



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd August 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Eric Franklin, Mayor
Eric Gerke, Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III
Justin Neal, Ward IV

Justin Shaw, Ward I
Darran Campbell, Ward II
Brian Fields, Ward III
Daniel Harter, Ward IV

Call Meeting to Order

The regular session meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Greene County, Missouri, was called to order by Mayor Eric Franklin at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Justin Shaw, Garry Wilson, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, Eric Gerke, Darran Campbell, Chris Updike, and Daniel Harter. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Engineer Angel Falig, Police Major Jamie Burks, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Lieutenant Zach Richards and GIS Manager Josh Jones.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Mayor Eric Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Eric Franklin.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:01 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Fields to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the July 16, 2024 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve the July 16, 2024 City Council Workshop Minutes.
3. Approve the August 13, 2024 City Council Workshop Minutes.
4. Approve the Vendor Report.
5. As per RSMo. 109.230(4), City records that are on file in the City Clerk’s office and have met the retention schedule will be destroyed in compliance with the guidelines established by the Secretary of State’s office.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	August 27, 2024
City Council Meeting	September 3, 2024-Cancelled
Board of Adjustment Meeting	September 5, 2024-Cancelled
Planning & Zoning Meeting	September 9, 2024
City Council Meeting	September 17, 2024-moved to September 10, 2024



Old Business and Tabled Items

- 6. 24-43 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 1.18 Acres of Real Property Located at 1548 East Hamilton Street, from a Split Zoning Classification of Multi-Family Residential (R-3), Local Commercial (C-1), and General Commercial (C-2) to a Single Zoning Classification of Local Commercial (C-1).**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the second reading of Bill 24-43 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions of Council. Council Member Shaw motioned for the passage of Bill 24-43. Council Member Fields seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

- 7. 24-46 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 25 Acres of Real Property Located at the 1100 Block of North Main Avenue, from Agricultural (AG) to Medium-Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M).**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Campbell to have the first reading of Bill 24-46 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

- 8. 24-47 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.46 Acres of Real Property Located at 907 North Walnut Avenue, from Light Industrial (M-1) to Multi-Family Residential (R-3).**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 24-47 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

- 9. 24-48 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 24.32 Acres of Real Property Located at 1 Convoy Drive, from General Commercial (C-2) to Heavy Industrial (M-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the first reading of Bill 24-48 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

- 10. 24-49 An Ordinance of the City Council Establishing the Procedure for Disclosing Potential Conflicts of Interest and Substantial Interests for Certain Officials.**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 24-49 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Megan McCullough gave an overview of the

bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

11.24-50 An Ordinance of the City Council Setting the 2024 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the first reading of Bill 24-50 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

12.24-51 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Budget Amendment No. 1 to the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Gerke to have the first reading of Bill 24-51 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

13.24-R-32 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Fire Department to Purchase a Rosenbauer Aerial Fire Apparatus from Sentinel Emergency Solutions.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Fields to take up Resolution 24-R-32. Duane Compton presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

14.24-R-33 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the bid for Full Depth Asphalt and Concrete Work on the Stone Creek Leg Extension to APAC-Central, Inc.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Harter to take up Resolution 24-R-33. Angel Falig presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron referenced the Stone Creek leg road extension, noting the street will be completed but closed until construction at the Intermediate School is done. Mr. Cameron noted the price was better doing it all now, but the construction equipment would tear it up if it remained open through construction.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Bob Ford for the fantastic job he did explaining the tax levy. Mr. Cameron noted that Council allowed us the opportunity to move money by our Finance Director to earn additional interest income. Mr. Cameron noted Bob has found numerous ways to get additional basis points and has built additional cash for the city despite flat sales tax numbers while maximizing every dollar. Mr. Cameron commended Chief Compton's work on the truck, noting he cut expenses by not hiring positions to free up the funds. Mr. Cameron acknowledged our staff's work to save funds when able.

City Administrator David Cameron announced the Shuyler Creek Trail project is out to bid. Mr. Cameron acknowledged Karen's team and the work it took to get it done. Mr. Cameron added he is looking forward

to seeing that work complete. Mr. Cameron made note of the Administrator's Report on page 4 regarding the overlay work throughout the community. He shared his appreciation for staff and Blevins for getting that work done, adding he also appreciated the feedback from the community.

City Administrator David Cameron announced we have moved Administration to the BUILDS office. Mr. Cameron noted that our staff has grown 77% since 2017 and being in the same location facilitates better communications. For example, last Friday he took an email from a resident regarding the crosswalk at Lynn and Ritter at 4:10 p.m. Mr. Cameron reported that by 4:45 p.m., he had multiple responses from staff including community development, public safety, and engineering. Mr. Cameron noted this collaboration is better serving the community.

City Administrator David Cameron reported staff is getting ready for the 2025 budget and are preparing for next legislative sessions. Mr. Cameron reported there is a meeting next week regarding Senate Bill 979 in Springfield, where regional legislative priorities will be discussed. Mr. Cameron added we will also work to secure additional funding again this next legislative session.

City Administrator David Cameron announced the MM project from Farm Road 160 to 60 Highway has been delayed due to unsuitable soils for the railroad overpass portion. Mr. Cameron noted it will go out to bid in May.

Council Member Wilson reported he will be going in for surgery on Thursday and will miss a meeting or two while recovering.

Council Member Updike announced that he was appointed to the Greene County Historical Board Committee.

Mayor Franklin thanked staff for the information provided at the workshop last week. Mayor Franklin noted he had had multiple constituents expressing their appreciation for the overlays. Mayor Franklin also noted he is happy to see the sidewalk on 174 under railroad tracks, noting it is a great improvement.

Executive Session: *No further action, other than announcing adjournment by the Mayor, shall take place after an Executive Session that is scheduled as the last matter on the Agenda unless otherwise stated on the Agenda or as allowed per RSMo. 610.02.*

1. RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
2. RSMo 610.021.12 Documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.
3. RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants or employment. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Updike at 7:02 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record., RSMo 610.021.12 Documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record. and RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Harter, Campbell, Updike, Gerke, Neal, Wilson, Fields, and Shaw. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:51 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye – Gerke, Updike, Shaw, Neal, Fields, Wilson, Harter, and Campbell. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor

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