

INDEPENDENCE CITY COMMISSION

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

May 14, 2026

5:30 PM

Commission Room City Hall

To participate by conference call:
1 785-289-4727 Conference ID: 847 753 695#

The Agenda shall be as follows:

I. REGULAR SESSION

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America
- C. Adoption of Agenda

II. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Consider appointing two new members to a 1st term on the Library District Board of Trustees expiring on May 1, 2030.

III. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Introduction and swearing-in of the Independence Police Department's new Assistant Chief of Police, Jimmy Holt.
- B. Presentation from Four County Mental Health on programs that utilize the City's Special Alcohol Funds.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

(*Consent* is that class of Commission action that requires no further discussion or which is routine in nature. All items on the Consent Agenda are adopted by a single motion unless removed from the Consent Agenda.)

- A. Consider approving the minutes of the regular and special meetings on April 9, 15, 23, and 29.
- B. Consider authorizing bidding for the 2026 Street Marking project.
- C. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign a 90-Day Bid-Time Extension Request for the CDBG project at Riverside Park.
- D. Consider authorizing a Greenbush Energy Group Participation Agreement and Fixed Price Authorization for natural gas procurement for Memorial Hall.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance for a Reinvestment Housing investment District for 201 North Penn Avenue.
- B. Public hearing to consider a resolution of the intent to issue industrial revenue bonds with the provision of a tax abatement for property located at 201 N. Penn Ave.
- C. Public Hearing to consider condemnation of 1104 W. Chestnut Street as dangerous and unsafe.

VI. ITEMS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

- A. Consider proclaiming May 10th - 16th as Police Week.
- B. Consider proclaiming May 17th - 23rd as EMS Week.

- C. Consider authorizing applying for Kansas EV Charging Infrastructure Funding from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).
- D. Consider cosponsoring the Biking Across Kansas event on June 11–12, 2026, authorizing the use of Memorial Hall, blocking the 200 block of North Penn, authorizing food trucks to set up downtown and at Memorial Hall, and waiving the sign regulations regarding event-related signs in the City rights-of-way during the event.
- E. Consider approving a Downtown Independence Building Grant for 201 West Main, Booth Residences LLC.

VII. REPORTS

- A. City Board Minutes

VIII. CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS

IX. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

X. PUBLIC CONCERNS

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship.
- B. Discussions prior to acquisition of real estate.

XII. POSSIBLE ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Consider authorizing the acquisition of property pending City Attorney approval.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT