



MINUTES

City Council Special Session Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd July 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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
Brandon Self, Ward III
Clint Gerlek, Ward IV

Call Meeting to Order

The special 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 Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Gerry Pool, Chris Updike, Clint Gerlek, and Brandon Self. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling, Police Lieutenant Jamie Burks, Finance Manager Kyle Sutton, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, IT Director Chris Crosby, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

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

Earline Minier, 124 E Brooks Street, requested additional yard waste dates be added to address the brush and limbs in people's yards, which she feels could be a fire hazard.

Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:02 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve July 19, 2022 City Council Minutes.
2. 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 4, 2022
Planning & Zoning Meeting	August 8, 2022-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	August 16, 2022
City Council Meeting	August 23, 2022

Old Business and Tabled Items

3. **22-42 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Second Supplemental STP-Urban Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Design and Right of Way Acquisition on Extending the Shuyler Creek Trail.**



Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 22-42 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner was available for questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 22-42. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Wilson, Gerlek, Self, Franklin, Pool, Gerke, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

4. **22-43 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately One Point Three Eight (1.38) Acres, Located at the 3400 Block of East U.S. Highway 60, From Agricultural (AG) to General Commercial (C-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Gerke to have the second reading of Bill 22-43 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available for questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-43. Council Member Pool seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Self, Franklin, Gerlek, Wilson, Pool, Gerke, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

5. **22-44 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Engineering Services Agreement with Olsson Inc. for the Planning, Design, and Construction Inspection of the Highway MM Expansion.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the second reading of Bill 22-44 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner was available for questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-44. Council Member Wilson seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Updike, Gerke, Self, Wilson, Gerlek, Franklin, and Pool. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **22-45 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving a Special Use Permit for Josan Properties Arkansas LLC to Operate a Boat, Vehicle, and Self-Storage Facility on Real Property Located at 3020 U.S. Highway 60.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 22-45 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available for questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 22-45. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Wilson, Franklin, Pool, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. **22-46 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 Agricultural (AG) and General Commercial (C-2) to Kirkwood Estates Planned Development District (PDD).**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 22-46 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available for questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-46. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Wilson, Gerlek, Updike, Pool, Franklin, and Gerke. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Self. Motion Carried.

8. **22-47 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of a Developer Agreement with Republic 63, LLC for the Continued Development of the Hankins Farm Planned Development District.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 22-47 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available for questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-47. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Gerlek, Wilson, Updike, Pool, Self, Franklin, and Gerke. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

9. **22-48 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Bill No. 21-65 to Authorize Execution of a Revised Intergovernmental Agreement with Missouri Department of Social Services Family Support Division for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-48 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Kyle Sutton provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

10. **22-R-38 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with OpenEdge Payments LLC for Credit Card Processing Services.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 22-R-38. Kyle Sutton provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

11. **22-R-39 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for Waterline Borings at Hankins Farm Industrial Park Subdivision to On-Side Construction LLC.**

Motion was made by Council Member Self and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 22-R-39. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

12. **22-R-40 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for Wastewater Infrastructure Installation at Hankins Farm Industrial Park Subdivision to Hamilton and Dad, Inc.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 22-R-40. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron reminded everyone to vote next week. Mr. Cameron invited Jared Keeling to present the ballot items a final time to Council. Jared Keeling presented the two sales tax initiatives, the first for general operations, and the second for capital improvement projects. Mr. Keeling reminded everyone that both are existing taxes that expire in 2024. Mr. Keeling reported we will be paying off the large capital projects from the previous Parks Capital Improvement Project ballot in the next two years. This Capital Improvement Project proposal would be for expansion of the Republic

Aquatics Center, the addition of JR Martin Boulevard at JR Martin Park, and a regional sports complex. Mr. Keeling reminded everyone to get out and vote on August 2nd.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Jared Keeling and Jennafer Mayfield for their work on this ballot measure. Mr. Cameron praised the documentation done by Parks to educate the voters and be available for questions. Mr. Cameron added they have done an excellent job, just as they did last year with the public safety sales tax. Mr. Cameron noted that clear ballot language is appreciated by citizens, adding it is difficult with one being an operating expense, but they have done a fantastic job. Mr. Cameron also noted that he heard nothing but fantastic reports about Have a Blast.

