



City of Independence

Minutes

City Council Work Session

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Schwarzler called the work session to order at 7:00 PM

2. **ROLL CALL.**

Mayor Schwarzler present

Council Present: Shannon Corr
Marilyn Morton
Evan Sorce
Dawn Roden-left meeting at 7:38 pm, excused
Kathy Martin-Willis

Council Absent: Bill Boisvert, excused

City Staff Present: Kenna West, City Manager
Shawn Irvine, Asst. City Manager
Fred Evander, Planning Manager
Myra Russell, City Recorder
Juventino Banuelos, Police Chief

3. **REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS.**

3.1. Infill Presentation with Consultants & Discussion. Evander asked for thoughts on the walking tour pre work session. Discussion of different housing options that have evolved over time in the city. Discussion of what characteristics help infill development fit in with existing neighborhood, or not. Evander introduced consultants Matt and Emmaquin. Matt explained the process for evaluating code and to see what changes could be made. The State rule says housing codes should be clear and objective. Five phases of process are; meet with staff, audit of current code, identify changes that could be implemented, review with council and community, finalize code and adopt. Discussion of things to consider moving forward, including issues of scale, privacy, and parking.

3.2. Moderate Income Revolving Loan Fund. Irvine opened a discussion about MIRL. Information was presented to the council at a previous work session. Irvine explained the process again and answered questions from the council. Discussion of pros and cons to moving forward with project. Consensus to provide feedback to Governor's office, possible consideration of project based on what they come back with.

4. **ADJOURNMENT.** Mayor Schwarzler adjourned the meeting at 8:43PM

MAYOR KATE SCHWARZLER

ATTEST:

Myra Russell, City Recorder

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