

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
November 23, 2022

The Independence City Council met for a Special Called Meeting, November 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Ross Beaudoin, Deacon, St. James Catholic Church, provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Scout Josh Hemmingway of Troop 173.

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, Daniel Hobart and Mayor Rory Rowland. Absent – Councilmember Steinmeyer. Councilmembers Stewart and Hobart attended virtually. *At the time of this meeting, one At-Large seat on the Council is currently vacant.*

Mayor Rowland instructed City Clerk, Becky Behrens, to administer the Oath of Office to the Councilmember elect.

Ms. Behrens administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Bridgett McCandless.

Mayor Rowland, Presiding Office of the City Council, instructed the City Clerk to call the roll of the new City Council. Upon roll call, the following members of the City Council were present: Jared Fears, John Perkins, Brice Stewart, Bridget McCandless, Daniel Hobart, and Mayor Rory Rowland. Absent: Councilmember Steinmeyer. Councilmembers Stewart and Steinmeyer attended virtually.

**INFORMATION ONLY:**

1. The certified results of the November 8, 2022, Special At-Large Councilmember election, from the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners have been received by the City Clerk.
2. Please Note: In accordance with RSMo 610.021, the City Council may convene in an Executive Session during or after the meeting, 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 Stewart congratulated Councilmember McCandless. Councilmember Stewart shared a concern he has with an item that was removed by staff from the November 21, 2022, Council Meeting after being posted for ten days. Councilmember Stewart stated that he received an email from staff advising that staff needed more time to work on the item and it was removed from the agenda. Councilmember Stewart shared his concerns with this practice and would like this to be further discussed during the Strategic Planning Session on November 28, 2022. In response to Councilmember Stewart, Mayor Rowland advised that he has spoken with our City Counselor, Jeremy Cover, and was advised that the Consent Agenda from the November 21, 2022, meeting was passed with a vote of 5-0 and no further action is needed.

Councilmember Hobart congratulated Councilmember McCandless and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Perkins wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Councilmember Perkins stated that it has been a pleasure getting to know Councilmember McCandless and looks forward to working with her.

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Councilmember Fears welcomed Councilmember McCandless and stated that he looks forward to working with her. Councilmember Fears wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember McCandless stated that she is appreciative of the kindness and welcome she has been shown and she will do her best to live up to example of Karen DeLuccie. Councilmember McCandless thanked her family for their support, and she looks forward to serving the city.

Mayor Rowland welcomed Councilmember McCandless.

At 6:14 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned to a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., December 5, 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