



**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

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd**  
**June 04, 2024 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 Eric Franklin at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Justin Shaw, Garry Wilson, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, Eric Gerke, Darran Campbell, Chris Updike, and Daniel Harter. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Police Chief Brian Sells, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, Recreation Superintendent Garrett Cline, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, Major Jamie Burks, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Engineer Angel Falig, Analyst Trenton Sims, Lieutenant Zach Richards, Recreation Superintendent Karsen Forbis, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

**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.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the May 21, 2024 City Council Minutes.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

City Council Workshop	June 5, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Board of Adjustment Meeting	June 6, 2024-Cancelled
Planning & Zoning Meeting	June 10, 2024
City Council Meeting	June 18, 2024
Planning & Zoning Meeting	July 8, 2024

**Old Business and Tabled Items**

2. **24-30 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.23 Acres of Real Property Located at 935-937 North Main Street, from Light Industrial (M-1) to Two-Family Residential (R-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the second reading of Bill 24-30 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 24-30. Council Member Fields seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.



3. **24-31 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.23 Acres of Real Property Located at 936-938 North Walnut Avenue, from Light Industrial (M-1) to Two-Family Residential (R-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the second reading of Bill 24-31 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Fields motioned for the passage of Bill 24-31. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

4. **24-32 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.23 Acres of Real Property Located at 918 North Walnut Avenue, from Light Industrial (M-1) to Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M).**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the second reading of Bill 24-32 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Gerke motioned for the passage of Bill 24-32. Council Member Fields seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

5. **24-33 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.23 Acres of Real Property Located at 916 North Walnut Avenue, from Light Industrial (M-1) to Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 24-33 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 24-33. Council Member Fields seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

6. **24-34 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.23 Acres of Real Property Located at 914 North Walnut Avenue, from Light Industrial (M-1) to Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M).**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the second reading of Bill 24-34 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Campbell motioned for the passage of Bill 24-34. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

7. **24-35 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of 0.24 Acres of Real Property Located at 480 East US Highway 60, from Two-Family Residential (R-2) to Local Commercial (C-1).**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 24-35 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Fields motioned for the passage of Bill 24-35. Council Member

Campbell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

8. **24-36 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 40 Acres of Real Property Located at the Intersection of South Farm Road 101 and West Farm Road 170 from Boyce Mixed-Use Planned Development District (PDD) to Amended Boyce Mixed-Use Planned Development District (PDD).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 24-36 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Campbell motioned for the passage of Bill 24-36. Council Member Wilson seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

9. **24-37 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VIII (“Fees”), Chapter 805 (“Fee Schedule”), Section 805.050 (“Buildings And Zoning”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the second reading of Bill 24-37 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Angel Falig was available for questions of Council. Council Member Fields motioned for the passage of Bill 24-37. Council Member Shaw seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

10. **24-38 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VII (“Utilities”), Chapter 715 (“Sewers And Sewage Disposal”), Article 715-II (“Use Of The Publicly-Owned Treatment Works”), Section 715.190 (“Fats, Oils, Grease And Sand”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 24-38 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Angel Falig was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 24-38. Council Member Shaw seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

#### **New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)-None**

#### **Other Business (Resolutions)**

11. **24-R-28 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the Greene County Extension Council for the Services of David Burton to Improve and Increase Community Engagement in Republic.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Shaw to take up Resolution 24-R-28. David Burton presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. Bryan Smith, 726 W Scott Circle, spoke in opposition to the Resolution. Rebecca Jones, 266 Sedan Lane, spoke in favor of the Resolution. The vote was 4 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Shaw, and Updike. 4 Nay-Neal, Harter, Fields, and Wilson. Mayor Franklin voted nay to break the tied vote. Motion Failed.

**12.24-R-29 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Negotiate a Developer's Agreement with Republic 63, LLC for the Installation of Infrastructure Improvements and the Purchase of Necessary Materials for Lot 7 of the Hankins Farm Planned Development District.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Campbell to take up Resolution 24-R-29. Karen Haynes presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**13.24-R-30 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into An Agreement with Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad for a Preliminary Engineering Study of Railroad Facilities in the City of Republic.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 24-R-30. Karen Haynes presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**14. Presentation from Drury University on the Downtown Revitalization Study.**

Connor Lezzell presented the findings from the Downtown Revitalization Study.

**Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Connor for the great job filling in for his professor and applauded his effort. Mr. Cameron acknowledge Representative Davidson, thanking him for attending and for his assistance in obtaining our re-appropriation of the \$7.5 Million and \$25 Million from the ARPA funds. Mr. Cameron also noted Representative Davidson also helped fight for additional funding, noting he is growing through the ranks and has come a long way in his 4 years of service, deserving the recognition on doing work for us.

City Administrator David Cameron announced that Senate Bill 979 got no traction this legislative session but will be brought up again next year. Mr. Cameron acknowledged our attorneys did a great job navigating through that.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded everyone of tomorrow's work session.

City Administrator David Cameron congratulated the Parks staff for the successful opening of The Rush and commended them for the job well done.

City Administrator David Cameron reported we are working with MoDOT on the MM project and Shuyler Trail. Mr. Cameron noted MoDOT has started work on traffic signals on MM Highway and noted the recent fatality at Sawyer Road. Mr. Cameron gave his thoughts and prayers to the family. Mr. Cameron also noted another bad accident at MM Highway and James River Freeway. Mr. Cameron acknowledged the need to get these projects underway.

City Administrator David Cameron notified Council that Bob will be bringing an emergency agenda item at the June 18th meeting to approve the SRF funding for the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Cameron noted we will distribute the ordinance early so Council has time to review it prior to the meeting. Mr. Cameron thanked Lisa for covering him during his absence.

Mayor Franklin thanked Lisa for the excellent job covering David's absence and welcomed David back. Mayor Franklin acknowledged the Parks staff for their great job on The Rush and thanked them for the hard work. Mayor Franklin congratulated Lieutenant Richards on his promotion. Mayor Franklin

thanked the Drury students for their hard work on the Downtown Revitalization Study and reminded Council of the workshop located at BUILDS.

**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. Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike at 7:09 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Shaw, Campbell, Updike, Fields, Neal, Gerke, Harter, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Shaw to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:24 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye – Harter, Wilson, Gerke, Neal, Campbell, Updike, Fields, and Shaw. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Eric Franklin, Mayor