



City of Independence Minutes

Urban Renewal Agency Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2025

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Schwarzler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2. **Roll Call.** Mayor Schwarzler present.

Present: Councilor Evan Sorce
 Councilor Dawn Roden
 Councilor Bill Boisvert
 Councilor/Council President Kathy Martin-Willis
 Councilor Shannon Corr

Absent: Councilor Marilyn Morton, Excused

City Staff Kenna West, City Manager
Present: Myra Russell, City Recorder
 Shawn Irvine, Assistant City Manager
 Juventino Banuelos, Police Chief

3. **Minutes.**

3.1. **Regular Meeting 06/10/2025.**

Action:

Councilor/Council President Martin-Willis moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting 6-10-2025; Councilor Corr seconded. Discussion: None
Roll call vote. Motion 5-0-0

Ayes: Evan Sorce, Dawn Roden, Bill Boisvert, Kathy Martin-Willis,
 Shannon Corr

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

3.2. **Work Session 09/09/2025.**

Action:

Councilor/Council President Martin-Willis moved to approve the minutes of the work session 9-9-2025 ; Councilor Corr seconded. Discussion: None
Roll call vote. Motion 5-0-0

Ayes: Evan Sorce, Dawn Roden, Bill Boisvert, Kathy Martin-Willis,
 Shannon Corr

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

4. **Visitors/Public Comment.** None.

5. **Unfinished Business.** None.

6. **New Business.**

6.1. **Disposition of URD Properties (Irvine).**

Irvine discussed property disposal options for Independence Landing and approved a development solicitation process. The Urban Renewal Agency discussed two options for disposing of remaining Independence Landing properties: listing them for sale with conditions or conducting a development solicitation. Staff recommended the latter, which would involve issuing a request for proposals in late winter, opening it for 3-4 weeks, and reviewing responses with a committee. Councilors debated the merits of each approach, with some expressing concerns about the lack of a realtor recommendation letter and the timing of the bidding period. Despite these concerns, the council voted to move forward with the development solicitation option, with the understanding that they could switch to a direct sale if the process did not yield satisfactory results.

Action:

Councilor Corr moved that the URD conduct a development solicitation to dispose of the remaining Independence Landing properties; Councilor/Council President Martin-Willis seconded. Discussion: Concern that we didn't receive a letter from realtors with a recommendation, concerns regarding staff time and timeline. Confirmation that City can still sell the property if development solicitation doesn't pan out.

Roll call vote. Motion 4-1-0

Ayes: Evan Sorce, Bill Boisvert, Kathy Martin-Willis, Shannon Corr

Nays: Dawn Roden

Abstentions: None

7. **Adjournment.** Councilor/Council President Martin-Willis moved to to adjourn; Councilor Roden seconded. Mayor Schwarzler adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Roll call vote. Motion 5-0-0

Ayes: Evan Sorce, Dawn Roden, Bill Boisvert, Kathy Martin-Willis, Shannon Corr

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Minutes submitted by:
Myra Russell, City Recorder