



City of Independence Minutes

Urban Renewal Agency Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Schwarzler called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM
2. **Roll Call.** Mayor Schwarzler present.

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

Absent:

City Staff Kenna West, City Manager
Present: Myra Russell, City Recorder
 Amanda Carey, Finance Director
 Fred Evander, City Planner
 Juventino Banuelos, Police Chief
 Gerald Fisher, Public Works Director
3. **Minutes. Action:**
Councilor Morton moved to approve the minutes as received; Councilor/Council President Martin-Willis seconded. Discussion: None
Roll call vote. Motion 6-0-0
 Ayes: Evan Sorce, Dawn Roden, Bill Boisvert, Kathy Martin-Willis, Marilyn Morton, Shannon Corr
 Nays: None
 Abstentions: None
 - 3.1. **Regular Meeting 10/14/2025.**
 - 3.2. **Regular Meeting 01/13/2026.**
4. **Visitors/Public Comment.** None.
5. **Presentations.**
 - 5.1. **URA Audit Presentation (Carey, Auditors).**
Amanda Carey, Finance Director for the City of Independence, and Cyrus Ward, Senior Manager and CPA from Aldrich CPA and Advisors, presented the

audited financial statements. The audit revealed that the URA received approximately \$1.1 million in tax increment, which was used to fund debt payments, with total debt outstanding at \$18.6 million. While the agency was found to be within its maximum debt threshold of \$17.948 million, there were two non-compliance findings related to budget committee notices and expenditures exceeding the budget on one line item, but not exceeding the overall budget. The conversation ended with no major findings and a discussion about the need for better tracking of budget information in the future.

6. **Adjournment.** Mayor Schwarzler adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

MAYOR KATE SCHWARZLER

ATTEST:

Myra Russell, City Recorder