



City of Independence

Independence Urban Renewal Agency Budget
Committee
Wednesday, April 22, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
Civic Center - Council Chambers

(see agenda footer for meeting attendance information)

1. **Call to Order**
Immediately following the City Budget Committee meeting
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
 - 3.1. 04/23/2025
 - 3.2. 04/30/2025
 - 3.3. 05/07/2025
 - 3.4. 05/14/2025
4. **Public Comment**
Public hearing to solicit comments on the proposed URD budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
5. **Budget Presentations**
 - 5.1. Budget Message: Amanda Carey, Finance Director/Budget Officer
 - 5.2. 2026-2027 Budget: Amanda Carey, Finance Director/Budget Officer
 - Committee questions / discussion
6. **Action**
 - 6.1. Approval of Budget
- OR -
 - 6.2. Continue to Date/Time Certain: April 29, 2026, 6:30 PM
(Immediately following the city budget meeting)
7. **Adjourn/Recess**
Note: An Independence URA Budget Committee meeting follows immediately.

Meeting Attendance Information:

The Budget Committee will hold this meeting in-person in City Hall Council Chambers, via video conference (Zoom) or by phone. Meetings are also live-streamed on the City's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofIndependenceOR>.

- To attend in person, the City Hall address is 555 S. Main St.

- For Zoom login visit:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84282298531?pwd=rvTy1udoetB8dgm5fat8obEmNBP9OB.1>
- To participate in the meeting **by phone, dial US: +1-253-215-8782** and enter **Webinar ID: 842 8229 8531** and **Passcode: 473161**

Written comments are also welcome and may be delivered to City Hall or emailed to CouncilComments@ci.independence.or.us no later than 4:00 pm the day of the meeting.

Remote Public Comment: Members of the public may provide testimony remotely during the meeting. To participate remotely, individuals must notify the City Recorder, Myra Russell, via email (mrussell@ci.independence.or.us) or phone (503-838-1174) no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day prior to the meeting. Instructions for accessing the meeting via Zoom will be provided upon request.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Myra Russell, City Recorder, 503-838-1212/TTY: 800-735-2900.



City of Independence

Minutes

Independence Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 23, 2025

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 pm by Chair Garrison

ROLL CALL

Budget Committee Members (BCM)

City Council

Kate Schwarzler
Shannon Corr
Bill Boisvert
Evan Sorce-Arrived 7:01PM
Marilyn Morton
Dawn Roden
Kathy Martin-Willis

Resident Members

Bradley Karkanen
Nathan Christensen
Miranda Garrison
Jessica Porter-Absent, left meeting
Alex Paraskevas
Erin Seiler-Absent, left Zoom
Dana Sharman

Staff present:

Kenna West, Myra Russell, Rob Moody, Gerald Fisher, Shawn Irvine, Amanda Christensen, Amy Christensen

REVIEW OF AGENDA

MINUTES. BCM Schwarzler moved to approve minutes of 2024 Budget Committee as presented; BCM Boisvert seconded. Discussion: None. Roll call vote. Motion passed with all present voting aye; none opposed.

VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS. None

BUDGET PRESENTATION. Moody gave overview of message. Need to remove contingency from Urban renewal projects fund as it's not allowed in this fund which was one of the audit findings. Need motion to amend budget.

Action: BCM Morton moved to amend urban renewal capital projects fund to remove contingency as budgeted in 2025-26. Seconded by BCM Sorce. Discussion: Discussion of ability for URA fund to repay general fund. Roll Call Vote. BCM Roden-Nay, rest = Aye. Motion passes.

PUBLIC HEARING Continued.

ACTION BCM Corr moved to recess the meeting, to reconvene on April 30th following the Budget Committee Meeting; BCM Christensen seconded. Motion passed with all present voting aye; none opposed.

Meeting recessed at 9:13 pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Myra Russell, City Recorder



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Minutes

Independence Urban Renewal Agency Meeting
Wednesday, April 30, 2025

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was continued from the URA Budget Meeting held on April 23, 2025. The meeting was reconvened at 9:09 pm by Chair Garrison.

ROLL CALL (everyone present that was at Budget Committee Meeting.)

Budget Committee Members (BCM)

City Council

Kate Schwarzler
Shannon Corr
Bill Boisvert
Evan Sorce
Marilyn Morton
Dawn Roden
Kathy Martin-Willis

Resident Members

Bradley Karkanen
Nathan Christensen
Chair Miranda Garrison
Jesica Porter
Alex Paraskevas
Erin Seiler
Dana Sharman

Staff present:

Kenna West, Myra Russell, Rob Moody, Gerald Fisher, Shawn Irvine, Amanda Christensen, Amy Christensen, Jason Kistler, Juventino Banuelos, Patrick Bodily, Fred Evander, Emmanuel Goicochea

BUDGET PRESENTATION. None

PUBLIC HEARING. None

ACTION

Continue to Date/Time Certain: May 7, 2025, 6:30 PM
(*immediately following City Budget Committee meeting*)

ADJOURN / RECESS. Immediately after meeting opened, BCM Roden moved to recess to reconvene on May 7th at 6:30 pm; Second by BCM Paraskevas. Motion passed with all present voting aye; none opposed.

Meeting recessed at 9:011 pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Myra Russell, City Recorder



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Minutes

Independence Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 7, 2025

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was continued from the URA Budget Meeting held on April 30, 2025. The meeting was reconvened at 9:06 pm by Chair Garrison.

ROLL CALL

Budget Committee Members (BCM)

City Council

Kate Schwarzler
Shannon Corr
Bill Boisvert
Evan Sorce
Marilyn Morton
Dawn Roden
Kathy Martin-Willis

Resident Members

Bradley Karkanen
Nathan Christensen
Chair Miranda Garrison
Jessica Porter
Alex Paraskevas
Erin Seiler
Dana Sharman

Staff present:

Kenna West, Myra Russell, Rob Moody, Gerald Fisher, Shawn Irvine, Amanda Christensen, Amy Christensen, Jason Kistler, Juventino Banuelos, Patrick Bodily, Fred Evander, Emmanuel Goicochea

BUDGET PRESENTATION

- BCM Morton moved to reduce debt service by 300,000 on page 3, number 2 in the urban renewal budget. Second by BCM Corr. Discussion of why this needs to be done. This is because the URA can't pay the general fund. Roll call vote. Unanimous aye vote by all members present. Motion passes.

PUBLIC HEARING. Continued

ADJOURNMENT. BCM Roden moved to recess the meeting, to reconvene on May 14th at 6:30 pm; seconded BCM Christensen. Motion passed with all present voting aye; none opposed.

Meeting recessed at 9:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Myra Russell, City Recorder



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Agenda

Independence Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
Civic Center - Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was continued from the URA Budget Meeting held on May 7, 2025. The meeting was reconvened at 8:55 pm by Chair Garrison.

ROLL CALL

Budget Committee Members (BCM)

City Council

Kate Schwarzler
Shannon Corr
Bill Boisvert
Evan Sorce
Marilyn Morton
Dawn Roden
Kathy Martin-Willis

Resident Members

Bradley Karkanen-Absent
Nathan Christensen
Chair Miranda Garrison
Jessica Porter
Alex Paraskevas
Erin Seiler
Dana Sharman

Staff present:

Kenna West, Myra Russell, Rob Moody, Gerald Fisher, Shawn Irvine, Amanda Christensen, Amy Christensen, Jason Kistler, Juventino Banuelos, Patrick Bodily, Emmanuel Goicochea

BUDGET DISCUSSION One change to budget has already been approved. Discussion of the amendment due to reducing payments to the general fund from the URA.

PUBLIC HEARING

ACTION

- BCM Sorce moved to approve the Proposed Independence Urban Renewal District budget for fiscal year 2025-26 as amended and to declare and certify the maximum tax increment that may be raised.” BCM Corr Second. Discussion: None
 - Aye - Garrison, Schwarzler, Porter, Martin-Willis, Christensen, Corr, Seiler, Sorce, Sharman, Boisvert, Paraskevas, Morton
 - Nay - Roden

ADJOURNMENT. BCM Sorce moved to adjourn the meeting, BCM Paraskevas seconded. Motion passed with all present voting aye; none opposed. Meeting recessed at 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Myra Russell, City Recorder