



City of Independence Minutes

Urban Renewal Agency Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2025

1. **Call to Order.** Councilor Martin-Willis called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2. **Roll Call.**

Present: Councilor Dawn Roden
Councilor Bill Boisvert
Councilor/Council President Kathy Martin-Willis
Councilor Marilyn Morton
Councilor Shannon Corr

Absent: Councilor Evan Sorce, excused
Mayor Kate Schwarzler, excused

City Staff Present: Kenna West, City Manager
Myra Russell, City Recorder
Shawn Irvine, Assistant City Manager
Juventino Banuelos, Police Chief

3. **Reports/Presentations.**

3.1. **Strategic Options for URA-Owned Properties (Irvine).**

Irvine discussed two options for selling three urban renewal district properties near Independence Landing, with the broker team recommending a development solicitation process that would allow more control over outcomes while potentially taking longer than a straightforward listing. The meeting addressed various concerns including URA debt, parking issues, and property ownership in the area, while exploring options for dedicated parking spaces and walkable access. The group ultimately decided to gather more information on the costs and benefits of both development options before making a final decision, with plans to bring a detailed plan and cost estimate back to the URA meeting in early October.

4. **Adjournment.** Councilor Corr moved to adjourn; Councilor Boisvert seconded. Councilor Martin Willis adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Myra Russell, City Recorder