

REGULAR MEETING

May 2, 2022

The Independence City Council met for a Regular Meeting, May 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Muriel Luedeman provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rory Rowland, Presiding Officer of the City Council, called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following members of the City Council were present: Jared Fears, John Perkins, Brice Stewart, Mike Steinmeyer, Daniel Hobart and Mayor Rory Rowland. Absent – None. *At the time of this meeting, one At-Large seat on the Council is currently vacant.*

Councilmembers Stewart and Perkins moved to read the agenda out of order. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Stewart, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion approved.

PRESENTATION RESOLUTION:

Councilmembers Hobart and Stewart moved to approve Bill No. 22-741.

Bill No. 22-741, entitled, [Res. #6795]
“A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JACOB HAYGOOD, TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR II, WITH THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AS THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2022.”
Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Stewart, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO SPEAK:

Councilmembers Steinmeyer and Hobart moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to allow for non-residents to speak. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Stewart, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion approved.

Teresa Tweedie spoke to Council regarding the Northpoint Development.

Robert Brackenbury spoke to Council regarding the Northpoint Development.

Terri Hoeflicker spoke to Council regarding the Northpoint Development.

Tom Lesnak spoke to Council regarding the Eastgate Commerce Center Project.

Doug Cowan spoke to Council regarding the Northpoint Development.

Floyd Hawkins spoke to Council regarding the Northpoint Development.

Thomas Meyer spoke to Council regarding the Northpoint Development.

Erin Binney spoke to Council regarding the Northpoint Development.

Jason Snodgrass spoke to Council regarding the Northpoint Development.

Damon Miles spoke to Council regarding the Northpoint Development.

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James Wendleton spoke to Council regarding Hotel Lodging, benefits to tourism and tax revenue.

Leslie Schuenemeyer spoke to Council regarding the Northpoint Development.

Randall Pratt spoke to Council regarding the Eastgate Commerce Center.

Bobby Dietzel spoke to Council regarding the Eastgate Commerce Center.

Keith Fogliani spoke to Council regarding Necessary Road.

Brent Miles spoke to Council regarding the Northpoint Development and Eastgate Commerce Center.

PROCLAMATIONS:

City Clerk, Becky Behrens, read a proclamation for National Historic Preservation Month. Mayor Rowland presented the proclamation to Duane Stephens.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Councilmember Stewart requested that Bill No. 22-745 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmembers Hobart and Fears moved to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA minus Bill No. 22-745.

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meetings on April 4, 2022, and April 18, 2022.
2. Council action to award a purchase order to Emerald Electrical Consultants, in the amount of \$255,799.21, for Substation A 20MVAR Capacitor Bank Addition Construction for the Power & Light Department.
3. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Rand Construction for \$105,665.00 for the Fire Line Repair project for the Power & Light Department.
4. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order for \$1,097,992.00 to Worldwide Industries Corporation ("Worldwide") for a 39th Street Reservoir rehabilitation project for the Water Department.
5. Council action is requested to issue a one (1) year contract, with three (3), one-year renewal periods for Lawn Care with Bettis Enterprises, Inc for the Power & Light Department.
6. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$60,481.35 to MacQueen Equipment Inc for (27 sets) for Fire Fighter Personal Protective Gear for the Fire Department.
7. 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 51723, for the Local Public Health Disparities Initiative Grant Program for reimbursement of qualified expenses up to \$291,500.

Bill No. 22-742, entitled, [Res. #6796]

"A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KRISTY DEMEYER, DUSTIN HENRICH AND MAAJU HANAOKA AS A MEMBER OF THE JAPANESE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE."

Bill No. 22-743, entitled, [Res. #6797]

"A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRYSTA SEVIC THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI."

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Bill No. 22-744, entitled, [Res. #6798]

“A RESOLUTION ALTERING PROVISIONS OF THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE PERTAINING TO APPOINTMENTS OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 6010.”

Bill No. 22-746, entitled, [Res. #6800]

“A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE SCOPE OF THE INDEPENDENCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INCENTIVE COMMISSION.”

Bill No. 22-747, entitled, [Res. #6801]

“A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THAT ALL USERS WHO ARE GRANTED ACCESS TO THE CITY’S INFORMATION RESOURCES AGREE TO AND ABIDE BY THE CITY’S ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY.”

Bill No. 22-748, entitled, [Res. #6802]

“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER JARED FEARS TO THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE AND DESIGNATING COUNCILMEMBER DANIEL HOBART TO CHAIR THE COMMITTEE.”

