



# City of Independence Minutes

**Traffic Safety Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

---

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. **Roll Call.**

Present: Planning Manager Fred Evander  
Commissioner Michael Tweed  
Commissioner Kevin Crutsinger  
Commissioner Trevor Williamson  
Commissioner Jason Branske  
Commissioner Kelie McWilliams

Absent:

City Staff Myra Russell, City Recorder  
Present: Noemy Vega, Police Records Technician

3. **Minutes.**

1. **Regular Meeting 06/18/2025. Action:**

Commissioner McWilliams moved to approve the minutes of the 6/18/2025 meeting with a correction of the spelling of her name; Commissioner Branske seconded. No Discussion

Voice vote. Motion 6-0-0

**Ayes:** Fred Evander, Michael Tweed, Kevin Crutsinger, Trevor Williamson, Jason Branske, Kelie McWilliams

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

2. **Regular Meeting 10/15/2025. Action:**

Planning Manager Evander moved to approve the minutes of the 10/15/2025 meeting as submitted; Commissioner Branske seconded. No Discussion

Voice vote. Motion 6-0-0

**Ayes:** Fred Evander, Michael Tweed, Kevin Crutsinger, Trevor Williamson, Jason Branske, Kelie McWilliams

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

4. **Visitors/Public Comment.** None

5. **Staff Reports/Presentations.**

1. **Traffic Data.** The meeting reviewed traffic incident data from June 12th to October 13th, focusing on crashes and other vehicular incidents. Clarifications were made about warning citations, particularly in cases involving concurrent criminal charges. Questions were addressed regarding the meaning of "Salem/MC" on maps (Marion County), the inability of drivers to exchange information during incidents, and the frequency of accidents on Monmouth Street. Additionally, concerns were raised about debris from recent accidents remaining on sidewalks and public spaces, with clarification provided that the responsibility for cleanup lies with the contracted tow companies.
2. **Vehicular Incidents.** The commission talked about traffic safety concerns. The discussion covered the process for officers to select safe stop locations, with the officer having the responsibility to determine the stop location while considering safety for both parties. The group also reviewed how driving complaints are handled, with community members calling in concerns, and clarified the hit-and-run mapping system which uses different levels (1-4) to indicate the timing and nature of reported incidents. The commission also discussed accident data analysis and the potential to gather more detailed information about drivers involved in accidents. Commissioner McWilliams inquired about accessing age data for accident drivers, which the Chair Williamson explained may be challenging due to privacy concerns, particularly for juvenile drivers. They considered the need for strategies to improve road safety, such as educational programs for high schools and increased signage in neighborhoods, but noted that further discussion with the chief and legal team would be necessary to determine the feasibility of collecting and analyzing such data. Commissioner Evander wondered about analyzing collision data using GIS mapping. They agreed to investigate exporting collision data to GIS files for tracking hotspots over time, with the next scheduled meeting in February.
6. **Action/Discussion Items.** None.
7. **Adjournment.** Planning Manager Evander moved to Adjourn; Commissioner McWilliams seconded. Sgt. Williamson adjourned the meeting at 6:31pm.

Minutes submitted by:  
Myra Russell, City Recorder