



City of Berkeley, Missouri
City Council Meeting
May 19, 2025
Minutes

Meeting Called to Order:

Mayor Crawford-Graham called the council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Vacant (W1)		Councilwoman Williams (W2)	present
Councilman Hoskins (W3)	present	Councilwoman Anthony (W4)	present
Councilman Hindeleh (W5)	present	Mayor Crawford-Graham	present

Quorum established.

Acting City Manager Walton, Interim City Attorney Ezell-Gillespie, Chief Jackson, Chief Linhardt, Interim Finance Director Nelson, Network Admin Decker, Interim Parks & Rec Director Gai, Street Supervisor White, Garage Supervisor Chisholm, Facility Maintenance Supervisor Hibbler, Code Enforcement Supervisor Burton, ED Coordinator Taylor and Public Works Secretary were present.

Approval of the Minutes:

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion approving the minutes for the 05-05-25 regular meeting and 05-03-2025 special meeting. Roll Call: Williams-Absent, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-4, Nay-0, Absent-1) motion passed.

Public Hearings:

Request for Rezoning, Special Use Permits, Re-subdivision:

Resolutions:

- a. #3718 – **A Resolution Appointing Barbara J. Holmes as the Councilwoman of Ward I for the City of Berkeley, Missouri** (Ward 5 Hindeleh)

NOTE: Correction to the resolution. “The statement “or the position filled by election” will be removed.

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Mayor Crawford-Graham seconded the motion to adopt Resolution #3718. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5, Nay-0) motion passed.

Citizens Hearing:

Petitions:

Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion – Berkeley Bulletin (Mayor Crawford-Graham)
Placed on hold due to the City Clerk not in attendance and will be discussed upon the City Clerk’s return.
- b. Discussion – Memorial Park Project, 6140 N. Hanley Rd (Mayor Crawford-Graham)
Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to set aside discussion of the Memorial Park Project, 6140 N. Hanley Road. Motion carried by acclamation.
- c. Discussion – 9600 Natural Bridge – Hotel (City Manager)
City Manager Walton discussed issuing a temporary occupancy permit for two (2) months that would only permit use of the operable floors as three (3) floors need renovation and are not operable. Access has been blocked and inaccessible to guests of the hotel.
Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to issue the hotel a temporary occupancy permit to only operate on the operable floors. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5, Nay-0) motion passed.

- d. **Bill #5075 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Nos. 4767, 4880, 4813 to modify the Scope of Work for Multiple Municipal Projects Contracted with Chiodini Architects and its Consultants** (City Manager) – 3rd Reading
Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5, Nay-0) motion passed. *Ordinance #4898*
- e. **Bill #5076 – An Ordinance Approving the Variance for 4766 LaGuardia to Allow Construction 10 Feet into the 30 Feet Setback** (City Manager) – 3rd Reading
Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5, Nay-0) motion passed. *Ordinance #4899*
- f. **Bill #5077 – An Ordinance of the City of Berkeley, MO, Authorizing and Directing the Submission of a Ballot Proposition to the Qualified Voters of the City of Berkeley, Missouri to Consider Imposing a Local Use Tax at the Same Rate as the Local Sales Tax** (Ward 3 Hoskins) – 2nd & 3rd Reading
Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion for the 2nd reading of Bill #5077 by title only. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Nay, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Nay (Aye-3, Nay-2) motion failed.
- g. **Bill #5079 – An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Qualified Voters of the City of Berkeley, MO at a Municipal Election on November 4, 2025 for the Election of the Council Person of Mayor (Unexpired Term), Providing for the Date of such Election, Manner of Filing and Voting at such Election, and for the Publication of Notice of Said Election** (Ward 3 Hoskins) – 2nd & 3rd Reading
Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion for the 2nd reading of Bill #5077 by title only. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Nay, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Nay (Aye-3, Nay-2) motion failed.

Introduction of Bills:

New Business:

Appointments to Board and Commissions

Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to approve Councilman Hindeleh's reappointment of Debora White to the City Plan Commission. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5, Nay-0) motion passed.

Communications:

Reports and Recommendations from the City Manager:

Discussion – Credit Card Statement

Discussion was tabled until the June 16, 2025 Council meeting to ensure the attendance of the City Clerk and the City Manager.

Open Enrollment for Insurance

Council voted by acclamation all in favor for the City Manager's recommendation for open enrollment for insurance.

Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to hold a closed session for litigation. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5, Nay-0) motion passed.

Reports from the Clerk:

Reports from the City Attorney:

Addressed in closed session.

Reports from the Special Committees:

Reports from the Standing Committees:

Reports from the Council:

Ward 2:

- Councilwoman Williams moved and Mayor Crawford-Graham seconded the motion for Councilwoman Williams to purchase school supplies and items for the residents in Ward 2 for the upcoming season. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5, Nay-0) motion passed.
- Coordinate with Street Department Supervisor for needed speed humps in Ward 2

Ward 3:

- Addressed in Closed Session

Ward 4:

- Coordinate with Interim City Attorney in regards to Ordinances that may be needed for speed humps as well as coordinating with the Street Department Supervisor for needed speed humps in Ward 4.

Ward 5:

- Vehicle on Harold and Thomas doing “donuts” and requesting police to look into the issue.
- Speed hump issue on Natural Bridge addressed with Street Department Supervisor.

Mayor:

- Gave additional information in regards to the dangerous vehicle activity on Harold and Thomas.

Audience Participation (Limited to Subjects Addressed During the Meeting):

Parks & Recreation Director Andrew Gai gave parks grant status update and additional information on the application process in regards to Memorial Park. He recommended a rough plan for Memorial Park that includes clean up, greenspace, and simple landscaping.

Councilman Hoskins noted that the Use Tax information needed to be removed from the Berkeley Bulletin due to failure of being passed.

Adjourn:

Councilman Hindeleh moved, Councilwoman Anthony seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Closed Session:

Mayor Crawford-Graham opened the closed session for litigation at 7:52 pm. Williams, Hoskins, Anthony, Hindeleh, and Mayor Crawford-Graham were present. Quorum established. Acting City Manager Walton, Interim City Attorney Ezell-Gillespie and Public Works Secretary were also present.

During the discussion, Councilwoman Anthony moved and Mayor Crawford-Graham seconded the motion for the approval to allow the Interim City Attorney draft a settlement agreement for \$100,000. When resumes HR role only, annual salary will be \$100,000 with any budgetary adjustments as approved by council. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Abstain, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-4, Nay-0, Abstain-1) motion passed.

With no further business, Councilwoman Anthony moved and Mayor Crawford-Graham seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5, Nay-0) motion passed.

Approved: This day of 2025

Attest:

Rita Crawford-Graham, Mayor

Deanna Jones, City Clerk