



# City of Independence Minutes

City Council Meeting  
Monday, September 15, 2025

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1. **Call to Order.** Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM

2. **Roll Call.**

Present: Board Member Bill Boisvert  
Chair Marilyn Morton  
Board Member Shannon Corr  
Board Member Vidal Pena  
Board Member Miranda Garrison

Absent:

City Staff Present: Kenna West, City Manager  
Myra Russell, City Recorder  
Shawn Irvine, Assistant City Manager

3. **Minutes.**

3.1. **Regular Meeting 08/25/2025.**

**Action:**

Board Member Pena moved to approve minutes as submitted; Board Member Corr seconded.

Voice vote. Motion 5-0-0. Motion Passed

**Ayes:** Bill Boisvert, Marilyn Morton, Shannon Corr, Vidal Pena,  
Miranda Garrison

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

4. **Visitors/Public Comment.** 4.1 Susan Graham, Independence Resident. Presented idea of transitioning the Independence Day celebrations into a 501c3 nonprofit organization ("Friends of the Park?") to enable grant funding and tax-deductible donations. The board explored legal challenges and requirements for establishing such an organization, including the need for an MOU with the city regarding asset sharing and volunteer arrangements.

5. **Unfinished Business.**

5.1. **Future Options and Transition Discussion.**

The board agreed to review documentation presented by Ms. Graham about the proposal before the next meeting and discussed the need to close down existing commissions while addressing potential seed money and asset inventory for the

new organization. Next meeting set for Monday September 29, 2025 at 9:30 AM.

6. **New Business.** None.
7. **Adjournment.** Board Member Corr moved to adjourn; Board Member Boisvert seconded. Chair Morton adjourned the meeting at 9:58 AM.

Minutes submitted by:  
Myra Russell, City Recorder