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Stewart, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried, and the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA was approved.

Councilmembers Stewart and Perkins moved to approve Bill No. 22-745. In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, City Counselor advised that Bill No. 22-745 is not the approval for the rezoning.

Bill No. 22-745, entitled, [Res. #6799]

“A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATING PROPERTIES ALONG THE LITTLE BLUE PARKWAY, E. M-78 HIGHWAY AND E. TRUMAN ROAD TO EITHER BUSINESS PARK OR INDUSTRIAL USES IN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.”

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Rowland opened a new information only public hearing for the application by NorthPoint Development requesting a rezoning from R-6/PUD, Single-Family Residential/Planned Unit Development, and C-2/PUD, General Commercial/Planned Unit Development, to I-1, Industrial, for the property located north of M-78 Highway, west of Little Blue River, and east of Little Blue Parkway. Assistant Community Development Director, Rick Arroyo, provided background information on this item. Councilmember Steinmeyer shared his position regarding this item and does not feel like this project makes economic sense. In response to Councilmember Fears, Deputy City Manager, Adam Norris, stated that PILOT is the largest source of revenue to our General Fund. Mr. Norris provide additional information about the CID and sales taxes for this area. David Martin, with Gilmore & Bell, the Economic Development Counsel to the City, provided additional information about sales tax and property tax for this project. Councilmember Fears stated that we would have ongoing revenue from sales tax as well as from the CID to help with expenses. In response to Councilmember Hobart, Mr. Martin advised the difference between the Crackerneck Creek TIF and this CID. Councilmember Hobart shared his position regarding this item and stated he just wanted to help citizens understand where the money is coming from. Councilmember Steinmeyer shared a breakdown of percentages that different entities will

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get from the revenue of this project. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he is not against development, but he believes we could do this better. Mayor Rowland declared the public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

Councilmembers Steinmeyer and Stewart moved to postpone Bill No. 22-030 for 30 days.

Councilmember Perkins stated that the Council received information regarding the CID and will be voting no on this motion. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he would like the opportunity to review all documents related to the CID before voting on Bill No. 22-030. In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, Deputy City Manager, Adam Norris, stated that Bill No. 22-030 is the rezoning of this area and later on the agenda is a development agreement which is the document that Councilmember Steinmeyer is referring to. Mr. Norris stated that the development agreement contemplates the eventual formation of the CID that will come before Council as an ordinance before being formed. Mr. Norris stated that the Economic Development and Incentives Commission reviewed and approved the agreement. In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, Mr. Norris stated that the only document that mentions the CID is the development agreement and was provided with the first reading of the ordinance for the development agreement at the last regular meeting. In response to Mayor Rowland, Mr. Norris provided information regarding the sales tax and building assessment funds that can be used by the city for the area. In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, Deputy Fire Chief, Kirk Stobart, stated some information regarding the approximate cost of the most recent fire station built. Deputy Chief Stobart stated that the sales tax increase that was passed in November will be used to possibly build new stations, rebuilds, staffing and new equipment among other things. Deputy Chief Stobart provided information about a study being done to see where placement would be for a new station and this type of development is being considered in the planning. Deputy Chief Stobart provided information regarding Fire Station 8 and Fire Station 5 and advised the final report of this study will be available in September. Councilmember Hobart asked that we stay on topic with the Northpoint Development and stated that we are not currently discussing the fire station planning. In response to Mayor Rowland, Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he has concerns that if we don't have the revenue to pay for one new fire station, we likely will not have the revenue to build multiple. Councilmember Perkins stated that Council prepared for new development by having the two ballot initiatives that were passed by the citizens for IFD and IPD in November so that we could make improvements and do things right this year. In response to Mayor Rowland, Deputy Chief Stobart stated that he is fairly confident that with the sales tax increase IFD can provide services to this area. Mr. Norris stated that the fire stations being discussed were already planned for replacement regardless of this development. Councilmember Hobart asked for a vote on the motion. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated he would like to hear from the Police Chief. Mayor Rowland invited Interim Police Chief, Adam Dustman, to speak to Council. In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, Interim Chief Dustman stated that we would need to increase staffing for the Police Department and cannot speculate on what the needs will be because it depends on many different factors but would hope that the city would include public safety staffing when planning any development. City Manager, Zach Walker, attended virtually and provided additional information about CIDs.

Councilmembers Hobart and Fears moved to call the question on the motion to postpone Bill No. 22-030.

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

Upon roll call to postpone Bill No. 22-030 for 30 days, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Stewart and Steinmeyer. Noes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion failed.

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In response to Councilmember Fears, Mr. Cover advised that there is no legal conflict of interest regarding Councilmember Fears' affiliation as a member of the Community of Christ Church. Councilmember Fears shared his thoughts regarding development of the Little Blue Valley. Councilmember Fears stated that he has had far more individual emails in support of this development than opposed and he will be voting in favor of this item. In response to Councilmember Stewart, Mr. Miles provided information regarding how the tax incentives with this project compare to what other cities have given. Councilmember Stewart stated that he likes aspects of this project, but he has a lot of concerns about what the city will get out of this and will be voting no.

Councilmembers Hobart and Stewart moved to call the question on Bill No. 22-030. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – Councilmembers: Stewart and Steinmeyer. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion approved.

Bill No. 22-030, entitled, [Ord. #19322]
 “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT R-6/PUD (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) AND C-2/PUD (GENERAL COMMERCIAL/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO DISTRICT I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) FOR PROPERTIES ALONG M-78 HIGHWAY, E. TRUMAN ROAD AND LITTLE BLUE PARKWAY, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”
 Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – Councilmembers: Stewart and Steinmeyer. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Mayor Rowland opened a new information public hearing for the application by NorthPoint Development requesting a rezoning from R-6, Single-Family Residential, R-6/PUD, Single-Family Residential/Planned Unit Development, O-1, Office-Residential, and C-1, Neighborhood Commercial, to BP/PUD, Business Park/Planned Unit Development, and to approve a preliminary development plan for the property located at 20226 R.D. Mize Road and approximately 2411 S. Little Blue Parkway. Assistant Community Development Director, Rick Arroyo, provided background information on this item. Mayor Rowland declared the public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

Bill No. 22-031, entitled, [Ord. #19323]
 “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT R-6 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), DISTRICT R-6/PUD (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT), O-1 (OFFICE RESIDENTIAL) AND DISTRICT C-1 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO DISTRICT BP/PUD (BUSINESS PARK/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) AND APPROVING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO REZONE PROPERTIES NORTH OF R.D. MIZE ROAD AND EAST OF THE LITTLE BLUE PARKWAY, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”
 Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – Councilmembers: Stewart and Steinmeyer. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Mayor Rowland opened a new information only public hearing for the application by NorthPoint Development requesting a rezoning from C-2/PUD, General Commercial/Planned Unit Development, to BP/PUD, Business Park/Planned Unit Development and approve a preliminary development plan for the property located at Truman Road, M-78 Highway and Little Blue Parkway. Assistant Community Development Director, Rick Arroyo, provided background information on this item. Mayor Rowland declared the public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

Bill No. 22-032, entitled, [Ord. #19324]
 “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT R-6/PUD (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT), C-2/PUD (GENERAL COMMERCIAL/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO DISTRICT BP/PUD (BUSINESS PARK/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) AND APPROVING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PROPERTIES AROUND THE M-78 HIGHWAY, E. TRUMAN ROAD, AND THE LITTLE BLUE PARKWAY.”

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

NON-ORDINANCE ACTION ITEMS:

Bill No. 22-749, entitled, [Res. #6803]

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO RESEARCH LOCAL GOVERNMENT BEST PRACTICES REGARDING ELECTED OFFICIALS CODE OF ETHICS, CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS, TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER ACTION RELATED TO THESE ITEMS BY JUNE 27TH, 2022.”

In response to Councilmember Stewart, Mr. Cover advised that term limit changes would require a Charter Amendment. Mayor Rowland provided background information about why he asked for this item to be added to the agenda. Mr. Walker provided information about how staff would proceed if passed. In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, Mayor Rowland stated that he feels we need to have a sense of fairness across the board.

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

Bill No. 22-750, entitled, [Res. #6804]

“A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION 6763 WHICH DIRECTED THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE AN EXTERNAL FORENSIC AUDIT OF THE STAY WELL FUND.”

In response to Councilmember Hobart, Mr. Norris provided information about the change from a forensic audit to a performance audit for the Stay Well Committee and stated this will address all the questions for the Stay Well Committee.

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

Bill No. 22-751, entitled, [Res. #6805]

“A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENT TO REFRAIN FROM ADDING THE 97-ACRE FORMER ROCKWOOD GOLF COURSE TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE PARKS SYSTEM AND DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENT TO FURTHER REFRAIN FROM MOVING THE SOLAR PANEL PARK FROM THE PROPERTY AT THIS TIME.”

