



MINUTES
City Council Regular Session
City Hall, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.
March 17, 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, Justin Neal, Dan Harter, Eric Gerke, Garry Wilson, Justin Shaw, and Chris Updike. Others in attendance were: City Administrator Colten Harris, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, IT Manager Michael Sallee, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Police Major Jamie Burks, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Police Lieutenant Zach Richards, City Attorney Justin Rogers, Project Engineer Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan, 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

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

Angela Ramsey, 514 N. Pinewood, expressed concern about her water bill, which was over three hundred dollars last month, noting it was a 300% increase since 2024. Ms. Ramsey presented various questions to Council. Mayor Franklin notified her that questions are not answered during citizen participation, but staff will get with her with those answers after looking into her account.

Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:05 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 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Shaw. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the March 3, 2026 City Council Workshop Minutes.
2. Approve the March 3, 2026 City Council Minutes.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	April 2, 2026-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	April 7, 2026
Planning & Zoning Meeting	April 13, 2026
City Council Workshop	April 21, 2026
City Council Meeting	April 21, 2026

Old Business and Tabled Items

3. **26-07 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funding for Engineering of Sidewalk Gaps along Hines Street.**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 26-07 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 26-07. Council Member Shaw seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

4. **26-09 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I, Government Code, Chapter 110, Administration Policies, Article VIII, Authority To Enter Into Contracts Policy, Section 200, Persons Authorized To Enter Into Contracts On Behalf Of The City to Align Purchasing and Contracting Authority with the City's Purchasing Policy.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 26-09 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 26-09. Council Member Shaw seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

5. **26-10 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VIII "Fees", Chapter 805 "Fee Schedule", Section 805.100 "Utility Administration" of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 26-10 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 26-10. Council Member Shaw seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **26-11 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Finalize/Secure a \$2 Million Line of Credit ("LOC") with Arvest Bank to Fund Short Term Cash Flow for Water Improvements as a Special, Limited Obligation Payable Solely from Water Fund Revenues.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the second reading of Bill 26-11 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 26-11. Council Member Shaw seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

7. **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 Neal and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the first reading of Bill 26-12 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, 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.

8. 26-13 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating a Drainage Easement Located in Hankins Farm Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 26-13 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin announced that pursuant to 3.10 (f) of the Charter, staff requested the second reading of this ordinance during this meeting. Council Member Campbell motioned to hold the second reading during this meeting. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. 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 Shaw and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 26-14 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mr. Tabor noted ownership changed between the public notice and public hearing; however, an application has been received from the new property owner. 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.

New Business (Second Reading of Ordinances)

10. 26-13 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating a Drainage Easement Located in Hankins Farm Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 26-13 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions of Council. Council Member Shaw motioned for the passage of Bill 26-13. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Other Business (Resolutions)

11. 26-R-07 A Resolution of the City Council Adopting and Requiring Enforcement of a Policy Prohibiting the Use of Excessive Force by Law Enforcement Agencies Against Individuals Engaged in Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations; Prohibiting the Physical Barring of Entrances to or Exits from Facilities that are the Subject of Such Demonstrations; Declaring the City's Intent to Comply with Missouri Department of Economic Development Requirements for Federal Funding Eligibility.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to take up Resolution 26-R-07. Justin Rogers presented the Resolution and answered questions of

Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator Colten Harris extended St. Patrick's Day greetings and noted that spring weather was expected by the end of the week. He announced that the City Hall ribbon cutting and open house would be held the following day from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., expressing enthusiasm about welcoming the public. Mr. Harris thanked citizens for attending the meeting and stated that staff would address their questions, encouraging residents to view the past workshop videos for additional information.

City Administrator Colten Harris reported that neighboring communities were also experiencing utility rate increases, explaining that such increases were often due to stagnant rates over time while operational and maintenance costs continued to rise. He noted that the adjustment approved by Council would allow us to make rates more predictable for future increases. He expressed appreciation to the Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford for aligning the methodology with the City's Mission, Vision, and Values and to the Council for approving the adjustments.

City Administrator Colten Harris announced that the next workshop will be held on April 21st at 5:00 p.m., noting we are shifting away from lunch meetings to reduce disruption to the workday and confirmed that workshops would continue to be recorded. He also reminded residents that the election will be held on April 7th and encouraged everyone to vote.

Council Member Chris Updike reported that Mabel Rogers from Republic High School won the national championship in her weight class since the previous meeting.

Mayor Eric Franklin thanked Mr. Harris for his remarks and expressed appreciation to Angela Ramsey for attending the meeting. He noted that meeting agendas and recordings were available on the City's YouTube channel for those unable to attend. Mayor Franklin commended Mr. Harris for his leadership and efforts in guiding the team forward through the City's Mission, Vision, and Values.

Mayor Eric Franklin thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff, noting that their first meeting in the new Council Chambers had been successful. He reminded the public of the open house scheduled for the following day and stated that he would be available to answer questions there as well.

Mayor Eric Franklin announced that the OTO Board meeting will be held on March 26th, with the agenda to be posted online approximately one week before the meeting. He reminded Council Members to remain mindful when communicating with staff by phone or email and to adhere to the City Charter. He also emphasized the importance of Sunshine Law compliance, encouraging awareness of quorum requirements and noting that training was available. Finally, he reminded residents to vote in the upcoming election, noting that four council seats would be on the ballot.

Adjournment

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor