



City of Berkeley, Missouri
City Council Meeting
July 14, 2025
Minutes

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Holmes (W1)	present	Councilwoman Williams (W2)	present
Councilman Hoskins (W3)	present	Councilwoman Anthony (W4)	present
Councilman Hindeleh (W5)	absent	Councilwoman-at-Large Crawford-Graham	
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, Garage Supervisor Chisholm, Facility Maintenance Supervisor Hibbler, Code Enforcement Supervisor Burton, ED Coordinator Taylor and City Clerk Jones were present.

Ceremonial Oath of Office – Fire Caption Byron Billups Jr.

Presentation: Safe Built

Steve Nero from Safe Built discussed with the council about the difference between contracts for other cities, the time frame of receiving funds owed back to the city, a clerk hired by them, and conditions for the new contract.

Approval of the Minutes:

Councilwoman Williams moved, Councilwoman Anthony seconded, and the motion carried approving the minutes for the 06-16-25 regular meeting with corrections and 06-13-2025, 06-16-25, 06-27-25 special meeting. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) Motion passed.

Public Hearings:

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

PZ25-06: Referral request to City Plan Commission for a Special Use Permit by Randy Johnson for a BBQ Restaurant located at 8363 Airport Rd.

ED Coordinator Taylor spoke on behalf of Randy Johnson for Case PZ25-06. Councilwoman Williams moved and Councilman Hoskins second the motion to refer Case PZ25-06 to the next available City Plan Commission Agenda. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

PZ25-07: Referral request to City Plan Commission for a Special Use Permit by Pandey Hotel St. Louis, LLC for hotel located at 9600 Natural Bridge Rd.

ED Coordinator Taylor spoke on behalf of Pandey Hotel for Case PZ25-07. Councilwoman Anthony moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion to refer Case PZ25-07 to the next available City Plan Commission Agenda. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Resolutions:

Citizens Hearing:

Concerns discussed: * Jo Court Apartment residents have complaints about the landlord. The City Manager will contact the owner about the concerns / complaints. * Concerns about several break-ins of the boarded-up homes on the 9100 block of Guthrie. * Concerns about the big trailers parked on the streets. * Concerns about the maintenance of the parks, especially Independence Park. * Concerns about the vacant Airport School building. * Concerns about the trees that are marked that haven't been removed.

Councilwoman Anthony moved, Councilwoman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried to close the citizens hearing section of the meeting. Motion passed.

Petitions:

Unfinished Business:

Bill #5082 – An Ordinance Creating the Code of Conduct Policy for the Employee Handbook of Personnel Rules and Regulations, Policies, and Benefits (City Manager) – 2nd & 3rd Reading

Councilwoman Williams moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion for the 2nd reading, by title only, of Bill #5082. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Councilwoman Anthony moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion for the 3rd reading, by title only, and adoption of Bill #5082. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed. *Ordinance #4902.*

Bill #5083 – An Ordinance Establishing Regulation and Fees for the Use of City-Owned Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the City of Berkeley, Missouri (City Manager) – 2nd & 3rd Reading

Councilwoman Anthony moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion for the 2nd reading, by title only, of Bill #5083. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion for the 3rd reading, by title only, and adoption of Bill #5083. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed. *Ordinance #4903.*

Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion to add Bill #5084 to the agenda. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Present, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-4, Present-1) motion passed.

Bill #5804 – An Ordinance of the City of Berkeley, Missouri, Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Enter into and Execute an Agreement for Attorney Services (City Manager)

Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion to hold a closed session for personnel and litigation. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed. Bill #5804 will be discussed in closed session.

Introduction of Bills:

Bill #5085: An Ordinance Amending the Workplace Marijuana and Controlled Substances Policy for the Employee Handbook of Personnel Rules and Regulations, Policies, and Benefits (City Manager)
City Clerk Jones read Bill #5085 by title.

Bill #5086: An Ordinance of the City of Berkeley, Missouri, Repealing Article XVI Economic Development Improvement – Dollar Home Program in its entirety and replacing it with a new Article XVI Economic Development Improvement – Dollar Home Program (City Manager)
City Clerk Jones read Bill #5086 by title.

New Business:

Appointments to Board and Commissions - None

Communications:**Reports and Recommendations from the City Manager:**

Closed session approved earlier in the meeting.

Liquor License Renewal: American Airlines and Frontier Airlines

Councilwoman Williams moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion for the approval of the liquor license renewals for American Airlines and Frontier Airlines. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Reports from the Clerk:

- The paper shredding event increased from last year. We served around 35 vehicles.
- The Berkeley Redbird Rookies League will walk the Busch Stadium field on 07-29-25.
- Public Safety Fair / Back2School Health Fair is 08-09-25 12pm-4pm
- Ferguson-Florissant School District first day of school is 08-18-25.
- MML Conference is Sept 14th-17th, 2025. Councilman Hoskins, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Hindeleh, & City Clerk Jones are registered to attend.

- Kiwanis Club Kids Fishing Derby is 09-20-25.
- The council approved the City Clerks PTO request for ½ day on 07-31-25 and 5 days starting on 08-21-25.

Reports from the City Attorney:

Addressed in closed session.

Reports from the Special Committees:

Reports from the Standing Committees:

Reports from the Council:

Ward 1:

- Visited residents and reported the concerns to the City Manager.

Ward 2:

- Requesting speed humps on Eaton.
- Concerned about the children who are out after curfew and those playing in vacant homes.

Ward 3:

- Concerned about the maintenance of the parks.

Ward 4:

- Concerned about children disturbing the peace on the 5900 block of Garfield.
- Resident Vincent Mitchell passed away.

Ward 5:

- Absent

Mayor:

- Townhall meeting: Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion to hold the townhall meeting on Sept 29th at 6pm. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.
- The council need to present before the voter an increase to the Councilmembers payroll. The current pay is \$175 a month. An increase could be \$500 for Ward 1-5, \$750 for At-Large, and \$1,000 for the Mayor a month.

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

Adjourn:

Councilwoman Anthony moved, Councilwoman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm.

Closed Session:

Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion to open the closed session for litigation and personnel at 8:50 pm. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed. Quorum established. City Manager Walton, Interim City Attorney Ezell-Gillespie and City Clerk Jones were also present.

Mayor Crawford-Graham opened the litigation discussion. No action was taken during this portion of the meeting.

Mayor Crawford-Graham opened the personnel discussion. Interim City Attorney Ezell-Gillespie left the meeting for the council discussion. After the discussion, Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion to read Bill #5084, by title only for the seconded reading. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Present, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-4, Present-1) motion passed. City Clerk Jones read Bill #5084 by title.

Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion to read by title only and adopt Bill #5084. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Present, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-4, Present-1) motion passed. City Clerk Jones read Bill #5084 by title. *Ordinance #4904*

After an additional personnel discussion, Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion to have the City Manager offer a full-time position to the finance director at \$120,000. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Absent, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

With no further business, Councilwoman Anthony moved, Councilwoman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the closed session of the meeting at 9:11 pm.

Open Session:

Mayor Crawford-Graham reopened the open session of the meeting with all councilmembers present at 9:11pm to announce the results of the closed session. Bill #5084 was motioned, seconded, and approved for the 2nd & 3rd reading, by title only. Bill #5084 was adopted and became Ordinance #4904. The city manager will offer a permanent position.

Councilwoman Holmes moved, Councilwoman Anthony seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:13pm.

Approved: This 04th day of August 2025

Attest:

Rita Crawford-Graham, Mayor

Deanna Jones, City Clerk