City Administrator David Cameron welcomed Mr. Gerlek to Council and welcomed back Mr. Self. Mr. Cameron added we have a lot of exciting things going on and it is nice to have a fully seated Council. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone of the importance of having a quorum. Mr. Cameron reported it is great to be back in the office, adding he took a nice break after a busy legislative session. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone that the City was informed the wastewater treatment plant improvements would cost \$150 million and since then, staff have been working to secure that funding. Mr. Cameron added he appreciates the work Andrew Nelson did to cover the City Administrator duties while he was away.

City Administrator David Cameron said he is often asked about what is going on in Republic. He attributed it to the use of Development Agreements. He added we began to partner with developers to have skin in the game and were able to leverage the ARPA money on the Hankins Farm project. Mr. Cameron commended Council for the big picture decisions made regarding Developer Agreements, which brings Whataburger, Andy's, and other exciting projects to Republic.

City Administrator David Cameron reported while out, the Governor signed House Bill 3020, which allocated 25 million dollars to the City of Republic for wastewater treatment plant improvements. Mr. Cameron added the City was laughed at when we asked for 100 million dollars.. He shared we believe in what we are doing, and the state's funds have grown by 17 million dollars per year or more due to our growth. Mr. Cameron acknowledged some of the people in Jefferson City who did the heavy lifting for us. Representative Jared Taylor is the one that stood up in the House for Republic. Representative Bishop Davidson came along with us through the process. Representative Curtis Trent was also instrumental in helping our community receive these funds. Mr. Cameron reported this funding represents a 15% increase in billing that citizens would have incurred had we not received this allocation. Representative Alex Riley, Representative Bill Owen, Representative Craig Fishel, Representative John Black, Budget Chair Cody Smith, and Budget Vice-Chairman Dirk Deaton had a face to face meeting the first day they were at the Capitol. Representative Bishop Davidson was instrumental in getting into the Governor's office, and Mr. Cameron expressed his appreciation for all the work these Representatives did for us. Senator Jay Wasson came to our office and made calls for us and Senator Lincoln Hough carried it across the finish line as a representative for Springfield, understanding the regional impact this has. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone it is not about us growing too fast and needing to increase capacity, this is paying to comply with an order the city did not meet in 2011. They carried this for our citizens, and we didn't get a vote. Mr. Cameron thanked them publicly because if this had not passed, our citizens would be paying at least 15% more on their bills. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone we still have 25 million dollars more we need to secure to do all the updates necessary to comply with the Department of Natural Resources, otherwise the rates will continue to go up to meet the compliance issue. Mr. Cameron also thanked Representative Doug Richey and Representative Scott Cupps. Mr. Cameron emphasized that we want to minimize the cost impact to our citizens. Mr. Cameron announced we will start again in Jefferson City when the next legislative session begins. Mr. Cameron thanked everyone that voted yes to pass this. Mr. Cameron thanked Council for allowing and encouraging us to go advocate for this funding. Mr. Cameron thanked the staff that had to cover while they were gone. Mr. Cameron acknowledged that Jared Keeling

and his staff carried their own ballot measure while he was away. He added this will have a huge impact to our community. Mr. Cameron shared it is great to be back and thank you to Council for serving.

City Administrator David Cameron congratulated Andrew Nelson for making "10 for the next 10" in 417 Biz. Mr. Cameron added we are surrounded by the rock stars of the organization and Andrew would gladly replace his picture with any employee. Mr. Cameron noted it was well deserved.

Council Member Franklin thanked Whataburger for inviting staff and citizens to their groundbreaking. Mr. Franklin added he was sad to lose Meeks but was excited to have the Chamber there to celebrate.

Mayor Matt Russell noted that staff pulled off something special with this 25 million dollars in funding. Mayor Russell thanked David Cameron for quarterbacking the play, adding that when everyone laughed at us, Mr. Cameron got it done. Mayor Russell thanked everyone that helped, adding that Mr. Cameron was the one that pushed it through and had faith.

Mayor Russell shared that his boys are in 5th and 6th grade this year and get to practice together at football camp. Last night, for the first time ever, he got to see his oldest son pass the ball to his youngest son in a practice. Mayor Russell added he won't get to see that again until high school. Mayor Russell shared he asked Alex why he threw it to Nick, and he said he knew Nick would catch the ball.

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.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike at 6:38 p.m. 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-Self, Pool, Wilson, Updike, Franklin, Gerke, and Gerlek. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The vote was 7 Aye-Self, Franklin, Wilson, Gerlek, Gerke, Pool, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:



Laura Burbridge, City Clerk



Matt Russell, Mayor