



## MINUTES

### City Council Regular Session Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd October 15, 2024 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 Shaw, Justin Neal, Darran Campbell, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, and Chris Updike. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Police Lieutenant Zach Richards, Police Chief Brian Sells, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, Animal Control Manager Christina Elmore, Animal Control Lead Technician Cheyenne Gilroy, and Principal Planner Chris Tabor.

#### Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Mayor Eric Franklin.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Eric Franklin.

#### Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:00 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:01 p.m.

#### Proclamation

1. Animal Control Center Awarded Shelter of the Year.

Mayor Eric Franklin presented the Proclamation to Christina Elmore and Cheyenne Gilroy.

#### Consent Agenda

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

2. Approve the October 1, 2024 City Council Minutes.
3. 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.
4. Approve the Vendor List.
5. Approve the Utility Billing Adjustments.
6. 24-R-45 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Submit a Renewal Application for Hall Provider of Bingo Premises.

## **Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

Planning & Zoning Meeting	November 4, 2024
City Council Meeting	November 5, 2024
Board of Adjustment Meeting	November 7, 2024
City Council Workshop	November 12, 2024
City Council Meeting	November 19, 2024

## **Old Business and Tabled Items - None**

## **New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)**

### **7. 24-57 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Wilson's Valley Phase 2 Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 24-57 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, 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 has requested the second reading of this ordinance during tonight's meeting. Council Member Campbell motioned to hold the second reading during tonight's meeting. Council Member Neal seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### **8. 24-58 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty (1,920) Square Feet of Right-Of-Way along East Greentree Street (VACA 24-002).**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 24-58 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, 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 has requested the second reading of this ordinance during tonight's meeting. Council Member Updike motioned to hold the second reading during tonight's meeting. Council Member Campbell seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### **9. 24-59 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six (3,586) Square Feet of Right-Of-Way along East Greentree Street (VACA 24-003).**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 24-59 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, 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 has requested the second reading of this ordinance during tonight's meeting. Council Member Campbell motioned to hold the second reading during tonight's meeting. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### **10. 24-60 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 28.88 Acres of Property, located at the 7200 Block of West Farm Road 170, from Kirkwood Estates Planned Development District (PDD 23-005) to Kirkwood Estates Planned Development District (PDD 24-003).**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 24-60 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Kyle Kirk,

7295 W FR 170, spoke in favor as the developer. Mayor Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

**11.24-61 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of 3.10 Acres of Real Property Located at 3155 East Sawyer Road from Eclipse Event Center Planned Development District (PDD) to Light Industrial (M-1).**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 24-61 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

**12.24-62 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title IV ("Land Use"), Article 405-II ("Destination Of Districts And General District Regulations"), Chapter 405 ("Zoning Regulations"), Section 405.030 ("Districts Enumerated"), Article 405-III ("Zoning Districts -- Use And Regulations"), Section 405.148 ("MSD' Main Street District"), Article 405-IV ("Height And Area Requirements, Exceptions And Modifications"), Sections 405.540 ("Height And Area Regulations Established – Chart") and 405.545 ("Height And Area Exceptions And Conditions"), Article 405-VI ("Off-Street Parking And Loading Requirements"), Section 405.570 ("Generally"), Article 405-VII ("Additional District Provisions"), Section 405.620 ("Exterior Lighting Standards"), Article 405-X ("Landscaping And Screening"), Sections 405.750 ("Applicability"), 405.770 ("Landscaped Area Requirements"), And 405.810 ("Screening Requirements"), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 24-62 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

**13.A Public Hearing of the City Council Regarding Approving a Petition for the Creation of a Community Improvement District; Establishing the Farm Road 93 Community Improvement District as a Political Subdivision of the State of Missouri; and Directing the City Clerk to Notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development of the Creation of the District.**

Mayor Franklin opened the public hearing at 6:29 p.m. Curtis Jared spoke in favor of the bill representing the ownership group. Mayor Franklin closed the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

**14.24-63 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving a Petition for the Creation of a Community Improvement District; Establishing the Farm Road 93 Community Improvement District as a Political Subdivision of the State of Missouri; and Directing the City Clerk to Notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development of the Creation of the District.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Campbell to have the first reading of Bill 24-63 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

## **New Business (Second Reading of Ordinances)**

### **15.24-57 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Wilson's Valley Phase 2 Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-57 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions of Council. Council Member Campbell motioned for the passage of Bill 24-57. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### **16.24-58 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty (1,920) Square Feet of Right-Of-Way along East Greentree Street (VACA 24-002).**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the second reading of Bill 24-58 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 24-58. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### **17.24-59 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six (3,586) Square Feet of Right-Of-Way along East Greentree Street (VACA 24-003).**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 24-59 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 24-59. Council Member Campbell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## **Other Business (Resolutions)**

### **18.24-R-46 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing an Amendment to the City's Employee Benefit Program through the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS).**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 24-R-46. Lisa Addington presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## **Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron acknowledged there was a lot to cover in these meetings. He expressed thanks to the staff and the work of the investors in the community. Mr. Cameron noted Kyle Kirk has been working on this for a long time, and extended appreciation to the staff for navigating that process with him. He also thanked Curtis Jared and Stu Stenger for their development efforts. Mr. Cameron noted the work of staff involved in rezoning all of our downtown properties soon. Mr. Cameron praised staff for how well they handled it, with Chris providing excellent explanations.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked the Council for the L-6 change, calling it substantial for the employees. He also thanked the voters for making this possible with the passage of the public safety sales tax and expressed appreciation for the Council's support.

City Administrator David Cameron acknowledged Christina and the Animal Control staff, noting that initially she was the only employee in Animal Control. While this success doesn't make the news, it should be celebrated just like new developments. Mr. Cameron thanked the voters for approving the Capital Improvement Sales Tax in 2017, which provided the funding for the Animal Control Center.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked the Mayor and Council members who attended the OTO meeting. He was pleased to see the city present at the meeting and excited to see the strong representation for Republic. The I-44 widening is a huge improvement for the city and will open up the MM corridor. Mr. Cameron noted that we are strong supporters of what is happening in the region, with \$577 million invested in the project.

City Administrator David Cameron extended thanks to Lowe's for donating \$1,300 to the local Fire Department. He acknowledged that Lowe's is always active in giving back and supporting the community.

City Administrator David Cameron mentioned that we are working on a development video with Curt Cook to market and showcase the City of Republic.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded everyone about the upcoming budget workshop on October 29 and the water rates discussion on November 12.

Council Member Updike shared that Fanning Pet Care won the "Vet of the Year" award alongside the Animal Control Center's award.

Mayor Franklin thanked the Police Department for the "Coffee with a Cop" event. He mentioned the Guns and Hoses charity game on Saturday night, where the Police Department won, and noted that the event raised money for the Shop with a Cop program. Mayor Franklin congratulated Mr. Cameron on his presentation at the OTO breakfast, which was well-received by the region. He reminded everyone that OTO board meetings are streamed on Facebook Live and open to the public. He also congratulated the Animal Control Center on their achievements. Mayor Franklin praised the success of Pumpkin Daze, noting that staff did a great job and he received positive feedback from multiple attendees. He wished everyone a great evening.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Eric Franklin, Mayor