

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY
CITY HALL, Fifth Floor
6801 Delmar Blvd.,
University City, Missouri 63130
Monday, December 8, 2025
6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At the Regular Session of the City Council of University City held on Monday, December 8, 2025, Mayor Terry Crow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

In addition to the Mayor, the following members of Council were present:

Councilmember Stacy Clay
Councilmember John Tieman
Councilmember Steven McMahon
Councilmember Lisa Brenner
Councilmember Dennis Fuller
Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson

Also in attendance were City Manager Gregory Rose and City Attorney John Mulligan, Jr.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hearing no request to amend the Agenda, Councilmember Fuller moved to approve the Agenda as presented, it was seconded by Councilmember Brenner, and the motion carried unanimously.

D. PROCLAMATIONS (Acknowledgement)

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 24, 2025, Draft Regular Meeting Minutes were moved by Councilmember Tieman, it was seconded by Councilmember McMahon, and the motion carried unanimously.

F. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Amy Gascon and John Solodar were nominated for reappointment to the Park Commission by Councilmember Steve McMahon, it was seconded by Councilmember Tieman, and the motion carried unanimously.
2. James Wilke is nominated for a special 1-year extension reappointment to the Park Commission by Councilmember Steve McMahon. Councilmember McMahon stated that James was recently voted in as President and is currently working on drafting a full set of park policies and revising the Heman Park Master Plan. So, because of his stellar participation, he would like this to be a full term rather than a special 1-year extension, which James has agreed to. It was seconded by Councilmember Smotherson and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mulligan noted that the record should reflect that the Agenda has been amended to state from a special 1-year extension to a full term.

G. SWEARING IN TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Ethan McCollum was sworn in to the Board of Appeals on December 2nd in the clerk's office.

H. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (Total of 15 minutes allowed)

Request to Address the Council Forms are located on the ledge just inside the entrance of the Council Chamber. Please complete and place the form in the basket at the front of the room.

The public may also submit a written comment ahead of the meeting. Comments must be received **no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.** Comments may be sent via email to: councilcomments@ucitymo.org, or mailed to the City Hall – 6801 Delmar Blvd. – Attention City Clerk. Such comments will be provided to the City Council prior to the meeting. Comments will be made as part of the official record and made accessible to the public online following the meeting. Please note that when submitting your comments, a **name and address must be provided.** Please also note if your comment is on an agenda or a non-agenda item. If a name and address are not provided, the comment provided will not be recorded in the official record.

Citizen Comments

Carl Cibulka, 1421 Coolidge Drive, U City, MO

Mr. Cibulka stated he appreciates the efforts that the City has taken to give citizens an option to recycle and would like to thank Council for removing the fee to pay for yard waste stickers.

Tom Sullivan, 751 Syracuse, U City, MO

Mr. Sullivan stated he thinks Mr. Rose has been an awful City Manager who often refused to do his job. So, to hear that he will be retiring soon is good news because some of these health hazards have gone on for years:

- Inoperative streetlights; four lights out at Olive and Kingsland, and numerous other locations;
- Covering openings at the bottom of streetlight poles to prevent someone from getting electrocuted;
- Repairing low-hanging utility wires;
- The removal of all branches from the May tornado;
- The removal of items damaged in the 2022 flood; this long delay was the subject of several media stories, and
- The removal of damaged dumpsters or the replacement of dumpster lids on the east side of the City

His glowing achievement has been the destruction of the west end of U City and securing funding to improve the 3rd Ward. But so far, improvements in the 3rd Ward have totaled zero. Mr. Sullivan stated that at one 3rd Ward Revitalization meeting, board members were told to stop contacting the City Manager with questions. He stated that Mr. Rose played a big role in the unlawful campaign to pass Proposition F, and next on his destruction list is The Loop.

As you know, almost every elected official in the state is subject to removal from office for neglect of duty, but it's a pretty high bar where a pattern of neglect has to be demonstrated. Mr. Sullivan stated he believes the situation in U City has reached the point where elected officials can be removed, and he has put together a considerable amount of information that he will be looking into next year.

Lowell Martin, Jr., 6915 Raymond Avenue, U City, MO

Mr. Martin stated that this is the second year in a row that the 6900 block of Raymond has been overlooked during yard waste collection periods. He stated that when he called City Hall, he was informed that this service was being contracted out, and when he called the company responsible for making these collections, he was told that their supervisors had checked to make sure that all of the leaves had been collected. However, they would come back to the east end once they finished doing the west end. But that coincided with his street's second pick up schedule, and by that time, there were so many leaves that he had to use the driveway across the street at a vacant house to park his car. So, he just wanted to make sure someone knew that this company is missing his street.

Liam Brick, 1079 Wilson Avenue, U City, MO

Mr. Brick stated that he and his wife would like to express their gratitude, especially to City Manager Gregory Rose, the Economic Development Manager & Interim Planning & Zoning Director Becky Ahlvin, and the City's legal team, for their work to approve the appraisal and title services for FEMA's

HMGP Flood Buyout Program. He stated that they understand the complexities of coordinating so many individuals to take this step in the process, and they are grateful to the City Council for their consensus to make a formal ratification at tonight's meeting. This is an exciting step in what will be a long process, and they are waiting to hear more information from Becky on what to expect during the appraisal or title process. So, they are hopeful that the individuals tasked with the details of the buyout will remain diligent and committed to the work throughout the holiday season, since any delays will extend the time they must spend in a house that holds many reminders of the traumas they have experienced over the years.

