



City of Berkeley, Missouri
City Council Meeting
June 2, 2025
Minutes

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Holmes (W1)		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.	

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

Oath of Office

City Clerk Jones gave Barbara J. Holmes the Oath for the position Councilwoman Ward 1. Councilwoman Holmes was excused from the meeting after the Oath.

Approval of the Minutes:

Councilwoman Williams moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion approving the minutes for the 05-19-25 regular meeting with corrections and 05-19-2025 special meeting. Roll Call: Holmes-Absent, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Public Hearings:

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

Resolutions:

#3719 – **A Resolution Appointing Willie Mae Anthony as Councilwoman At-Large for the City of Berkeley, Missouri** (Mayor Crawford-Graham)

Councilwoman Williams moved and Mayor Crawford-Graham seconded the motion to adopt Resolution #3719. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Nay, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Nay, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-3, Nay-2) motion failed.

Citizens Hearing:

K McConnell – notice was given to remove an oversized sign from his yard. Feels this is against his rights. Councilman Hindeleh moved, Councilwoman Anthony seconded, and the motion carried to close the citizens hearing section of the meeting.

Petitions:

Unfinished Business:

Discussion – Berkeley Bulletin (Mayor Crawford-Graham)
Councilman Hoskins moved and Mayor Crawford-Graham second the motion to move forward with printing the bulletin. Roll Call: Holmes-Absent, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

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
Councilman Hoskins moved and Mayor Crawford-Graham seconded the motion for the 3rd reading and adoption of Bill #5075. Roll Call: Holmes-Absent, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed. *Ordinance #4898*

Bill #5076 – **An Ordinance Approving the Variance for 4766 LaGuardia to Allow Construction 10 Feet into the 30 Feet Setback** (City Manager) – 3rd Reading

Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion for the 3rd reading and adoption of Bill #5076. Roll Call: Holmes-Absent, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed. *Ordinance #4899*

Introduction of Bills:

Emergency Bill #5080 – **An Ordinance of the city of Berkeley, Missouri, Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Enter into and execute an Agreement with the Law Offices of Christopher Bent, LLC (The Council does hereby find and declare that an emergency exists, which requires the immediate passage of this ordinance for the preservation of the welfare of the citizens of the City of Berkeley (City Manager)**

Bill #5080 moved to closed session for discussion.

New Business:

Appointments to Board and Commissions

Communications:

Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to hold a special meeting June 9th and June 13th at 11am for a budget workshop. The hearing for the budget will be on June 16th. Roll Call: Holmes-Absent, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion to allow NCNW to use Hoskins-Jackson Park and Concession stand on June 28th from 10am-4pm. Roll Call: Holmes-Absent, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Reports and Recommendations from the City Manager:

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

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion approving the special event liquor license for Mead Hall. Roll Call: Holmes-Absent, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Reports from the Clerk:

The City Clerk thanked the Council for allowing her to be a part of the Host MoCCFOA Committee for the IIMC Conference in May 2025 at the Hyatt Downtown St. Louis. The conference was a success and could not have happened without the continued support of the council members.

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:

- Concerned about having or revising a natural disaster plan and who is in control of it.
- Betterment Commission hosting an Ice Cream Social on June 8th in the Hoskins-Jackson Park.
- Need a functioning park in Ward 2.

Ward 3:

- Attended an event were Dellwood, Bellefontaine Neighbors, & North Woods were able to help tornado victims. Berkeley needs to consider how to contribute to the tornado victims.
- (Mayor) People are displaced; the \$1 homes need to become available to help. The City Manager is reviewing the program.
- Concerned about the pool pricing. Interim Parks & Rec Director Gai explained the 2024 revenue vs expenses for the pool. Pool is now open.

Ward 4:

- None

Ward 5:

- Speed hump on Harold towards Natural Bridge is causing a water issue in front of a home. Request for it to be moved.

Mayor:

- None

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

Residents have concern about trees, speed humps, all marquees need to display more information, signs needed for Independence Park, Doctor visit transportation has continued for seniors.

Adjourn:

Councilwoman Anthony moved, Councilwoman Williams seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Closed Session:

Mayor Crawford-Graham opened the closed session for litigation and personnel at 8:00 pm. Williams, Hoskins, Anthony, Hindeleh, and Mayor Crawford-Graham were present. Quorum established. Interim City Attorney Ezell-Gillespie and City Clerk Jones were also present.

After the discussion, City Clerk Jones read the introduction of Bill #5080, by title only. Councilwoman Anthony moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion for the 2nd reading of Bill #5080, by title only. City Clerk Jones read the 2nd reading by title only. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed. Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion for the 3rd reading, in its entirety, and adoption of Bill #5080. City Clerk Jones read the 3rd reading in its entirety. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed. *Ordinance #4900 (in the meeting the clerk stated the Ord #5900)*

With no further business, Mayor Crawford-Graham moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion to adjourn the closed session of the meeting at 8:33 pm. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion to re-open the open session of the meeting at 8:34pm. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Bill #5080 was decided and making it a legal document. The City Manager and City Attorney will work on this issue.

Councilwoman Anthony moved, Councilman Hoskins seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm.

Approved: This 16th day of June 2025

Attest:

Rita Crawford-Graham, Mayor

Deanna Jones, City Clerk