



City of Independence

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