Being that this is the last Council meeting of the year, he would like to share his family's hope that this administration and their families enjoy a peaceful holiday season and that the New Year brings many blessings. Mr. Brick stated that their wish for the New Year is to have the opportunity to move on from this saga and, therefore, place their hope and trust in their representatives and neighbors at City Hall to bring this project to fruition. Thank you.

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Liquor License – The Passport Cocktail and Wine Bar; 6275 Delmar Blvd., 63130

Mayor Crow opened the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m. and, after acknowledging that there were no written or oral comments, the hearing was closed at 6:42 p.m.

K. CONSENT AGENDA - (1 voice vote required)

1. UCPD Duty Weapon and Equipment Purchase
2. Ferguson Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project-TAP-5402(622) M & H Concrete Contractors Inc.
3. Liquor License – The Passport Cocktail and Wine Bar; 6275 Delmar Blvd., 63130
4. Memorandum of Understanding with Ready Readers for Installation and Maintenance of twenty (20) permanent storybook displays at Fogerty Park
5. Mini Pitch Program Donation Agreement – Fiscal Year 2026 between US Soccer Foundation for the installation of a Mini Pitch at Heman Park
6. Ratification of Professional Services Agreement with Withum Smith + Brown, PC for Appraisal Services for FMA and HMGP FEMA Flood Buyout Program
7. Ratification of Agreement with Security Title for Title Services for FMA, HMGP, and FEMA Flood Buyout Program

Councilmember Tieman moved to approve Items 1 through 7 of the Consent Agenda, it was seconded by Councilmember Clay, and the motion carried unanimously.

L. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – (Voice vote on each item as needed)

1. City Manager Updates
None

M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - (No roll call vote required for 2nd and 3rd readings)

1. **Bill 9577** - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 130.580 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI, RELATING TO NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS, BY INCREASING MONTHLY BENEFITS TO RETIREES AND THEIR BENEFICIARIES OTHER THAN CHILDREN BY ONE PERCENT. Bill Number 9577 was read for the second and third time.

Councilmember McMahon moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember Tieman.

Roll Call Vote Was:

Ayes: Councilmember McMahon, Councilmember Brenner, Councilmember Fuller, Councilmember Smotherson, Councilmember Clay, Councilmember Tieman, and Mayor Crow.

Nays: None.

N. NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions - (Voice vote required)

None

Bills - (No vote required for introduction and 1st reading)

None

O. COUNCIL REPORTS/BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission appointments needed
2. Council liaison reports on Boards and Commissions
3. Boards, Commissions, and Task Force minutes
4. Other Discussions/Business

P. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (continued if needed)

Q. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Crow stated that a dedication ceremony for the Police Station's new location in the Annex, was held this afternoon, and can be viewed on Channel 5 News tonight at 10 p.m. A dedication for the Courts, which will be located in the Trinity Building, is soon to follow. Mayor Crow stated that, in his opinion, these two state-of-the-art facilities are an incredible use of the City's historic buildings.

R. EXECUTIVE SESSION - (Roll call vote required)

Motion to go into a Closed Session according to Missouri Revised Statutes 610.021(1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives or attorneys, and (13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees.

Councilmember Fuller moved to go into a Closed Session, it was seconded by Councilmember Brenner.

Roll Call Vote Was:

Ayes: Councilmember Brenner, Councilmember Fuller, Councilmember Smotherson, Councilmember Clay, Councilmember Tieman, Councilmember McMahon, and Mayor Crow.

Nays: None.

S. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Crow wished everyone a wonderful holiday season and closed the Regular Session at 6:36 p.m. to go into a Closed Session on the second floor. The Closed Session reconvened in an open session at 7:34 p.m.

LaRette Reese
City Clerk, MRCC

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Hi LaRette!

Please see below our comment for tonight's meeting.

Thanks!
Hannah

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council,

My name is Hannah Briick and my husband Liam Briick and I both reside at 1079 Wilson Ave.

We want to express gratitude, especially to City Manager Gregory Rose and Economic Development Manager & Interim Planning & Zoning Director Becky Ahlvin, as well as the city's legal team, for their work to approve the agreements for appraisal and title services for the HMGP FMA Flood Buyout Program. We understand the complexities of coordinating so many individuals and offices which were required to make this step in the buyout process. We are also grateful to the members of the city council for the anticipated formal ratification at tonight's meeting.

This is an exciting step in what will still be a long process. We are waiting to hear from Becky with information on what to expect and any additional documentation we may need to provide for the appraisal or title processes. We are hopeful that the individuals tasked with the details of the buyout will remain diligent and committed to the work through the holiday season. As you are aware, any delays in the process extend the time we must spend in a house which does not meet our needs and carries many reminders of the trauma we experienced in many flooding incidents over the years, including July 2022.

Being the last council meeting of the year, we want to share our hope that you and your families enjoy a peaceful holiday season and the new year brings you many blessings. Our wish for the new year is to have the opportunity to move on from this saga, and we place our hope and trust in our representatives and neighbors at City Hall and on the City Council to bring this project to fruition.

Warmly,
Hannah & Liam Briick

