



MINUTES
City Council Regular Session
City Hall, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.
April 21, 2026 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 Darran Campbell, Dan Harter, Brian Fields, Eric Gerke, Garry Wilson, Justin Shaw, and Chris Updike. Others in attendance were: Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, IT Manager Michael Sallee, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, City Attorney Justin Rogers, Chief Technology Officer Josh Jones, Development Engineer Angel Falig, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, 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

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve the March 17, 2026 City Council Minutes.
2. 26-R-08 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City of Republic to Provide a Local Match for the Installation of Two Flashing School Zone Beacons on Main Street.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Work Session	May 5, 2026
City Council Meeting	May 5, 2026
Board of Adjustment Meeting	May 7, 2026
Planning & Zoning Meeting	May 11, 2026
City Council Meeting	May 19, 2026

Old Business and Tabled Items

3. **26-12 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title IV, Land Use, Chapter 410, Subdivision Regulations, Section 410.400, Access Management, of the Municipal Code of the City or Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the second reading of Bill 26-12 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Angel Falig was available for questions of Council. Council Member Shaw motioned for the passage of Bill 26-12. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

4. **26-14 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving an Amendment to the Zoning Classification of Approximately 18.49 Acres Located Near the 900 Block of Colorado Avenue from the Amended Frisco Square Planned Development District (PDD 25-001) to Frisco Commons Planned Development District (PDD 26-001) and Approving a Development Plan.**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the second reading of Bill 26-14 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions of Council. Mayor Franklin announced that due to the cancellation of the April 7th City Council Meeting, Bill 26-14 needs to be amended to reflect the correct date of the second reading. Council Member Campbell motioned to amend Bill 26-14 by revising the final whereas clause to replace "April 7" with "April 21" to reflect the correct date of the second reading, consistent with the redline version provided. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Shaw motioned for the passage of Bill 26-14. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 1 Nay-Harter. Motion Carried.

Other Business (Resolutions)

5. **26-R-09 A Resolution of the City Council Declaring the Results of the April 7, 2026 Municipal Election.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 26-R-09. Laura Burbridge presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Swearing in of Elected Officials

City Clerk Laura Burbridge swore in Council Members Shaw, Campbell, Fields, and Harter.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Council Member Harter motioned to nominate Council Member Gerke as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

6. **26-15 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 5.08 Acres, Located at the 900 Block of Colorado Avenue, From Frisco Square Planned Development District Phase 2 (PDD 25-002) to Frisco Commons Planned Development District 1st Addition (PDD 26-002).**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 26-15 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Chris Wynn with CJW Transportation, 5051 S. National Ave. Ste 7A, spoke in favor of the bill on behalf of the developer. Mayor Franklin reminded Council to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

7. 26-16 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving an Amendment to the Zoning Classification of Approximately 78.42 Acres Located at 1605 South Farm Road 97 from a Planned Development District (PDD 12-01) to Agricultural (AG).

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the first reading of Bill 26-16 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

8. 26-R-10 A Resolution of the City Council Approving a Preliminary Plat for Walker Heights, a Residential Subdivision Consisting of Approximately 40.456 Acres Located at 7217 West Farm Road 182.

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 26-R-10. Chris Tabor presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington congratulated the Council Members on their reelection and thanked them for their continued service. She also extended congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Eric Gerke. Mrs. Addington reported that City Administrator Colten Harris was returning from Ohio with Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) staff after attending an MDR conference to help ensure a smooth opening of the WWTP later in the year, noting it as the City's largest investment. She provided a construction update, stating that the project was approximately 85% complete, with the remaining 15% being the most critical phase. She indicated that testing would begin as the facility moved toward treatment, with an anticipated opening in October, and noted that Jacob Berger, our new Utility Director, would play a critical role in this process.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington provided an AMI update, stating that as of April 12, 2026, a total of 1,216 meters had been successfully installed and more than 3,000 had been surveyed. She noted that updates will continue to be shared on Facebook.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington expressed sadness regarding the passing of former Police Chief Mark Lowe, who served from 2002 to 2015. She announced that the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) long-range transportation planning survey and the UB software rollout information were available on the City's website. She also noted that a budget amendment workshop would be held on May 5, 2026, and that the employee appreciation picnic was scheduled for May 8, 2026.

Chief of Staff Addington reported that the MM realignment project would require the closure of Stone Falls Road from May 26, 2026 through August 21, 2026, noting that the work would be managed by MoDOT and that an alternative route map was available for detour information.

Mayor Eric Franklin congratulated the Council Members on their reelection and extended congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Eric Gerke. He thanked them for their service and also expressed appreciation to their families for their support. He thanked the Utility Billing staff for their patience and hard work during the software transition and acknowledged feedback received from the community. He noted that residents could contact all eight Council Members via email and thanked the public for their patience throughout the transition process.

Mayor Eric Franklin announced several upcoming community events, including the Off-Road Jam, the Care to Learn luncheon, and the Greene County Patriotic Celebration hosted by Bob Dixon. He encouraged residents to mark their calendars for the Have-A-Blast event scheduled for June 26, 2026, which will be the 30th anniversary of the event. He also noted an upcoming Greene County Mayors Association meeting. Mayor Franklin expressed appreciation to staff for providing information following concerns raised by Ms. Ramsey and reminded residents that recorded workshops and meetings were available for public viewing.

Adjournment

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor