



City of Independence

Agenda

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Civic Center - Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER Continued from Budget Meeting held on April 23, 2025	
2. ROLL CALL	
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	
3.1. Comment received via email	3
Shannon Ball	
4. BUDGET PRESENTATIONS	
4.1. 2025-2026: Rob Moody, Finance Director/Budget Officer & Kenna West, City Manager	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentations-General Funds & Other Funds• Committee questions / discussion	
Amendments as of 4-30-2025	
5. HEARINGS	
5.1. State Revenue Sharing, 2025-26	
5.2. Proposed City Budget, 2025-26	
6. ACTION	
6.1. Approval of Budget & Adjourn	
- OR -	
6.2. Continue to Date/Time Certain: May 7, 2025, 6:30 PM	
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/85605941846?pwd=6x5dxkjin56PkJQOcasnsPOGNYbwy3x.1>
- To participate in the meeting **by phone**, dial **US: +1-253-215-8782** and enter **Webinar ID: 856 0594 1846** and **Passcode: 363826**

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.

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.

Hello -

I will not be able to attend the City Council meeting this evening but would like to provide comments on the proposed budget for 25-26.

In the first couple of pages of the budget document it states that two of the goals are community engagement and economic development. If you eliminate the Independence Days as proposed in the budget document, that is going against the goals of keeping the community engaged and providing economic development. Our town's name is Independence and we should definitely be celebrating that, especially if the fees covered the costs. Independence Days is what our community looks forward to each year and what people in neighboring districts love about our town. The businesses in downtown Independence receive a lot of business and get recognized when we have events down on the waterfront, like Independence Days. If you make this change, the downtown businesses are going to be hurt and may end of leaving downtown a ghost town again.

I know we are in hard times and need to come up with ways to balance the budget. I encourage you to look at a few line items within the budget and ask questions:

- What is under the "community service" for 25/26 proposed budget as that line item previously didn't have a budget (now shows over \$600,000)? (page 21)
- Why has the contingency amount gone up from almost \$700,000 to over \$1,000,000? (page 21)

I also encourage you as a council to vote to reduce the building fees in the Community Development section of the proposed document . By this change to increase the fees has resulted in about \$190,000 less in revenue each year! (page 48). The projection for 25/26 budget is \$10,000 instead of over \$205,000. This will help with some of the gap in the budget if those fees were reduced again and maybe it doesn't mean you reduce them to what they were but to a point where developers are willing to build again as the fees are more manageable and not one of the highest in the United States.

Thank you,
Resident of Independence
Shannon Ball
503-302-9940

City of Independence
 Budget Prep 2025-26
 Amendments to Budget

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Page	Fund/Account Desc	Acct No.	Proposed Budget 2025-26	Amendment 1	Amendment 2	Amendment 3	Proposed Budget 2025-26 Amended
50	General Fund - Building Department						
	Increase Bank Fees	63240	-			6,000	6,000
62	General Fund - Non-departmental						
	Reduce Beginning Balance		1,136,334		(360,000)		776,334
	Increase transfer to Facilities	85215	100,433	70,000			170,433
	Reduce Contingency	88000	1,018,423	(70,000)	(360,000)	(6,000)	582,423
65	Water Operating Fund						
	Reduce Beginning balance		2,968,207	(272,518)			2,695,689
	Increase Uniforms	62222	1,800	400			2,200
	Reduce Capital expense	71300	1,591,000	(430,000)			1,161,000
	Increase Contingency	88000	487,600	157,082			644,682
67	Sewer Operating Fund						
	Reduce Beginning Balance		2,834,625	(204,537)			2,630,088
	Reduce Contingency	88000	712,537	(204,537)			508,000
69	Storm Drain Operating Fund						
	Increase Beginning balance		332,535	2,800			335,335
	Reduce Repairs and maintenance	61110	3,000	(3,000)			-
	Increase Uniforms	62222	1,800	400			2,200
	Increase Contingency	88000	165,430	5,400			170,830
76	Transportation SDC Fund						
	Reduce Beginning Balance		1,035,414	(144,000)			891,414
	Reduce Capital Expenditures	71400	1,225,406	(144,000)			1,081,406
87	Facilities, Vehicle, and Equipment Replacement Fund						
	Reduce Beginning Balance		1,094,067	(70,000)			1,024,067
	Increase Transfer from GF	49100	100,433	70,000			170,433

Urban Renewal

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3	URA Projects Fund					
	Reduce Contingency	88000	240,281	(240,281)		-
	Increase Ending Balance		-	240,281		240,281