



City of Independence

Minutes **Work Session** **Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER - WORK SESSION.** Mayor Schwarzler called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm
 2. **ROLL CALL**
Mayor Schwarzler present

Council Present: Shannon Corr
Bill Boisvert
Kathy Martin-Willis
Marilyn Morton
Dawn Roden
Evan Sorce

Council Absent: Dawn Roden, excused

Planning Commission Present:
Corby Chappell, Chair
Jose Oliveros-arrived at 6:38 pm
Becky Jay
Alex Paraskevas
Sally Coen

Planning Commission Absent:
Jordan Carpenter, unexcused

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
Nikki Ditchen, Accounting Manager
 3. **WORK SESSIONS**
 - 3.1. Joint Work Session- City Council and Planning Commission, FEMA PICM. Assistant City Manager Irvine explained the timeline for adopting the federally mandated FEMA PICM program and how to approach adoption. It will impact future development in flood zones. New criteria in floodplain development that considers the habitat loss from development. Cities must implement one of 3 measures. The city

previously chose FEMA's revised model ordinance option. The city needs to adopt it by July 31, 2025. Other cities banded together to file a lawsuit to block implementation, but City is proceeding with the July deadline until told otherwise. Standard requirement is no net loss of habitat due to development in the flood plain. Three critical functions are flood storage, water quality, and vegetation. Discussion of how this would apply to development in the city and how the adoption process will proceed. More information will come throughout the adoption process.

3.2. Work Session-City Council, Budget Update. City Manager West went over answers to questions from the February 25, 2025, work session and provided documents with this information. West also explained outreach efforts through online survey and interactive in-person event. Council discussed information presented and gave Staff direction to proceed with combining Library and Museum, not back filling Downtown manager position, selling Museum property, selling other park properties.

3.3. URA Work session moved to a different time.

4. ADJOURNMENT Work Session adjourned at 8:29 PM

MAYOR KATE SCHWARZLER

ATTEST:

Myra Russell, City Recorder