held this week.

At 7:51 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned to a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., March 7, 2022, 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