Matt Russell, Mayor
Eric Gerke. Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III
Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Gerry Pool, Ward II
Shane Grooms, Ward III
Jim Deichman, Ward IV

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City Council Meeting
Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd
April 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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 Matt Russell at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Chris Updike, Jim Deichman, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Attorney Megan McCullough (by phone), Police Chief Brian Sells, Finance Director Meghin Cook, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, IT Director Chris Crosby, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Recreation Superintendent Joanna Scott, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Mayor's Announcements

Appointment of Planning and Zoning Commissioners.

Mayor Matt Russell, with the consent of Council, appointed Michael Mann to complete the term of Brandon Andrews through June 21, 2022, and William Pinnell to complete the term of Kevin Haun through June 21, 2022.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:03 p.m.

Evan Watson, 1183 W. Broad Street and Wyatt Jennings, 410 S Michelle Avenue represented the Savannah Heights Homeowner's Association as the Vice President and President of the Association. Mr. Watson and Mr. Jennings provided documents and requested the city sign a consent for the Homeowner's Association to dissolve.

Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:07 p.m.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Council Member Updike nominated Council Member Franklin as Mayor Pro Tem. The vote was 4 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, and Updike. 2 Nay-Wilson and Mitchell. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve April 5, 2022 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve April 5, 2022 City Council Workshop Minutes.

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3. Approve Vendor List.
4. Approve Utility Billing Adjustments.
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	May 3, 2022
Board of Adjustment Meeting	May 5, 2022
Planning & Zoning Meeting	May 9, 2022
City Council Meeting	May 17, 2022

Old Business and Tabled Items

6. **22-18 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of The Lakes at Shuyler Ridge Phase 3 Subdivision.**

   Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 22-18 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 22-18. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. **22-19 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Olde Savannah Phase 3A Subdivision.**

   Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 22-19 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Mitchell motioned for the passage of Bill 22-19. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. **22-20 An Ordinance of the City Council Calling an Election on the Question of Renewing a City Sales Tax for Local Parks to Fund Parks & Recreation General Operations; Designating the Time for Holding Said Election; and Authorizing and Directing the City Clerk to Give Notice to the County Clerks of Said Election.**

   Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 22-20 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jared Keeling was available for questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 22-20. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. **22-21 An Ordinance of the City Council Calling an Election on the Question of Renewing a City Sales Tax to Fund Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Projects; Designating the Time for Holding Said Election; and Authorizing and Directing the City Clerk to Give Notice to the County Clerks of Said Election.**

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Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 22-21 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jared Keeling was available for questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 22-21. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 5 Aye-Deichman, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 1 Nay-Franklin. Motion Carried.

10. **22-22 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Participation Agreement with City Utilities and Various Other Surrounding Communities as part of a Regional Broadband Initiative Dedicated to Extending Broadband High-Speed Internet Services to Republic and Surrounding Areas.**

    Council Member Franklin motioned to amend Bill 22-22 by replacing Exhibit 1 with the amended Exhibit 1 provided to Council. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 22-22 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron was available for questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-22. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

11. **22-23 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Direct Loan Agreement and Promissory Note with Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation for $4.2 Million in Funds to be Used Toward the Highway MM Expansion.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 22-23 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available for questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-23. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

12. **22-24 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Ninety-One Point Five-Five (91.55) Acres, Located at the 6500 Block of West U.S. Highway 60, from Agricultural (AG) and Light Industrial (M-1) to Wilson's Valley Planned Development District (PDD).**

    Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-24 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Ricky Haase with Olsson Engineering-550 E. St. Louis St. spoke in favor of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

13. **22-25 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Four Point Nine-Two (4.92) Acres, Located at 1022 North Republic Commons Drive, from General Commercial (C-2) to Multi-Family Residential (R-3).**

    Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the first reading of Bill 22-25 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell,

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Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Cameron Hole with Anderson Engineering-3213 S. West Bypass spoke in favor of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

