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
City Council Chambers, 540 Civic Boulevard
November 16, 2021 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 Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Gerry Pool, Shane Grooms, Eric Gerke, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Interim City Attorney Damon Phillips, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Information Systems Director Chris Crosby, Police Chief Brian Sells, Finance Director Meghin Cook, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Deputy Fire Chief Lynn Hollandworth, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Public Information Officer Allyssa Dudley, Operations Manager Jason Davis, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Prosecutor Megan McCullough, 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.

Citizen Participation

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

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Pool, Wilson, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve October 26, 2021 City Council Special Session Minutes.
2. Approve November 4, 2021 City Council Special Session Minutes.
3. Approve November 4, 2021 City Council Workshop Minutes.
4. Approve Vendor List.
5. 21-R-53 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing Health Benefit Provider Selection for City Paid and Offered to Qualified Employees as Part of the 2022 Annual Budget.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	November 30, 2021
Board of Adjustment Meeting	December 2, 2021
Planning & Zoning Meeting	December 6, 2021
City Council Workshop-9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	December 9, 2021-rescheduled
City Council Meeting	December 14, 2021

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Old Business and Tabled Items

6. **21-69 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Final Plat of the Birch Pointe Subdivision.**

   Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Grooms to have the second reading of Bill 21-69 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Pool, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 21-69. Council Member Grooms seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Wilson, Updike, Franklin, and Grooms. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

7. **21-70 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 3 Acres from Agricultural (AG) to Multi-Family Residential (R-3), Located At 602 North Oakwood Avenue.**

   Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Grooms to have the first reading of Bill 21-70 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor 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.

8. **21-71 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Public Donation Agreement with United Pentecostal Church Republic, Formerly, Apostolic Life Center, Inc., (UPCR) for Donation of Land to the City.**

   Motion was made by Council Member Grooms and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 21-71 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner 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.

9. **21-72 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving Budget Amendment No. 3 to the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021.**

   Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Deichman to have the first reading of Bill 21-72 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, 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.

10. **21-73 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Appropriating from the Revenue of the City of Republic, Missouri, Expenditures in Accordance with the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget of the City of Republic, Missouri, and Providing for Adjustments Thereto.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 21-73 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, 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.

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11. **21-74 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending Title VIII, Fees, Chapter 805, Fee Schedule.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the first reading of Bill 21-74 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, 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)

12. **21-R-54 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving a Preliminary Plat for Josan Properties, a Commercial Subdivision Consisting of Approximately 5.7 Acres Located at 3030 East US Highway 60.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Grooms to approve Resolution 21-R-54. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Wilson, Pool, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

13. **21-R-55 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement Between the City of Republic and Lester E. Cox Medical Centers for the Purpose of Continued Operations of Cox Fitness Center/Republic Located Within the Republic Community Center.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 21-R-55. Jared Keeling provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Wilson, Pool, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

14. **21-R-56 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving a List of Qualified Engineering and Architectural Firms for As-Needed Use in 2022.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 21-R-56. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Wilson, Pool, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

15. **21-R-57 A Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a Dry Pump from Fluid Equipment for Wastewater Lift Stations.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Grooms to approve Resolution 21-R-57. Jason Davis provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Wilson, Pool, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron reported staff began work on the 42-million-dollar budget presented tonight in July. We go through the information so fast it can be hard for the community to see the amount of work involved in preparing this document. Mr. Cameron thanked Council for placing the sales tax on the ballot for the community to vote and thanked the citizens for the overwhelming support of that measure, which freed up this budget. Mr. Cameron emphasized he hopes everyone will clearly see where those funds are allocated, and reminded Council that none of the previous funding to public safety budgets have been cut. Mr. Cameron shared we will still have to continue to grow into those

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numbers. Mr. Cameron also emphasized the demonstration of accounting to clearly account for the ARPA funding through the creation of a new fund code. Mr. Cameron expressed his appreciation of Jared and Meghin, emphasizing that Meghin just had her first child and has only had 4 weeks to get it done after returning from leave. Mr. Cameron praised the great job they have done on the budget and shared he appreciates how they have taken care of the community's money. Mr. Cameron emphasized we still have a cash position but will wait until a certain time of the year to see the trends.

City Administrator David Cameron provided a quick update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant underwriting with Stifel. Mr. Cameron reported we started work immediately after approval and will have a call on January 12th for the S&P and due diligence. We hope to have funds by February to get us on track to be under compliance. Mr. Cameron reported there will be a contract next meeting regarding pursuing ARPA funds and utilizing advisory services to assist us with the legislative process. Mr. Cameron also reported that Andrew went to Jefferson City and obtained Missouri Department of Natural Resources support for this competitive grant. The following day he went to Kansas City for the Highway Commission vote to approve funding for MM. Mr. Cameron shared the Mayor and Council will be asked to engage and participate in this effort to help gain support for this grant. Mr. Cameron shared we have all the funding programmed for the MM Highway expansion except 3.2 million dollars.

City Administrator David Cameron updated that the purchase of a property on MM will be brought to them at some point to secure that alignment of Highway MM. Mr. Cameron shared we are working to secure those properties.

City Administrator David Cameron wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Council Member Franklin shared it was a great opportunity speaking with the Cub Scouts, emphasizing the next generation is important. Mr. Franklin briefly explained what he shared with the kids about the meaning of the American Flag. Each color represented on the flag has a special meaning. Red is for valor and bravery, white is for purity and innocence, and blue is for perseverance and justice for all. Mr. Franklin reported the Mayor did an excellent job speaking to the children. Mr. Franklin thanked the citizens that spoke at the recent Planning and Zoning meeting. Mr. Franklin also shared that Mr. Cameron did a great job speaking at the Ozarks Transportation Organization Legislative Breakfast and he heard many compliments about Republic. Mr. Franklin shared he is honored and privileged to be here.

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.*

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 to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. The vote was 7 Aye-Mitchell, Grooms, Wilson, Franklin, Deichman, Updike, and Gerke. 1 Nay-Pool. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The vote was 8 Aye-Wilson, Pool, Grooms, Updike, Mitchell, Franklin, Deichman, and Gerke. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

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ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk Matt Russell, Mayor

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