



City of Berkeley, Missouri
City Council Meeting
April 7, 2025
Minutes

Meeting Called to Order

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

Roll Call:

(W1) Vacant		Councilwoman Williams (W2)	present
Councilman Hoskins (W3)	present	Councilwoman Anthony (W4)	present
Councilman Hindeleh (W5)	present	Councilwoman-at-Large Crawford-Graham	
Mayor Crawford-Graham	present	Quorum established.	

Acting City Manager Walton, Interim City Attorney Ezell-Gillespie, Chief Jackson, Chief Linhardt, Streets Supervisor White, Interim Parks & Rec Director Gai, Interim Finance Director Nelson, Garage Supervisor Chisholm, Network Admin Decker, Facility Maintenance Supervisor Hibbler, Code Enforcement Supervisor Burton, Court Supervisor Proebsting, ED Coordinator Taylor and City Clerk Jones were in attendance.

Mayor Crawford-Graham moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion to appoint Debora White to fill the unexpired term of Ward 1. After discussion, the subject is tabled until the next meeting for a resolution. Motion and seconded withdrawn.

Approval of the Minutes:

Councilman Hindeleh moved, Councilwoman Williams seconded, and the motion carried to approve the minutes for the 03-17-25 regular meeting with a correction. Motion passed.

Public Hearings:

Mayor Crawford-Graham moved, Councilwoman Anthony seconded, and the motion carried to add Case PZ25-03 and PZ25-04 to the agenda. The representatives were not in attendance. The public hearings will be rescheduled for the next agenda.

Case #25-02: Shall a request for a Special Use Permit be granted to Demario Dixon for an Auto Sales & Emissions Testing business at 5930 Evergreen Avenue?

Mayor Crawford-Graham opened Case 25-02 public hearing. Mr. Dixon spoke about his business and answered all questions and concerns. Councilman Hoskins moved, Councilman Hindeleh seconded, and the motion carried to close Case 25-02 public hearing.

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

Resolutions:

Amend SUP Request: Lorenzo Gordon, owner of Infusion Food & Services LLC, requested to amend Resolution #3683 to remove the restaurant prohibit condition for restaurant located at 8624 Frost Ave.

Amended #3683: An Amendment to Resolution 3683 to Authorize a Special Use Permit that Includes a DBA Name, Catering, Restaurant, Delivery, Dine-in, and Carryout food Services at the current Business Located at 8624 Frost Ave, in the City of Berkeley, St. Louis County, MO (City Manager)

Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion to adopt the amended Resolution #3683. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

#3712: A Resolution Authorizing a Special Use Permit for an Auto Sales & Emissions Testing Business Located at 5930 Evergreen Blvd, in the City of Berkeley, St. Louis County, Missouri (City Manager)

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion to adopt Resolution #3712. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

#3715: A Resolution of the City of Berkeley, Missouri, Authorizing the Berkeley Police Department to Participate in the Missouri Blue Shield Program (City Manager)

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion to adopt Resolution #3715. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Citizens Hearing:

The Senior Citizens Club members addressed some concerns they have about the new rules. The Council gave a general consensus to grandfather in the current non-resident members allowing them to ride the bus, along with adding two trips, Lotawata Creek and Lambert's Café.

Councilman Hindeleh moved, Councilwoman Anthony seconded, and the motion carried to close the citizen hearings. Motion passed.

Petitions:

Unfinished Business:

Pandey Hotel Corporation – 9600 Natural Bridge (City Manager)

The Council gave a general consensus having the City Manager to decide the approval of opening the hotel with 90 available rooms, depending on all necessary violations corrected and inspections passed.

Introduction of Bills:

Bill #5075: An Ordinance of the City of Berkeley, Missouri Amending Ordinance No. 4767 Reducing the Scope of Work for Chiodini Architects and Consultants Retained by Chiodini Architects (City Manager)

City Manager Walton requested for Bill #5075 not to be addressed to allow the city attorney to finish reviewing. This bill was not introduced.

New Business:

Discussion of Resolution #3585 – SUP for 8533 Wabash Ave (W3 Hoskins)

The settlement needs to be reviewed and lot cleaned accordingly.

Legal locations list of speed bumps (W3 Hoskins)

The location for each speed hump is needed for an ordinance. Signage is needed warning of the humps.

Bank reconciliations for general fund (W3 Hoskins)

Reconciliations are completed up to 06/30/23. The auditors

Safe Built contract (W3 Hoskins)

The contract for Safe Built needs to be reviewed.

Communications:

Reports and Recommendations from the City Manager:

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

Two of the electric vehicles have been sold.

Ameren has agreed to address the line issue at no charge for Firehouse #2.

The budget process will include each director going before the council to discuss their budget.

Reports from the Clerk:

Mayor Crawford-Graham requested a Spring Newsletter, all articles are due by April 15th.

Reports from the City Attorney:

Reports from the Special Committees:

Reports from the Standing Committees:

Reports from the Council:

W2- Concern for senior citizens that received tickets for firing fireworks. Oldies But Goodies Dance 04-12-25 from 8pm-12am.

W3- City Manager created the city clerks job description.

W4- Easter Egg Hunt 04-12-25 from 11am-1pm at Ramona-Mathison Lake.

W5- Want the NSP Grant to return.

Adjourn:

Councilwoman Anthony moved, Councilman Hindeleh seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 pm.

Closed Session:

Mayor Crawford-Graham opened the closed session at 9:33pm with Councilwoman Williams, Councilman Hoskins, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Hindeleh and Mayor Crawford Graham present. Acting City Manager Walton, Interim City Attorney Ezell-Gillespie, and City Clerk Jones were also in attendance.

No action was taking during the discussion of this session.

Councilwoman Anthony moved, Councilman Hoskins seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn closed session at 10:31pm.

Approved: This 05th day of May 2025

Attest:

Rita Crawford-Graham, Mayor

Deanna Jones, City Clerk

