



City Council ACTION

The following is a summary of select City Council action items from the March 17, 2025 City Council meeting.

Boards & Commissions Appointments

The following board and commission nominations were approved:

- Patt Lilly – Industrial Development Authority

Summarized City Council Actions

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

Parks Department Fees Increase (Item #11 Bill #1171-22): The City Council has approved an amendment to Section 2-56 of the Code of Ordinances to adjust Parks & Recreation fees. These increases help offset rising costs, including the recent minimum wage hike effective January 1, 2025. Pool admissions and Fairview Golf Course greens fees will be impacted, with additional minor increases expected in the coming months to support department services.

Devil's Island Skateboard Lease Agreement (Item #12 Bill #1172-22): The City Council has approved a lease agreement for office and retail space in the Missouri Theater Office Complex at 114 South Eighth Street with Devil's Island Skateboard. Currently operating at another downtown location, the business is expanding its inventory and requires additional space to accommodate its growth.

Police Department Grant Acceptance (Item #15 Bill #1175-22): The City Council has approved the acceptance of Missouri Department of Transportation Traffic and Highway Safety Division grants totaling \$113,500. These funds will support overtime for enforcement efforts targeting hazardous moving violations, impaired driving, and the Midland Empire Alcohol Task Force (Youth Alcohol).

New Animal Shelter Contract (Item #20 Bill #1183-22): The City Council has approved a contract with E.L. Crawford Construction, Inc. for the new Animal Shelter at 3405 South Belt Highway, along with an agreement with Friends of the Animal Shelter for an additional project contribution. The modern facility will improve public access to Animal Control & Rescue services while enabling staff to provide enhanced care, treatment, and sheltering to better meet community needs and ensure animal well-being.

Land Transfer - 2202 Alabama Street (Item #21 Bill #1184-22): The City Council has approved a Real Estate Sales Contract with Nortian Foodtech, LLC to transfer twenty-four acres of City-owned land

at 2022 Alabama Street for the construction of a protein manufacturing facility. Nortian will use by-products from local businesses to create protein supplements. The City acquired the property about 30 years ago for economic development and has actively marketed it since the 1990s to attract private investment. The land will be secured by an irrevocable letter of credit to ensure job creation requirements are met. The project is expected to generate approximately 138 jobs over five years. Additional incentives to support the facility's development will be considered by Council at a later date. This partnership between the City of St. Joseph and the Chamber of Commerce aims to drive investment and job growth in the community.

St. Joseph Museums Lease Extension (Item #26 Bill #1189-22): The City Council has authorized a one-year extension of the Management Agreement for the Municipal Museum. The City may use museum tax levy proceeds to operate the museum directly or contract with a private entity for its management. On October 16, 2023, the City entered into a two-year agreement with St. Joseph Museums, Inc. to operate, maintain, and improve designated museum sites, including the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion. The agreement, running from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025, allowed time to explore consolidating museum operations. With continued progress in transparency and communication, the City and St. Joseph Museums, Inc. have agreed to extend the contract through June 30, 2026.