14. **22-26 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving a Special Use Permit for Wilmoth Oil Company LLC to Operate a Self-Storage Facility on Property Located at the Southwest Termination of West Civic Boulevard.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the first reading of Bill 22-26 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Ricky Haase with Olsson Engineering-550 E. St. Louis St. spoke in favor of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

15. **22-27 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Final Plat of the Oak Hills Phase 1 Subdivision.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-27 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

16. **22-28 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Greene County for the Expansion of a Portion of Highway MM Between the Interstate-44 Interchange and the Route 360 Interchange.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 22-28 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

17. **22-29 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Budget Amendment No. 1 to the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Gerke to have the first reading of Bill 22-29 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Meghin Cook provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)-None

Finance Report

Meghin Cook presented the Quarterly Financial Report.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Jared Keeling, Jennafer Mayfield, Joanna Scott and the Parks team for the messaging and work on the tax renewals. Mr. Cameron added he knows the team will put their best foot forward and do a fantastic job getting the information out.

City Administrator David Cameron updated Council that with our new financial position, our banking needs have grown. Mr. Cameron reported we will be putting out a Request for Proposals soon to explore our financial institution options, as discussed last year.

City Administrator David Cameron reported we continue to work on additional funding mechanisms through elected officials. Mr. Cameron added we are having favorable conversations and look forward to having it all completed. He expressed his appreciation to Andrew Nelson and everyone that has allowed them to be gone working on this. Mr. Cameron updated that we have sent out letters to Senator Blunt, State Representative Long, and Senator Holley and are asking for every opportunity to apply for grant funding. Mr. Cameron added there is a lot of favor in this community and we are putting our heart and soul in providing for the community. He emphasized the importance of doing what is in the best interest of the community.

City Administrator David Cameron reported he was going to bring an award the City earned in Minnesota from the Trusted Leader Conference but forgot to bring it. Mr. Cameron added we were one of five government entities receiving that award. Mr. Cameron shared he spoke of the alignment of this body to take us from $2000 left in the account to where we are today. We have a great thing going in the community and must protect it by maintaining the trust of the community. Our Mission, Vision and Values along with the Trust Edge Pillars are integral to this and we don't want to lose our identity. Mr. Cameron commended the community, staff, and Council.

Council Member Eric Franklin congratulated the new Planning and Zoning Commissioners. Mr. Franklin thanked staff for their hard work on the agenda and tax proposals. Mr. Franklin also thanked the citizens for the great conversations over the past couple weeks and appreciated them responding.

Council Member Jennifer Mitchell spoke regarding the Park Tax referencing the question "what happens if we just stay the same?" Mrs. Mitchell shared she thinks of K Mart and Sears as they didn't grow with the times and it killed them. Mrs. Mitchell added we need to think of the future generations' needs. Mayor Russell added it was a long and painful death for those companies.

Mayor Matt Russell referenced Mr. Cameron's wording of trying to "minimize the impact to the citizens" when we send them to Jefferson City, call people, and apply for grants. Mayor Russell added he appreciates Mr. Cameron's professionalism in attempting to save the citizens' money. Mayor Russell added he sees people on Facebook complaining about their bills while we are diving into the cushions to save pennies. Mayor Russell spoke of the work done by Mr. Nelson and Mr. Cameron to petition other government entities to contribute to the upgrades on MM Highway. Mayor Russell reminded everyone of Mr. Nelson asking Council to trust him as he had a plan for the funding. Mayor Russell asked Mr. Nelson how much money the city will be out on MM Highway at this point, and Mr. Nelson responded hopefully none or close to it. Mayor Russell clarified when Mr. Cameron says minimize the impact to the citizens, he is saying we are trying to save the citizens' money.

Mayor Russell thanked Jared Keeling and staff for the great job putting the sales tax propositions together. Mayor Russell added this would not be a tax increase, and while we do have the opportunity to lower taxes, this would keep us from the long and painful death Council Member Mitchell spoke of.

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.
2. RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

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

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin at 7:26 p.m. to go into Executive session under 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Updike, Deichman, Mitchell, Gerke, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Gerke left prior to the opening of Executive Session.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Mitchell, Deichman, Wilson, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk Matt Russell, Mayor

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