



# City of Independence Minutes

**Budget Committee Meeting  
Monday, August 25, 2025**

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1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by CM West at 5:34 pm

2. **Roll Call.**

Present:                Committee Member Evan Sorce  
                              Committee Member Bill Boisvert  
                              Committee Member Kathy Martin-Willis  
                              Committee Member Kate Schwarzler  
                              Committee Member Marilyn Morton  
                              Committee Member Shannon Corr  
                              Committee Member Bradley Karkanen  
                              Committee Member Alex Parakevas  
                              Committee Member Nathan Christensen

Absent:                 Committee Member Jesica Porter

Excused:              Committee Member Roden  
                              Committee Member Garrison  
                              Committee Member Sharman  
                              Committee Member Seiler

City Staff Present:    Kenna West, City Manager  
                              Myra Russell, City Recorder  
                              Rob Moody, Finance Director

3. **New Business.**

3.1. **City Fiscal Strategy Discussion.**

CM West opened an informal roundtable meeting and handed it over to Finance Director Moody to share information with the budget committee from the staff level as they had requested, so that they will be better prepared going into Budget season in April. The Budget Committee reviewed the city's financial status, discussing revenue trends, personnel costs, and fund balance concerns while exploring options to address a significant deficit through new revenues, levies, and fee implementations. They examined marketing strategies for properties and reviewed progress on a fee study, while also discussing donation options and the need for improved communication about financial decisions. The group explored various funding strategies for maintaining essential community services like libraries and museums, including potential levies and fees, while emphasizing the importance of clear communication and strategic planning for future financial challenges.

4. **Adjourn.** Committee Members Karkanen and Corr left at 6:58 pm to attend another meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by:  
Myra Russell, City Recorder