



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd November 19, 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, Justin Neal, Darran Campbell, Garry Wilson, Brian Fields, and Daniel Harter. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Associate Planner Chief Finance Officer Bob Ford, Capital Planning and Funding Officer Trenton Sims, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, Data Analytics Director Josh Jones, Engineer Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan, Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks, and Principal Planner Chris Tabor.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Campbell.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Neal.

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 Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the November 5, 2024 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve the November 12, 2024 City Council Special Session Minutes.
3. Approve the Vendor List.
4. 24-R-49 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Dispose of Surplus City Vehicles in Accordance with the City's Purchasing Policy.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Planning & Zoning Meeting	December 2, 2024
Board of Adjustment Meeting	December 5, 2024
City Council Meeting	December 10, 2024
City Council Meeting	January 7, 2025

Old Business and Tabled Items

5. **24-63 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving a Petition for the Creation of a Community Improvement District; Establishing the Farm Road 93 Community Improvement District as a Political Subdivision of the State of Missouri; and Directing the City Clerk to Notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development of the Creation of the District.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to remove Bill 24-60 from the table. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-60 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Megan McCullough updated Council that due to a change in ownership of the properties, the CID will require an amended petition with a new public notice. Due to this, the item can be postponed indefinitely while all requirements are met by the developer. Council Member Harter motioned to postpone Bill 24-60 indefinitely. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **24-65 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VIII, Fees, Chapter 805 (“Fee Schedule”), Section 805.050 (“Buildings And Zoning”), Section 805.080 (“Parks And Recreation Fees”), and Section 805.100 (“Utility Administration”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the second reading of Bill 24-65 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Kris Parks was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 24-65. Council Member Harter seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. **24-66 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.71 Acres of Real Property Located at 213, 217, and 221 North Main Street from a Non-Designated Zoning District to Main Street District (MSD).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-66 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 24-66. Council Member Harter seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. **24-67 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.54 Acres of Real Property Located at 210 North Walnut Avenue and the 200 Block of North Walnut Avenue from Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M) and Non-Designated Zoning District to Main Street District (MSD).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-67 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 24-67. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. **24-68 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.20 Acres of Real Property Located at the 200 Block of North Main Street from Local Commercial (C-1) to Main Street District (MSD).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-68 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 24-68. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

10.24-69 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.18 Acres of Real Property Located at 204 North Main Street and 103 East Grant Street from Local Commercial (C-1) to Main Street District (MSD).

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-69 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 24-69. Council Member Harter seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

11.24-70 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.93 Acres of Real Property Located at 501 West Brookfield Avenue from General Commercial (C-2) To Multi-Family Residential (R-3).

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-70 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 24-70. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

12.24-71 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title V ("Building And Construction"), Chapter 515 ("Rights-of-Way Management") Section 515.020 ("Definitions") of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri and Adding New Section 515.130 ("Utility Damage Prevention").

Staff requested to remove Bill 24-71 from agenda.

13.24-72 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I ("Government Code"), Chapter 120 ("City Officers And Employees"), Article 120-I ("General Provisions"), Section 120.025 ("Mayor And Council Compensation") of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 24-72 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron gave an overview of the bill. Council Member Gerke arrived at 6:24 p.m. 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)

14.24-R-50 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City to Execute a Services Agreement with Own, Inc. for Engineering Design Services of Stormwater Improvements to the Future Joshua Morris Park Site.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 24-R-50. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

15. 24-R-51 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City to Engage Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, P.A. for Provision of Engineering Design Services on the Commercial Avenue Widening Project.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to take up Resolution 24-R-51. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

16. 24-R-52 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a License Agreement Between the City and Lester E. Cox Medical Centers for the Operations of Cox Fitness Center/Republic Located Within the Republic Community Center.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 24-R-52. Kris Parks presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

17. 24-R-53 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Grant Award Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration Through the Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Grant Program To Complete a Ten-Year Update of the City's ADA Transition Plan.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 24-R-53. Trenton Sims presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

18. 24-R-54 A Resolution of the City Council Declaring its Support for the Springfield Chamber of Commerce's "Invest in Strategic Infrastructure" Legislative Priority for 2025.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to take up Resolution 24-R-54. David Cameron presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

19. 24-R-55 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Engage Crossland Construction Company, Inc. for Provision of Construction Manager-At-Risk Services on the new Administration Building Project and Enter into an Agreement for such Services.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 24-R-55. David Cameron presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Trenton Sims, Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan, and the staff who do not often present in public meetings. He acknowledged their invaluable work, noting that it often goes unnoticed how much effort staff puts into securing grants to save significant funding for projects.

Cameron specifically thanked Trent for pursuing funding opportunities and guiding him through the process, expressing his appreciation for the team's dedication.

City Administrator David Cameron also extended Thanksgiving wishes to everyone.

City Administrator David Cameron addressed the letter sent to residents about the EPA/DNR regulations, acknowledging the concerns it caused in the community. He admitted that the city could have provided a better explanation of the reasons behind the notification. The rule, which originated from the EPA on October 8th, required notification to residents that was identified two days before the deadline. Unfortunately, the wording of the letter appeared alarming. Mr. Cameron confirmed that the city's water contained 0% lead and announced that a follow-up letter would be sent to clarify the situation. He explained that the law stemmed from the Flint, Michigan water crisis and was part of nationwide regulations. Cameron added that the city would provide a dedicated webpage with detailed information and a phone number for residents' questions. He also noted that the city had been in daily contact with the DNR to ensure accurate and clear updates were being shared.

City Administrator David Cameron informed the Council that election signups were scheduled to begin on December 10th and end on December 31st. Mr. Cameron also announced a stakeholder meeting for MM Highway, scheduled for December 5th at 9:00 a.m. at the BUILDS facility, focusing on the section of MM Highway from I-44 to James River.

City Administrator David Cameron noted that AT&T had launched nine fiber crews deploying across the city, which will involve some digging and cutting as part of infrastructure enhancements.

City Administrator David Cameron praised Harmony House for its efforts, sharing that the Police Department had provided a satellite office for Harmony House advocates to meet with domestic violence victims. He expressed pride in the community for supporting this initiative and hoped it would serve as a model for other communities. He acknowledged the significant impact of domestic violence and thanked city staff for accommodating the space for Harmony House.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded the Council of the end-of-year meeting scheduled for December 13th and encouraged them to attend if available.

Council Member Neal addressed the letter sent to citizens, emphasizing that no action was required and there would be no penalty for not returning the form. He advised residents to wait for the follow-up letter from the city for further clarification. Neal also noted that residents might receive another letter next year if the city is directed by the federal government to do so.

Mayor Eric Franklin thanked everyone for their contributions during the meeting. He reminded attendees of the OTO Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, which would be streamed live on Facebook. He also extended wishes for a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Mayor Franklin noted that Christmas on Main Street was approaching soon and that Miracle Week would take place during the first week of December. He also shared that he had recently hosted a group of 4th and 6th graders and thanked Corporal Rogers for providing an engaging jail tour for them. Regarding AT&T fiber installation, Mayor Franklin mentioned that the upgrades would soon make it easier for residents to connect to enhanced services. Finally, Mayor Franklin expressed gratitude to the Police Department, Fire Department, and Greene County Sheriff's Office for speaking with veterans, recognizing their efforts to honor those who served the country.

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 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal at 6:58 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Wilson, Fields, Neal, Shaw, Gerke, Campbell, and Harter. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Harter to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:18 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Neal, Campbell, Shaw, Fields, Wilson, Gerke, and Harter. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor