

## REGULAR MEETING

June 20, 2023

The Independence City Council met for a Regular Meeting, June 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Muriel Luedeman, Independence is Alive and Well Initiative, 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, Bridget McCandless, Mike Steinmeyer, Daniel Hobart and Mayor Rory Rowland. Absent – None.

## CITIZENS REQUEST TO SPEAK:

Walter Capps spoke to Council regarding Bill No. 23-048.

Councilmembers Hobart and Steinmeyer moved to suspend the Rules of Procedure to allow non-residents to speak.

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

Gerald Winship spoke to Council regarding Kmart.

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Councilmembers Hobart and McCandless moved to approve the CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilmember Stewart requested that Item No. 2 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmember McCandless requested that Item No. 5 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmember Fears requested that Bill No. 23-757 be pulled for separate consideration.

1. Council action is requested regarding the change of ownership application received from Bar Baron LLC for a Retail Selling of Intoxicating Liquor by the Drink license for Pappy's Den that is located at 10805 E. Truman Rd.
3. Council action is requested on the approval of the 2023-2024 Excess Workers' Compensation Renewal with an estimated annual cost of \$443,368.
4. Approval of 2023-2024 Non-Utility Property Insurance Renewal with MPR (Midwest Public Risk), which includes the Auto Physical Damage and Contractors Equipment programs under the MPR program.
6. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Layne, a Granite Company in the amount of \$583,311.00 for the Courtney Bend Water Treatment Plant Well Rehabilitation Project for the Water Department.
7. Acceptance of donated vehicle from Mid-America Regional Council (MARC).
8. Council action to award change order #1 to P.O. 23000264 to Burns & McDonnell in the amount of \$12,000.00 to cover additional transmission engineering requirements for the Power & Light Department.
9. Council action to award change order #1 to P.O. 23000978 to Solomon Corporation in the amount of \$13,380.00 to cover additional costs for Transformer Repairs for the Power & Light Department. New amount of the purchase order will be \$58,300.00.

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10. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Electronic Technology Inc in the amount of \$64,998.70 for Surveillance System equipment and installation for North Well Field of Courtney Bend Water Treatment Plant for the Water Department.
11. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Veenstra & Kimm Inc in the amount of \$67,800.00 for Survey/Design work for Water Main Replacement Project - Blue Mills Rd. to Yocum Rd. for the Water Department.
12. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to The Wilson Group in the amount of \$107,264.00 for the Rock Creek Treatment Plant Industrial Epoxy Full Flake Flooring Project for the Municipal Services Department.

Bill No. 23-749, entitled, [Res. #6930]

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOSH GULDNER AND APPOINTING MARK SCHERER AS MEMBERS OF THE HERITAGE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

Bill No. 23-750, entitled, [Res. #6931]

“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHARLINE TRAYLOR AS A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

Bill No. 23-751, entitled, [Res. #6932]

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING EDWARD NESBITT TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.” – *Individual Appointment-Councilmember Mike Steinmeyer*

Bill No. 23-752, entitled, [Res. #6933]

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARK SCHERER AS A MEMBER OF THE INDEPENDENCE HARRY S TRUMAN AWARD COMMISSION.”

Bill No. 23-753, entitled, [Res. #6934]

“A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN FOR NON-REPRESENTED CITY EMPLOYEES AS ENUMERATED HEREIN ON AND AFTER THE 1ST DAY OF JULY 2023.”

Bill No. 23-754, entitled, [Res. #6935]

“A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF ADULT BUSINESS APPLICATIONS.”

Bill No. 23-755, entitled, [Res. #6936]

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS, TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR COMMUNICATION WITH AND FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH EXPECTATIONS, DUTIES AND NORMS OF BEHAVIOR FOR ALL APPOINTED CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES, AND COMMITTEES.”

Bill No. 23-756, entitled, [Res. #6937]

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.”

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Stewart, McCandless, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. 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 information about dangerous building demolitions done by the city and how much would remain of the COVID Relief funds after this demolition takes place. Mr. Walker advised the approximate cost of the demolition of the Kmart Garden Center and advised that the demolition costs will be placed as a lien against the property. In

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response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, Mr. Walker confirmed that the company doing the demolition is licensed and bonded and will follow EPA guidelines for remediation.

