

REGULAR MEETING

March 21, 2022

The Independence City Council met for a Regular Meeting, March 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., virtually held via Microsoft Teams and in person, in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Tammy Lay, Office of Seventy with Community of Christ Church, 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. Councilmember Karen DeLuccie attended virtually.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Councilmember Stewart requested that Item No. 7 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmembers Huff and Steinmeyer moved to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA minus Item No. 7.

1. A request for Council approval to authorize the City Manager to direct the Police Department to submit applications and participate in the 2022/2023 DWI Enforcement Grant as provided through the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Division.
2. A request for Council approval to authorize the City Manager to direct the Police Department to submit applications and participate in the 2022/2023 Occupant Protection 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 2022/2023 Hazardous Moving Violation grant as provided through the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Division.
4. A request for Council approval to authorize the City Manager to direct the Police Department to submit applications and participate in the 2022/2023 Data Projects (E-Ticketing Expansion) grant as provided through the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Division.
5. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Motorola Solutions Inc (Motorola), for the \$62,289.60 purchase of (12) Mobile Radios for the Police Department.
6. Council action to award a purchase order to Holthouse Construction LLC, in the amount of \$492,008.00, for the Truman Road Water Main Replacement (Powell Rd. to M-78 Highway) for the Water Department.
8. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Molle Chevrolet, for \$76,751.64 for the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet 5500 with a Dump Bed for the Parks Department.
9. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to WesTech Engineering, for \$159,477.00 for the refurbishment of a dual cage drive installed on Contact Basin No. 8 at the Courtney Bend Water Treatment Plant for the Water Department.
10. Council action to award a purchase order to Insko Industries, in the amount of \$199,980.00, for substation coating for the Power & Light Department.
11. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Altec Industries, Inc. (Altec), in the amount of \$254,888.00, for a bucket truck for the Power and Light Department.
12. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Altec Industries, Inc. (Altec), in the amount of \$164,136.00, for a bucket truck for the Power and Light Department.
13. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Altec Industries, Inc. (Altec), in the amount of \$299,823.00, for a digger derrick for the Power and Light Department.

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14. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Broadcast Microwave Services (BMS), in the amount of \$87,418.44, for Mobile Data Terminals for the Police Department.

Bill No. 22-723, entitled, [Res. #6780]

“A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

Bill No. 22-726, entitled, [Res. #6781]

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MICHELE CRUMBAUGH AND ANGIE JUDY AS A MEMBERS OF THE BRAND INDEPENDENCE COMMITTEE.” – *INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENT-MAYOR EILEEN WEIR & COUNCIL APPOINTMENT*

Bill No. 22-727, entitled, [Res. #6782]

“A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN FOR NON-REPRESENTED CITY EMPLOYEES AS ENUMERATED HEREIN ON AND AFTER THE 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2022; ADD FINANCE OPERATIONS MANAGER (LEVEL 13); ADD FINANCE TREASURE/DEBT MANAGER (LEVEL 13); ADD FINANCE ANALYST (LEVEL 10); ADD CUSTOMER SERVICES ASSISTANT (LEVEL 5); RECLASSIFY ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR (LEVEL 12) TO ACCOUNTING MANAGER (LEVEL 13).”

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, Major Keith Leap with the Police Department provided additional information about Item No. 7.

Councilmembers Stewart and Huff moved to approve Item No. 7.

7. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Safe Fleet Mobile-Vision Inc (Safe Fleet), in the amount of \$80,475.00, for in-car video camera systems for the Police 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.

NON-ORDINANCE ACTION ITEMS:

1. Council action is requested on the approval of 2022-2023 Casualty Insurance (Liability) Renewal.

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. 22-016, entitled, [Ord. #19310]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AMENDED 2021-22 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND MAKING THE NECESSARY 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. 22-017, entitled, [Ord. #19311]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE MISSOURI STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (SEMA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,935.02 FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP); AUTHORIZING FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OR TIME EXTENSIONS FOR THE SAME PROJECT; MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS.”

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

FIRST READINGS:

Bill No. 22-018, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTRACT WITH JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, WHICH CALLS FOR JACKSON COUNTY TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,000.00 TO THE CITY FOR INDEPENDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S LAW ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL BASED INITIATIVE CALLED S.T.E.P.”
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 22-019, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT C-1 (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) AND C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO DISTRICT C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR 16813 E. 23RD STREET S. (A.K.A. 16801 E. 23RD STREET S. AND 2304 S. M-291 HIGHWAY), IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No.22-020, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7.10.004 OF THE INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE TO INCLUDE A PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF VEHICLES WITH AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE CONSTRUCTED OR SO OUT OF REPAIR AS TO CREATE LOUD OR UNNECESSARY NOISE.
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 22-021, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO DISTRICT R-6 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR 16000 E. 23RD STREET S., IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”
was given its first reading by title.

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. Municipal Division monthly case report February 2022
2. Mayor Weir’s travel to Washington, DC trip for Legislative Meetings (traveling with John Mayfield) from Tuesday, March 29 – Thursday, March 31, 2022.
3. COVID-19 Semi-Monthly Update
4. 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, Deputy City Manager, Adam Norris, stated he is not directly involved with the Police Department but recalls conversations around looking into grant funding for body cams and stated he will look into it and get a more detailed response to Council. Councilmember Stewart stated that at the next Council Meeting he will put forth a resolution to direct the City Manager to find funding for body cams. In response to Councilmember Stewart, Mr. Norris stated that our pothole response time when reported is 48-72 hours and then those requests are closed through the online system.

In response to Councilmember Huff, Mr. Norris advised that we started patching potholes last week.

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Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that someone attempted to vandalize his personal vehicle at his residence and reminded citizens to be vigilant, lock their doors and be aware of neighborhood surroundings. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that Police Department does a great job with the manpower they have, and neighbors should be looking out for each other as well.

Councilmember Hobart stated he has spoken with the Kansas City Councilmember for the district that is next to his and they have been doing homeless outreach for some time. Councilmember Hobart stated he wanted to let citizens near his district know that Kansas City is working on things from their side as well. Councilmember Hobart shared his hopes for Councilmember DeLuccie to return in person soon.

Mayor Weir stated that in her discussions with the City Manager about the upcoming budget, she has asked him to focus on body cams and fund balance. The Mayor stated it is always helpful to the City Manager when Councilmembers individually and as a group provide that direction as he's preparing the budget. Mayor Weir stated that Kansas City now has an app to report potholes similar to Independence.

At 6:15 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned to a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., April 4, 2022, in the Council Chambers.

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk