



# City Council ACTION

The following is a summary of select City Council action items from the July 8, 2024 City Council meeting.

## Boards & Commissions Appointments

The following board and commission nominations were approved:

- John Mallon – Traffic Commission Board
- Lee Sawyer – Industrial Development Authority
- Ron Barbosa – Industrial Development Authority
- Julie Gaddie – Industrial Development Authority
- Joe Houts – Industrial Development Authority

No board or commission nominations were denied or postponed.

## Summarized City Council Actions

Following is an explanation of select items that were taken up by the City Council:

**Parks Department Restroom Services** (Item #11 Bill #899-22): The City Council authorized an agreement with Advanced Cleaning Systems, Inc., to provide opening, closing, and cleaning of park restrooms. Historically, the work has been performed by seasonal and/or contracted labor, but that labor is no longer consistently available.

**Joyce Raye Patterson Activity Center Equipment Purchases** (Item #12 Bill #900-22): The City Council authorized the purchase and installation of commercial kitchen equipment at the Joyce Raye Patterson 50+ Activities Center. Most of the existing kitchen equipment has been in use for over 30 years. New equipment will increase safety, productivity, functionality, and should decrease utility usage.

**FY25 Funding Agreements** (Items #14-20): With the beginning of the City's fiscal year on July 1, the City Council approved recurring funding agreements and contracts for various services and initiatives that contribute to economic growth. Those agreements are with St. Joseph Community Alliance, St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, Missouri Western State University, Innovation Stockyards, Mo-Kan Regional Council and the Allied Arts Council.

Those agreements include:

- St. Joseph Community Alliance – contribution to the operation of the Community Alliance and implementation of the Imagine St. Joseph 2040 plan as well as other initiatives pursued by the Community Alliance.
- St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce – funding for the Chamber of Commerce to provide Economic Development services focused on business retention, expansion, and recruitment and support for the St. Joseph Workforce Development Alliance, which improves the skills and training of the workforce and provides career opportunities to St. Joseph residents.
- Missouri Western State University – funding to assist with operations of the Center for Service which connects students to volunteer opportunities that benefit the community and offers elective college credits in return.
- Innovation Stockyards – funding to assist with operations of the Innovation Stockyard programs, which provides coaching and support to the citizens of St. Joseph who are trying to start or grow a new or existing business, and their associated needs in Science and Technology.
- Mo-Kan Regional Council – funding contribution for the City’s annual membership. Mo-Kan provides services through this membership to assist the City with downtown redevelopment efforts and growth in St Joseph.
- Allied Arts Council – funding to assist with operations of the Allied Arts Council’s programs, which help ensure that the City maintains a vibrant arts community by providing a variety of Fine Arts and entertainment experiences to the community.

**Coleman Hawkins Park Renovations** (Item #21 Bill #909-22): The City Council authorized the issuance of a Master Agreement Work Order for Professional Design/Engineering Services with GGA Architects for the renovation of Coleman Hawkins Park at Felix Street Square. The agreement provides for an initial public engagement process through the end of the current summer. Preliminary design will begin after that process. A final plan to enhance and maximize the space in the park is expected to be completed during the early months of 2025, at which time the project will go out for construction bid.

**Bill McKinney Softball Complex Shade Replacement** (Item #22 Bill #910-22): The City Council authorized the purchase of a replacement shade structure for the Bill McKinney Softball Complex at Heritage Park. The existing canopy was destroyed during severe storms and high wind events. The overall age of the existing shade structure also contributed to its vulnerability. The structure is necessary to provide additional shaded areas for players and spectators and relief from the sun during extremely hot weather conditions.

**Krug Park Renovations** (Item #23 Bill #911-22): The City Council authorized execution of a design-build contract with E.L. Crawford Construction, Inc. for the renovation of various areas of Krug Park including the amphitheater, refectory, children’s circus, picnic shelters, restrooms, and other spaces. The City contracted with West 8 to provide direction and guidance during the preliminary project development phase and ultimately developed design criteria for the project. Renovation projects for Krug Park were previously included in the Parks Sales Tax and CIP Sales Tax programs.

**Water Protection Facility Maintenance** (Item #26 Bill #914-22): The City Council authorized an agreement with Environmental Works, Inc. for cleanout of the number 5 anaerobic digester at the Water Protection Facility. The digester must be completely cleaned out and washed down to install a new gas bubble mixing system which is a part of the Schneider Electric Biogas Energy Efficiency Project.

## **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Bryan Carter reported the following:

- **Officer Justin McElroy Medal of Valor Award:** The Police Department learned last week that Officer Justin McElroy has been selected to receive the Missouri Department of Public Safety's Medal of Valor for his handling of a scene in December 2023. During the interaction and arrest, the suspect aimed a firearm at Officer McElroy who had to break from his own cover and shoot toward the door of the vehicle the suspect was driving. Immediately, Officer McElroy began rendering aid to the suspect, who was determined to have not been shot.