Councilmembers Stewart and Steinmeyer moved to approve Item No. 2.

2. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Houston Excavating in the amount of \$199,000 for the demolition of 4023 S Noland Road.

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

In response to Councilmember McCandless, Mr. Walker stated that Amazon has agreed to try and source goods locally to fulfill orders when practical and possible.

Councilmembers McCandless and Hobart moved to approve Item No. 5.

5. Council action is requested to expend \$252,000.00 in expenditures for fiscal year 2023-2024 to Amazon for various expenditures for all City Departments.

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

Councilmembers Fears and Perkins moved to approve Bill No. 23-757.

In response to Councilmember Fears, Mr. Walker provided background information on Bill No. 23-757.

Bill No. 23-757, entitled, [Res. #6938]

“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING "GET FIT INDEPENDENCE" AS THE CITY'S BUSINESS PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAID PLAN.”

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

## PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Rowland opened a new information only public hearing for the application by Hilda Ramirez requesting a rezoning from C-2, General Commercial, and/or R-12, Two-Family Residential, to C-2/PUD, General Commercial/Planned Unit Development and approve a preliminary development plan, for the properties located at the northwest corner of 23rd Street and Cottage Street. Assistant Community Development Director, Rick Arroyo, provided background information on this item. Mayor Rowland declared this public hearing closed. *New Information Only*.

Bill No. 23-044, entitled, [Ord. #19445]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT R-12 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND DISTRICT C-2 (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) TO DISTRICT C-2/PUD (GENERAL COMMERCIAL/ PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) AND APPROVING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTIES AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF 23RD STREET AND COTTAGE STREET, IN 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, McCandless, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Mayor Rowland opened a new information only public hearing for the application by Jose Prieto requesting a rezoning from I-1, Industrial, to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial, for the property located at

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907 and 907 ½ S. Crysler Avenue. Mr. Arroyo provided background information on this item. Mayor Rowland declared this public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

Bill No. 23-045, entitled, [Ord. #19446]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) TO DISTRICT C-1 (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) FOR THE PROPERTY AT 907 AND 907½ S. CRYSLER AVENUE IN 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, McCandless, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Mayor Rowland opened a new information only public hearing for the rezoning from R-30/PUD, High Density Residential/Planned Unit Development, and C-2, General Commercial, to R-6, Single Family Residential, for the properties along Farmer Street and Main Street. Mr. Arroyo provided background information on this item. Mayor Rowland declared this public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

Bill No. 23-046, entitled, [Ord. #19447]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) AND DISTRICT R-30/PUD (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO DISTRICT R-6 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR THE PROPERTIES ALONG FARMER STREET AND MAIN STREET IN 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, McCandless, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Mayor Rowland opened a new information only public hearing for the application by Amy Kistler requesting a rezoning from R-6, Single Family Residential, to R-6/HL, Single Family Residential/Historic Landmark, to establish a locally designated historic property, for the property located at 1114 S. Noland Road. Mr. Arroyo provided background information on this item. Mayor Rowland declared this public hearing closed. *New Information Only.*

Bill No. 23-047, entitled, [Ord. #19448]

“AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE DWELLING AND ITS ASSOCIATED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1114 SOUTH NOLAND ROAD, AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND GIVING THE PROPERTY A CLASSIFICATION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/HISTORIC LANDMARK (R-6/HL) ON THE ZONING MAP.”

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

Mayor Rowland opened a full public hearing for the application received from AJ Mart LLC for a Retail Selling of Intoxicating Liquor of all kinds in the Original Package license for AJ Gas & Mart that will be located at 9300 E. US 24 Hwy. Director of Community Development, Tom Scannell, provided background information on this item. Dick Bryant, attorney for the applicant, spoke in support of this item. Alma Oshla spoke in opposition of this item. Donald Sapola spoke in opposition of this item. In response to Councilmember Hobart, Mr. Scannell advised that this location has not previously had a liquor license and has been a convenience store since prior to 2000. In response to Councilmember Hobart, Councilmember Perkins stated that he had not heard of a request for denial prior to this Council Meeting. In response to Councilmember Perkins, Mr. Scannell advised that staff may have missed the church being within 300 feet of this location and advised that with residential and/or churches within the 300 feet, the license approval would be the decision of the Council. Councilmember Perkins asked for it

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to be noted that there is an active church within 300 feet. In response to Councilmember Hobart, Mr. Scannell advised that if denied, the applicant can reapply in the future for a liquor license. Councilmember Hobart stated he appreciates a small business investing within the community but is concerned about operational awareness and interactions with minors at this location. Councilmember Perkins shared why he will be voting no on this item. Councilmember Fears stated he also appreciates the investment in this area, however, he stated that his concern is a note on file from the Police Department where they recommend this establishment does not obtain a liquor license and he will be voting no. Mayor Rowland stated that he has concerns with the location running video lottery machines. In response to Mayor Rowland, City Counselor, Jeremy Cover, stated that generally speaking the video lottery machines are not legal. Mr. Walker advised that Regulated Industries will follow up on this matter tomorrow. Mayor Rowland suggested a motion to suspend this item to the next Council meeting. Councilmember Hobart stated that he feels enough investigation has been done to vote on the liquor license separately. There being no additional speakers, Mayor Rowland declared this public hearing closed. *Full public hearing.*

Council action is requested on the application received from AJ Mart LLC for a Retail Selling of Intoxicating Liquor of all kinds in the Original Package license for AJ Gas & Mart that will be located at 9300 E. US 24 Hwy. In response to Mayor Rowland, Mr. Walker stated that he does not believe we can revoke a liquor license if the location does have video lottery machines at this location. Councilmember Hobart advised he will be voting no on this item.

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

Mr. Cover advised that Section 2.01.009 of the City Code does advise that a suspension or revocation of a liquor license can take place if there is unlawful gambling devices found on the property that sells intoxicating liquor.

## NON-ORDINANCE ACTION ITEMS:

Bill No. 23-758, entitled, [Res. #6939]

“A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 SUBMITTED BUDGET BY REDUCING THE CITY COUNCIL CAR ALLOWANCE ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL FUND BY \$21,600 AND INCREASING THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL FUND BY \$21,600 FOR FUNDING OF A CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY.” – *Requested by Mayor and City Council*

Councilmember Fears stated that this is one way for Council to help with budget shortfalls. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Stewart, McCandless, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

## ORDINANCES:

Bill No. 23-039, entitled, [Ord. #19449]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE HUB DRIVE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, ESTABLISHING A REDEVELOPMENT AREA, DESIGNATING THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA AS A BLIGHTED AREA, MAKING OTHER REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, DESIGNATING A DEVELOPER, APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEVELOPER AND DIRECTING STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.”

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

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Bill No. 23-040, entitled, [Ord. #19450]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PETITION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HUB DRIVE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICT, MAKING FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZING ACTIONS RELATED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISTRICT.”

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

Bill No. 23-041, entitled, [Ord. #19451]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PLAN FOR AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI TO ISSUE TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,500,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE HUB REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.”

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

Bill No. 23-042, entitled, [*postponed indefinitely*]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE HUB DRIVE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND INITIATING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING THEREIN.”

was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage.

Councilmembers McCandless and Hobart moved to postpone Bill No. 23-042 indefinitely. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Stewart, McCandless, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Bill No. 23-043, entitled, [Ord. #19452]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF EXPENDITURES FOR LIFEGUARD INCENTIVES AT THE ADVENTURE OASIS WATER COMPLEX FOR \$25,000.00 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, McCandless, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Bill No. 23-048, entitled, [*postponed indefinitely*]

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE SECTION 12.01.005 “LOITERING”. – *Requested by Councilmember Brice Stewart*

was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Councilmember Stewart provided background information on this item.

Councilmembers Stewart and Hobart moved to postpone Bill No. 23-048 indefinitely. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Fears, Perkins, Stewart, McCandless, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Rowland. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Bill No. 23-049, entitled, [Ord. #19453]

“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024, ESTIMATING THE REVENUES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR; APPROPRIATING SUMS FOR THE PURPOSES STATED IN SAID BUDGET, ESTABLISHING OPERATING TRANSFERS, DESIGNATING FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS, ESTABLISHING THE AUTHORIZED TABLE OF ORGANIZATION, AND DESIGNATING THOSE WHO MAY MAKE A REQUISITION FOR ENCUMBRANCES AGAINST APPROPRIATIONS.”