In response to Councilmember Stewart, Mr. Norris advised that the Parks Commission voted on this first and then the PUAB. In response to Councilmember Stewart stating his concern with the Parks Commission vote, Mr. Cover referenced City Code Section 1.09.005 and Resolution 5466. Mr. Cover advised that a resolution is insufficient to amend the City Code and that the Parks Commission would remain at 7 members with the advisory members not able to count toward a quorum or have the ability to vote. In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, Mr. Cover advised that his position is that advisory members are not able to vote, but it would be up to the Parks Commission if they wish to take up previous matters. In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, Mr. Walker provided more information regarding the Parks Commission vote and advised that staff's recommendation would remain the same to not translate this into the part of our park system.

Councilmembers Stewart and Steinmeyer moved to send this item to the Parks Commission to vote on again and make recommendation to Council.

Councilmember Hobart stated that this going back to the Parks Commission would make no difference. Councilmember Hobart stated that the issue with this resolution is that the City does not own the solar panels and we still have a 30 year lease to keep those panels there and buy power from them. Councilmember Hobart stated that even if this is passed, we can't afford to make it a park. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that in 2025 we have the ability to renegotiate.

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Upon roll call on the motion to send this item back to the Parks Commission, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Stewart and Steinmeyer. Noes – Councilmember Fears, Perkins, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion approved.

Upon roll call of Bill No. 22-751, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – Councilmembers: Stewart and Steinmeyer. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

ORDINANCES:

Bill No. 22-029, entitled, [Ord. #19325]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, ACTING THROUGH ITS MUNICIPAL UTILITY, INDEPENDENCE POWER AND LIGHT AND MISSOURI NETWORK ALLIANCE D/B/A BLUE BIRD NETWORK, LLC, FOR POLE ATTACHMENTS. THIS WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON ANY TAX REVENUES OR GENERAL REVENUES.”

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

Bill No. 22-033, entitled, [Ord. #19326]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2022-2026 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AND FY 2022-23 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS, AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS; 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 second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Stewart, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Bill No. 22-034, entitled, [Ord. #19327]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC. AND THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

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

Bill No. 22-035, entitled, [Ord. #19328]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY FOR THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL FOR THE COUNCILMEMBER AT-LARGE, ESTABLISHING A PRIMARY ELECTION ON AUGUST 2, 2022, AND A GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, PROVIDING THAT THE PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BECOME THE GENERAL ELECTION IF NO MORE THAN TWO CANDIDATES FILE FOR THIS POSITION.”

was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. In response to Councilmember Stewart, City Clerk, Becky Behrens, stated that packets will be available after the meeting if this item passes. Mayor Rowland stated that he wished he had the opportunity to serve with Karen DeLuccie, but we have an obligation to citizens to proceed as the Missouri statutes recommend. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Stewart, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Bill No. 22-036, entitled, [Ord. #19329]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND NORTHPOINT DEVELOPMENT, LLC AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.”

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was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Mayor Rowland shared his feelings regarding this item and more information about plans for the area. Mayor Rowland stated this project is not like Bass Pro and he anticipates this being the biggest developments in our lifetime. Mayor Rowland stated that he wants to be sure that bonds will not be backed by the city without a citizen vote. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – Councilmembers: Stewart and Steinmeyer. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

FIRST READINGS:

Bill No. 22-037, entitled
“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EARLY REPAYMENT OF THE INTERFUND LOAN FROM THE WATER FUND TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS SALES TAX FUND FOR THE FARMERS MARKET PROJECT.”
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 22-038, entitled
“AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 1.22.022 OF THE CITY CODE TO ALLOW FOR THE COLLECTION OF A SEVEN DOLLAR FEE, AS PART OF COURT COSTS, ON INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPAL COURT CASES, FOR REMITTANCE TO THE STATEWIDE COURT AUTOMATION FUND.”
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 22-039, entitled
“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A CAR WASH AT 17620 E. 39TH STREET, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 22-040, entitled
“AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 19321 CREATING A CHARTER AMENDMENT ADVISORY BOARD.”
was given its first reading by title.

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. Report on purchase agreements \$50,000 and above.
2. The City Clerk's Office is in receipt of the Ramsgate Community Improvement District Annual Report ending December 31, 2020 and Proposed Budget for 2022.
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 Perkins introduced the new Management Analyst, Eric Green.

Mayor Rowland provided background on a quote he will use at each meeting and stated, “We cannot manage a secret.”

At 9:03 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned to a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., May 16, 2022, in the Council Chambers.

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Presiding Officer of the City Council
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ATTEST:

City Clerk