

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024**

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

The Regular Meeting of the City of Washington, Missouri, City Council was held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Mayor Doug Hagedorn opened the meeting with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor:	Doug Hagedorn	Present
Council Members: Ward I	Al Behr	Present
	Duane Reed	Present
Ward II	Mark Hidritch	Absent
	Mark Wessels	Present
Ward III	Chad Briggs	Present
	Jeff Patke	Present
Ward IV	Mike Coulter	Present
	Joe Holtmeier	Present

Also Present:	City Attorney	Mark Piontek
	City Administrator	Darren Lamb
	City Clerk	Sherri Klekamp
	Human Resources Manager	Shauna Pfitzinger
	Parks Director	Wayne Dunker
	City Engineer	Charles Stankovic
	Emergency Management Director	Justin Frankenberg
	Water/Wastewater Superintendent	Kevin Quaethem
	Police Chief	Jim Armstrong
	City Planner/GIS Specialist	Sarah Skeen

Originals and/or copies of agenda items of the meeting, including recorded votes are available on record in the office of the City Clerk. Each ordinance is read a minimum of twice by title, unless otherwise noted.

Approval of Minutes:

* Approval of the Minutes from the April 15, 2024, Council Meetings

A motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Coulter, passed without dissent.

Approval and Adjustment of Agenda including Consent Agenda:

* Liquor License Application; Topsy Keg LLC

A motion to accept and approve the agenda including the consent agenda accordingly made by Councilmember Coulter, seconded by Councilmember Holtmeier, passed without dissent.

PRIORITY ITEMS:

Mayor's Presentations, Appointments & Reappointments:

* **Proclamation – Bicycle Safety Week**

Bicycle Safety Week

May 13–19, 2024

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and

WHEREAS, millions of Missourians will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotion, charity events or just getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, reduce pollution and congestion and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Police Department together with other members of the community will host the 48th Annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo on May 18, 2024, to promote greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road.

NOW, THEREFORE in recognition that the health, safety and welfare of its residents are the most valuable asset of any City, I, James D. Hagedorn, Mayor, proclaim May 13-19, 2024, as Bicycle Safety Week in the City of Washington and encourage all residents to enjoy the benefits of bicycling, recognize the importance of bicycle safety and be more aware of cyclists on our streets.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Washington, Missouri this 6th day of May 2024.

James D. Hagedorn

Mayor

* **Proclamation – Historic Preservation Month**

Historic Preservation Month

May 2024

WHEREAS, The National Trust for Historic Preservation established May as Historic Preservation Month in 1973 as a way to promote historic places for the purpose of instilling national and community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and showing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, the historic houses and buildings of Washington help make our City unique and provide links with aspirations and attainment of the City's pioneers and their descendants, and strengthens the enduring bond between past and present; and

WHEREAS, Historic Preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, Historic Preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James D. Hagedorn, Mayor of Washington, Missouri, do hereby proclaim May 2024 to be Historic Preservation Month in the City of Washington, Missouri, and call upon the people of Washington to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Washington, Missouri, this 6th day of May 2024.

*James D. Hagedorn
Mayor*

** Proclamation – National Police Week*

National Police Week

May 12-18, 2024

Whereas, in 1962 President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week; and

** Whereas, the members of the law enforcement agency of the City of Washington play an important role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our community; and*

Whereas, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their police department, and that members of our department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

Whereas, the Police Department of the City of Washington has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service; and

Whereas, U.S. flags are to be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15th in tribute to those peace officers that have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Now Therefore, I, James D. Hagedorn, Mayor of the City of Washington, Missouri call upon all citizens of Washington and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 12-18, 2024, as National Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all our citizens may join in commemorating police officers past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to this community and in doing so have established for themselves a desirable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Washington, Missouri to observe May 15, 2024, as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of those peace officers who through their courageous deeds have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Washington, Missouri, this 6th day of May 2024.

*James D. Hagedorn
Mayor*

* Proclamation – National Public Works Week

*National
Public Works Week
May 19–25, 2024*

WHEREAS, Public Works Employees focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of our residents, business leaders and civic organizations in the City of Washington; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructures, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works employees who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting transportation, public buildings and other structures and facilities essential for our residents; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for our residents, business leaders and civic organizations to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in the community; and

WHEREAS, The American Public Works Association has celebrated the annual National Public Works Week since 1960 and this year’s theme is “Advancing Quality of Life for All”.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James D. Hagedorn, Mayor of the City of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19-May 25, 2024, as National Public Works Week in the City of Washington, and during this 64th Annual National Public Works Week I call upon all residents, business leaders and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing and maintaining our public works infrastructure and to recognize the contributions which public works employees make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Washington, Missouri this 6th day of May 2024.

*James D. Hagedorn
Mayor*

* Proclamation – National Travel and Tourism Week

*National Travel and Tourism Week
MAY 19-25, 2024*

WHEREAS, travel, hospitality and recreation reflect The Power of Travel and plays a vital role in promoting economic development in Washington, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the tourism industry in Washington is steadfast and flourishing with record-setting overnight visits in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Washington’s tourism industry continues to thrive with new experience-driven businesses, outdoor recreation and utilization of the Amtrak Missouri River Runner; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism create countless job opportunities, support small businesses, and contribute significantly to the vitality of our economy; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to a diverse array of attractions, including historic sites, charming boutiques, delectable dining options, and outdoor recreational opportunities, offering unforgettable experiences for visitors of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Washington continues to thrive with a blend of historical nature as well as a modern touch throughout our community, and portrays an ever-growing and lively Downtown District that offers amusement for out-of-town guests; and

WHEREAS, visitors enjoy Washington as the Heart of Missouri Wine Country, overlooking the Missouri River, experiencing BBQ & Bluesfest, Art Fair & Winefest, Cajun Festival, Town & Country Fair, Fall Festival of the Arts & Crafts, Holiday Parade of Lights, hiking and biking trails, and numerous live music events; and

WHEREAS, the power of travel and tourism will help in the growth of Washington, Missouri and is imperative to move us forward to a more prosperous future.

NOW, THEREFORE I, James D. Hagedorn, Mayor of the City of Washington, Missouri, do hereby proclaim May 19-25, 2024, as National Travel and Tourism Week in the City of Washington and urge all of our citizens to join me in this special observance.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Washington, Missouri, this 6th day of May 2024.

James D. Hagedorn

Mayor

* 2024 Council Committee Liaison Assignments

A motion to accept and approve the appointments made by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, passed without dissent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

* Amendment to the Zoning Code – Section 400.080

April 15, 2024

Mayor & City Council

City of Washington

Washington, MO 63090

RE: R-2 Overlay Zoning Code Amendment

Mayor & City Council,

At the regular meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission held on April 8, 2024 the above mentioned was approved to allow for two family infill development on 6,000 sqft lots with no maximum lot coverage. In addition, we approved a reduced minimum front yard setback with the condition that dwellings with front entry garages maintain the current 25 foot set back requirement.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Holdmeier

Chairman

Planning & Zoning Commission

Holtmeier: Holtmeier.

Hagedorn: Introduced by Holtmeier.

Lamb: We've got to have a hearing.

Holtmeier: Public Meeting.

Lamb: Public Meeting, Public Hearing. Go ahead, Sarah.

Skeen: So, on the 8th of April we went to the Planning and Zoning Board and requested revisions to the code for the Two-Family Overlay District, only. So, just as a reminder, the purpose of the R-2 Overlay District is to allow for the development of two-family dwellings in certain parts of the City of Washington.

Inaudible... has a minimum depth of front yard 25' with a single-family lot the size of 6,000 square feet or larger, but for two-family lots, they have to be 12,000 square feet or larger and the maximum lot coverage is 35%. I'm going to show you in a minute some example parcels of what we're trying to accommodate for with this zoning change.

So, our proposed code is minimum depth of front yard at 10'; however, if there is a front entry garage, attached or detached, it would be 25' setback. We will keep the single-family lot size at 6,000 but then also reduce the two-family lot size to 6,000. And then, with the sizes of these lots and the setback requirements, we wouldn't need the lot coverage max because that would all take care of itself.

Here is Locust and East Sixth Street. So, these two lots that are starting red, in my short time here has come up to my attention three times. People want to buy these lots, but they want to put up duplexes or two-family on these lots. Right now, where it stands, they cannot so, we're in their profit mindset, it's not worth purchasing these lots. So, we have a house that needs demolition and then we have an empty lot that I guess used to be a garage or some other accessory use there on that parcel there.

And, I'm also showing you that most of the houses in this area have a very close setback, so 12' about, this is just an estimation. I didn't go out there and measure but about 12' and 12' on East Sixth Street and then on Locust, you got like 6' and 10', so this properties are already close to the lot lines and to have a 25' setback as infill just makes that neighborhood feel disjointed.

So, those are the recommendations for that, and I do want to show you, if you're not familiar with this lot here kind of what it looks like. It just sits there because nobody wants to invest in it, and this isn't the only example, but I just, the one that's come to my attention several times too.

Darren: If I can add, R-2 Overlay, it does have the purpose of both single-family and two-family and you have several two-family units that are in and around the Old Shoe Factory, for example where years ago, they were encouraged to go ahead and be two-family units to provide housing for those workers in the areas.

So, you have a mix bag in mid-2000, the City did go ahead and make those changes and that's the reason why we added the term overlay because it was really defined as those areas that are east and west to downtown area and just south of the downtown areas.

So, like what she's showing you here is on Sixth, this would be in that southern portion of it, but all of these changes would just be within and around the downtown area when you see the R-2 Overlay Zoning District.