was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. In response to Mayor Rowland, Mr. Walker thanked the Council for their direction and sharing of priorities. Mr. Walker provided additional information on this item. Councilmember Fears thanked staff for all of their work on the budget and

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

## FIRST READINGS:

## Bill No. 23-050, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT R-6/PUD (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO DISTRICT I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) FOR THE PROPERTY AT 23500 E. M-78 HIGHWAY IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

## Bill No. 23-051, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT R-6 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO DISTRICT C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR THE PROPERTY AT 17422 E. 39TH STREET S. IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

## Bill No. 23-052, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT R-6 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), R-12 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND DISTRICT C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) FOR THE PROPERTY AT 9400 E. 23RD STREET S. IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

## Bill No. 23-053, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, FY 2022 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM, THROUGH A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHICH ALLOCATES \$61,032.00 TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S USE; APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SAME PROJECT.”

was given its first reading by title.

## Bill No. 23-054, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE LOWERING THE MONTHLY AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE FOR EACH ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER, INCLUDING MAYOR, FROM \$500.00 TO \$200.00 BY AMENDING ORDINANCE 18574, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.” – *Requested by Mayor and City Council*

was given its first reading by title.

## Bill No. 23-055, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2023 MIDWEST HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT CENTER INITIATIVE, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS, WITH THE KANSAS BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, FOR A GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,459.00; MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS; AUTHORIZING FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND/OR TIME EXTENSIONS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS.”

was given its first reading by title.

## Bill No. 23-056, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2023 MIDWEST HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE KANSAS CITY / OVERLAND PARK DEA TASK FORCE INITIATIVE, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS, WITH THE KANSAS BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, FOR A GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,166.00; MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS; AUTHORIZING FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND/OR TIME EXTENSIONS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS.”

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Bill No. 23-057, entitled  
“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR LITTLE BLUE ESTATES, 1ST PLAT, IN INDEPENDENCE,  
MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

## INFORMATION ONLY:

1. Purchase order 23001214 in the amount of \$130,362.52 was issued to Frazier Oil Company for Substation Fuel Oil for the Power & Light Department.
2. The City Clerk's Office is in receipt of the Noland South Shopping Center Community Improvement District Proposed Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.
3. Municipal Division monthly case report May 2023
4. 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).
5. The City Council is expected to convene in an Executive Session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers with the closed session taking place in Conference Room A, on litigation, legal actions, and attorney-client communications, as permitted by Sec. 610.021(1), RSMO.

## COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Perkins shared information about his attendance to the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri.

Councilmember Fears shared information about his visit to the Boys & Girls Club. Councilmember Fears thanked the LAGERS retirees for inviting Council to their luncheon. Councilmember Fears shared that he and Councilmember McCandless attended the MML education and training session a few weeks ago.

Councilmember Steinmeyer shared information about his experience doing a ride along with Officer McLaughlin a couple years ago and his interaction with a homeless woman. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he recently saw the woman again and he and Office Cox spoke with her and Councilmember Steinmeyer thanked the city's public safety personnel and asked citizens to thank them when you see them.

Councilmember McCandless thanked the Council for their vote to reduce the car allowance in an effort to help with city finances. Councilmember McCandless shared information about the Project Shine event that was put on by the Independence School District that she attended. Councilmember McCandless thanked the individuals who put on the Juneteenth Celebration at the Uptown Market and stated it was a great event. In response to Councilmember McCandless, Mr. Walker agreed to schedule meetings for Council to review the recommendations made by the Mayor's Advisory Board on Ethics Reform so they can provide feedback. Mr. Walker also provided an update regarding the utility bill payment transition.

Councilmember Hobart thanked the members of the Chamber who are in attendance of the meeting. Councilmember Hobart thanked Mr. Winship for his work with the Noland Road CID.



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Councilmember Hobart stated that he is proud the landlord monitoring that will be taking place with the passing of the budget. Councilmember Hobart thanked Mr. Walker and city staff for their work on the budget.

Mayor Rowland thanked everyone who worked on the Juneteenth Celebration this year. In response to Mayor Rowland, Mr. Walker provided timeline details regarding the demolition of the Kmart building. Mayor Rowland asked if there can be an event around demolition of the building. Mayor Rowland thanked Mr. Winship for his work on Noland Road.

At 7:28 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned to a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., July 3, 2023, 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