



City of Independence

Independence Days Ad Hoc Board
Monday, August 25, 2025 @ 9:30 AM
Civic Center- Council Chambers

(see agenda footer for meeting attendance information)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
 - 3.1. Regular Meeting 07/07/2025
4. **Visitors / Public Comments**
5. **Reports / Presentations**
6. **Unfinished Business**
7. **New Business**
 - 7.1. Extension Request Outcome
 - 7.2. Future Options and Transition Discussion
8. **Adjournment**

Meeting Attendance Information:

The Independence Days Ad Hoc Board will hold this meeting in-person in City Hall Council Chambers, via video conference (Zoom) or by phone.

- To attend in person, the City Hall address is 555 S. Main St.
- For Zoom login
visit: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86706291513?pwd=keYX8HJGASArHyK3uOb8UNoZYoDgc9.1>
- To participate in the meeting **by phone**, dial **US: +1-253-215-8782** and enter **Webinar ID: 867 0629 1513** and **Passcode: 002456**

Written comments are also welcome and may be delivered to City Hall or emailed to Council Comments@ci.independence.or.us no later than 9:00 AM the day of the meeting.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Myra Russell, City Recorder, 503-838-1212/TTY: 800-735-2900.



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Minutes

Independence Days Ad Hoc Board Meeting Monday, July 7, 2025

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1. CALL TO ORDER. Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM
 2. ROLL CALL.
Board members Present:
 - Councilor Boisvert
 - Councilor Corr
 - Councilor Morton
 - Vidal Pena
 - Miranda GarrisonOthers Present:
 - City Manager Kenna West
 - Asst. City Manager Shawn Irvine
 - Downtown Manager Courtney Williams
 - City Recorder Myra Russell
 - LT. Lyle Gilbert
 - Andrea VanHeeswyk, YMCA
 - Travis Hughes, YMCA
 3. MINUTES The minutes of the June 19, 2025 meeting were submitted in the agenda packet. Board member Boisvert moved to approve as submitted; Board member Corr seconded. Motion passed by all commissioners
 4. VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS. None
 5. REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS.
 - 5.1. Chair Morton presented information summarized from Independence Days Commission meetings this year as well as first Ad Hoc meeting. Review of the financial performance and success of the recent Independence Day event, discussing potential improvements and future plans.
 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None
 7. NEW BUSINESS.
 - 7.1. Transition Organization Evaluation: The board explored options for transitioning the event to a new organization, considering various groups and individuals while emphasizing the importance of maintaining it as a collaborative community effort. The YMCA had 2 representatives to ask and answer questions related to a potential transition. The board agreed to extend their project timeline, continue event coordination, and address key concerns such as insurance and parade management.

8. ADJOURNMENT. Board member Corr moved to adjourn, Board member Pena seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Minutes submitted by:
Myra Russell, City Recorder