Patke: I didn't think the overlay went past Fifth Street, but it does.

Darren: Yeah, it does.

Patke: As far as Sixth Street.

Darren: Yeah, it goes a little bit further south. Basically, what we did at that time is we took, and it was all zoned R-2 and what we were having problems with was the technicality, we had about probably 70% of the homes back then, I don't know what the land use today, but I would imagine it hasn't deviated from it too much, but back then it was over 70% where being occupied as single-family homes. And then somebody wanted to go ahead and do an improvement to a house, which you wanted, or you would expect in these neighborhoods, they would need to get a Special Use Permit because it was only zoned R-2 for two-family.

So, that's why we created a single-family and two-family overlay. It eliminated a lot of those headaches. So, I'm just telling you by making this code change and going down to the small lots, you already have a lot of two-family units in this area that are zoned that less than 12,000 square feet.

Patke: And I do like the idea of the 10' setback, goes with the neighborhood, but then the garage at 25. That way you don't have a garage, that's just 8, 10' off the street. It would be 25 off so that additional parking...

Behr: You've got a parking spot in front...

Patke: Stalls, that's basically two parking stalls at 25' right?

Lamb: Yeah, exactly. That change was made at P&Z. We discussed at that meeting because of the fact of you don't want situations where if they do have a front entry garage and it matches at 10', I mean you can see it in some of lots where they got the garage is too close to the sidewalk. The car is parked there and it's blocking the sidewalk.

Patke: Right.

Lamb: And that's what you don't want. And it just says, if you're going to do front entry, if they want to a side entry or put it in the rear lot, they can still do that. But, if they want a front entry garage, you have to set it back that far.

Hagedorn: This is a Public Meeting you guys, it's a Public Hearing on this, so if anyone in the audience would like to please come up. Okay.

Reed: Anything on those two lots would be an improvement.

Hagedorn: Yes, I agree.

With no further discussion, a motion to accept this item into the minutes made by Councilmember Briggs, seconded by Councilmember Patke, passed without dissent.

Bill No. 24-12979, Ordinance No. 24-13947, an ordinance amending Section 400.080 of the Code of the City of Washington, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Briggs-aye, Wessels-aye, Behr-aye, Reed-aye, Coulter-aye, Patke-aye, Hidritch-absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

* None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

* None

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

* None

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. 24-12980, Ordinance No. 24-13948, an ordinance amending the 2023/2024 Budget of the City of Washington, Missouri for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Briggs-aye, Wessels-aye, Behr-aye, Reed-aye, Coulter-aye, Patke-aye, Hidritch-absent.

Bill No. 24-12981, Ordinance No. 24-13949, an ordinance accepting the Proposal from Cochran Engineering for Professional Design Services for the Riverfront Trail Connection Project.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Behr.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Briggs-aye, Wessels-aye, Behr-aye, Reed-aye, Coulter-aye, Patke-aye, Hidritch-absent.

Bill No. 24-12982, Ordinance No. 24-13950, an ordinance providing for the approval and acceptance of Minimum Improvements for Maintenance for Stone Bridge Phase 1 in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Briggs-aye, Wessels-aye, Behr-aye, Reed-aye, Coulter-aye, Patke-aye, Hidritch-absent.

Bill No. 24-12983, Ordinance No. 24-13951, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Mitigation Credit Purchase Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and Swallow Tail, LLC.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

After discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Briggs-aye, Wessels-aye, Behr-aye, Reed-aye, Coulter-aye, Patke-aye, Hidritch-absent.

Bill No. 24-12984, Ordinance No. 24-13952, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Briggs-aye, Wessels-aye, Behr-aye, Reed-aye, Coulter-aye, Patke-aye, Hidritch-absent.

Bill No. 24-12985, Ordinance No. 24-13953, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of Amendment #1 to State Block Grant Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Briggs-aye, Wessels-aye, Behr-aye, Reed-aye, Coulter-aye, Patke-aye, Hidritch-absent.

Bill No. 24-12986, Ordinance No. 24-13954, an ordinance approving a Boundary Adjustment for Stone Bridge Plat 2, in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Briggs-aye, Wessels-aye, Behr-aye, Reed-aye, Coulter-aye, Patke-aye, Hidritch-absent.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

- * None

MAYOR'S REPORT

- * No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- * No report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- * Thank you to KJU for doing a nice job on Second Street.
- * Discussion on refuse pickup.
- * Thank you to Marlin Heidmann for her years of service.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Public vote on whether or not to hold a closed meeting to discuss personnel, legal and real estate matters pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo (2000) passed at 7:57 p.m. on the following roll call vote; Holtmeier-aye, Briggs-aye, Wessels-aye, Behr-aye, Reed-aye, Coulter-aye, Patke-aye, Hidritch-absent.

The regular session reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn made at 9:40 p.m. by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Coulter passed without dissent.

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President of City Council

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor of Washington, Missouri