



## MINUTES

### City Council Regular Session BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd. May 20, 2025 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 Neal, Garry Wilson, Chris Updike, Brian Fields, Eric Gerke, Daniel Harter, and Justin Shaw. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Lieutenant Zach Richards, Police Major Jamie Burks, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, Recreation Superintendent Karsen Vaughan, BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Brad Stulce, and Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks.

#### Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Mayor Franklin.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Franklin.

#### Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m.

Susan Peck, 6810 W. Farm Road 182, spoke regarding concerns of the Shuyler Creek Trail with regard to grading and stormwater drainage.

Kina Pennywell, 102 Island Green Drive, spoke about the need for a sidewalk along Beal for pedestrians and bicycles.

Lisa Roller, 6618 W. Farm Road 182, spoke regarding the location of her fence after the completion of Shuyler Creek Trail and concerns of the setback.

Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:12 p.m.

#### Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the May 6, 2025 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve the May 13, 2025 City Council Work Session Minutes.

#### Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Work Session	June 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting	June 3, 2025
Board of Adjustment Meeting	June 5, 2025
Planning & Zoning Meeting	June 9, 2025
City Council Meeting	June 17, 2025

## Old Business and Tabled Items-None

### New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

3. **25-14 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 1.69 Acres of Real Property, Located at the 7700 Block of West Farm Road 174, from Local Commercial (C-1) to Multi-Family Residential (R-3).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-14 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

4. **25-15 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amending the Zoning Classification of Approximately Nine Point Nine 9.9 Acres of Real Property, Located at 4297 S. Wilson's Creek Boulevard, from Agricultural (AG) to General Commercial (C-3).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-15 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

5. **25-16 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Greene County for Maintenance of Certain Portions of the Shuyler Creek Trail.**

Mayor Franklin announced that Bill 25-16 is being removed from the agenda at the request of staff.

6. **25-17 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title IV ("Land Use"), Chapter 420 ("Flood Damage Prevention"), 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 25-17 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

### Other Business (Resolutions)

7. **25-R-20 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Republic R-III School District for the City's Use of a District Bus to Accommodate Parks and Recreation Summer Events and Programs.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Harter to take up Resolution 25-R-20. Karsen Vaughan presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### Finance Report

Bob Ford presented the Finance Report.

## Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Representative Bishop Davidson for attending the meeting and expressed appreciation for his work during the Legislative Session, which contributed to securing allocations for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

City Administrator David Cameron noted that this meeting would be his last with the City. He acknowledged seeing Brian Buckner in attendance, who had been the Mayor that interviewed and hired him. Mr. Cameron expressed gratitude for both Brian and his wife Diane's presence at the meeting. He reflected on the significant and risky decision to consolidate Brookline and offered an apology for ever questioning that decision. He thanked Brian for his service and support and for attending his final meeting.

City Administrator David Cameron shared the sad news that Fred Prisk, Project Superintendent, Street Division passed away earlier in the day. He offered prayers and thoughts for Fred's family and the staff who are grieving, noting that this evening's meeting was dedicated to honoring Fred's memory.

Council Member Harter referenced City Administrator David Cameron's comments at his first meeting quoting Abraham Lincoln about sharpening an axe for the first four hours of work. As a token of appreciation, Council Member Harter gifted Mr. Cameron with a "sharp axe" to symbolize his commitment and dedication. Mr. Cameron noted he remembered the statement and Mr. Harter not liking it.

Council Member Gerke provided a review of Mr. Cameron's accomplishments, expressing appreciation for his time and passion invested in the city's work.

City Administrator David Cameron noted he gets to stand on staff's shoulders and call himself tall. Mr. Cameron noted we changed the culture and mindset inside the organization and have the utmost faith in this group.

Mayor Eric Franklin expressed gratitude to City Administrator David Cameron for his guidance and leadership, recalling memorable moments such as the 2020 bus tour. Mayor Franklin acknowledged the city's COVID response, noting we relied on the citizens to do their part. Mayor Franklin noted the significant improvements made over the past eight years and thanked Mr. Cameron for his contribution. Mayor Franklin noted that Have-A-Blast is coming up. Mayor Franklin acknowledged Representative Davidson's attendance and noted the upcoming OTO breakfast. Mayor Franklin congratulated Council Member Gerke on his appointment as Mayor Pro Tem at the last meeting.

**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 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

2. 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 Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike at 7:10 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. And 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. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Neal, Shaw, Gerke, Harter, Updike, Fields, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Fields to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:59 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Wilson, Neal, Harter, Gerke, Updike, Shaw, and Fields. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Franklin, Mayor

DRAFT