



**MINUTES**  
**City Council Regular Session**  
**Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd**  
**July 16, 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, 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, Deputy Fire Chief Lynn Hollandworth, Engineer Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan, Police Major Jamie Burks, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, Recreation Superintendent Garrett Cline, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Office Manager Steffi Weaver, Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, 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.

**Mayor's Announcements**

1. Appoint Brian Fields as Council Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a one year term. Appoint Rusty MacLachlan, Matt Pearce, and Lyndel Link to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board for a four year term.

Mayor Franklin announced the appointments of Brian Fields, Rusty MacLachlan, Matt Pearce, and Lyndel Link.

**Proclamation**

2. Captain Lynn Morgan's Retirement.

Mayor Franklin presented the Proclamation to Lynn Morgan.

**Citizen Participation**

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:05 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:05 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

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

3. Approve the June 18, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.
4. Approve the June 18, 2024 City Council Workshop Minutes.
5. Approve the July 9, 2024 City Council Workshop Minutes.

6. Approve the Vendor List.
7. 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.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

Board of Adjustment Meeting	August 1, 2024
Planning & Zoning Meeting	August 12, 2024
City Council Meeting	August 20, 2024
City Council Meeting	August 27, 2024

**Old Business and Tabled Items-None**

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

8. **24-43 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 1.18 Acres of Real Property Located at 1548 East Hamilton Street, from a Split Zoning Classification of Multi-Family Residential (R-3), Local Commercial (C-1), and General Commercial (C-2) to a Single Zoning Classification of Local Commercial (C-1).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the first reading of Bill 24-43 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, 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.

9. **24-44 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Seven Hundred Thirty Eight Square Feet of Drainage Easement Owned by the City of Republic (VACA 24-001).**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 24-44 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz 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 Fields seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

10. **24-45 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Missouri Public Utility Alliance.**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 24-45 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Steffi Weaver 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 Wilson motioned to hold the second reading during tonight's meeting. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

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

### **11.24-44 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Seven Hundred Thirty Eight Square Feet of Drainage Easement Owned by the City of Republic (VACA 24-001).**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 24-44 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 24-44. 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. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### **12.24-45 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Missouri Public Utility Alliance.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the second reading of Bill 24-45 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Steffi Weaver was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 24-44. 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. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## **Other Business (Resolutions)**

### **13.24-R-31 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Cherry Bekaert, LLP for the Provision of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Consulting Services as Part of the City's Initiative Known as Project Genesis.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 24-R-31. Bob Ford 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.

## **Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Lisa Addington for filling in for him while he was out. Mr. Cameron noted that Have a Blast was incredible and Mayor Franklin did a great job speaking at the event. Mr. Cameron welcomed Kris Parks, noting he worked Have a Blast on his first day. Mr. Cameron thanked Garrett Cline for taking on the Interim Director role, noting he loved his leadership and tenacity. Mr. Cameron thanked our Public Safety staff for keeping the community safe during the event, noting these programs are important to our community long term. Mr. Cameron added we feel a great sense of pride during the fireworks.

City Administrator David Cameron congratulated to Captain Morgan for his retirement, adding that is a long time working for the community. Mr. Cameron acknowledged our public safety personnel put their lives second to everyone else.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Alex Clark for presenting at our work session and SWOT analysis.

City Administrator David Cameron referred everyone to the Administrator's Report that talks about transportation, adding we did not receive the Raise grant. Mr. Cameron added we are looking forward to continuing that process, but it is a competitive grant. Mr. Cameron reported he and Karen Haynes met

with MoDOT on phase 1 of MM Highway and will determine if we will participate in the first phase of the project and will bring back the recommendation to Council for discussion at the next meeting.

City Administrator David Cameron reported we have a delegation of staff going to Kansas City this week to meet about infrastructure. Mr. Cameron reported we obtained the permit for phase 2 of the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Cameron added the meeting is to make sure we check all the boxes on stormwater, future planning, the water tower at Convoy, and Stockton Lake capacity for future water rights. Mr. Cameron noted we will cover a long list of needs to prevent future issues. Mr. Cameron also noted we received our \$50 Million in financing.

City Administrator David Cameron noted in the Administrator's Report there is information about Forward I-44, reporting the governor signed off on those improvements. Mr. Cameron encouraged attendance at the meeting as transportation is important to our region.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Bob Ford and Chris Crosby on the great work on Project Genesis. Mr. Cameron congratulated Steffi Weaver for doing great job presenting for her first meeting. Mr. Cameron reported it is good to be back.

Mayor Franklin welcomed Mr. Cameron back. Mayor Franklin reported that Have a Blast was awesome, with an estimated 14,700 attendees. Mayor Franklin thanked staff for the great job adding if you drive by the next day, you wouldn't believe that many people had been there. Mayor Franklin thanked staff for the recent workshops, noting they have been great information. Mayor Franklin thanked Garry Wilson for the years he spent serving on Planning and Zoning as the Council Liaison. Mayor Franklin reported he attended the recent Greene County Mayor's Association meeting and got to share about Have a Blast. Mayor Franklin reminded everyone there is still an opening for Planning and Zoning, encouraging interested parties to apply online.

**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.*

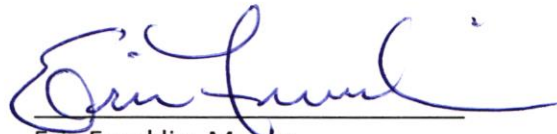
1. RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
2. RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
3. RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
4. RSMo 610.021.12 Documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.
5. RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants or employment. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike at 6:41 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.12 Documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record. and 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-Wilson, Fields, Shaw, Harter, Neal, Updike, Gerke and Campbell. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Gerke to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 8:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye – Updike, Campbell, Shaw, Fields, Harter, Wilson, Gerke, and Neal. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

  
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Eric Franklin, Mayor

