



City of Independence

Minutes City Council Work Session Tuesday, February 25, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER - WORK SESSION.** Mayor Schwarzler called the work session to order at 6:34pm.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Schwarzler present

Council Present: Shannon Corr
Bill Boisvert
Kathy Martin-Willis
Marilyn Morton
Dawn Roden
Evan Sorce-arrived at 6:53pm.

Council Absent: None

City Staff Present: Kenna West, City Manager
Myra Russell, City Recorder
Rob Moody, Finance Director
Shawn Irvine, Assistant City Manager
Juventino Banuelos, Police Chief
Patrick Bodily, Library Director
Amy Christensen, Museum Curator
Amanda Christensen, HR Director
Emmanuel Goicochea, Communications Coordinator

2. **WORK SESSION**

2.1. Discussion of City Finances and Budget Planning. City Manager West and Finance Director Moody gave overview of City Finances. Library Director Bodily and Museum Curator Christensen gave a joint presentation on their ideas for combining the Library and Museum. CM West presented other options that staff had prepared. Assistant City Manager Irvine presented information on new management at the Independence Hotel related to the Event Center. Council discussed each option and narrowed down staff focus. Council directed staff to look into consolidation of the museum and library and sale of the museum building, sale of city owned properties including the Sports Park, Boise Park, Pool Property and Gun Club Property, Event center enhancements and management consideration, and opening discussions regarding the use of the "Old Library". The Finance Director also received several questions that he will research and bring back to the council.

3. **ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm

MAYOR KATE SCHWARZLER

ATTEST:
