



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met during a Work Session on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall located at 711 West Main Street, Festus, Missouri.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Richards called the Work Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Councilman Boyer

Councilman Collier

Councilwoman Templeton

Councilman Wehner

Councilman Venz

Councilman Dennis via Zoom

Councilman Cook

Councilman Tinnin

Absent:

None

Also in attendance:

Mayor Samuel F. Richards, City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Leah Smith, Finance Director Michelle Vaughn, Building and Planning Director Mark Harris, Parks Director Josh Whaley, Recreation and Tourism Director Barb Lowry, Police Chief Doug Wendel, Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh, and City Attorney Brian Malone.

II. Mayor & City Council Discussion

City Administrator Greg Camp shared that tonight's agenda includes an ordinance for the Missouri Securities Investment Program (MOSIP) that would allow the City flexibility to move funds into investment pools with higher rates. Councilwoman Templeton asked why the City stepped away from the program the first time, to which Mr. Camp shared that the City has not participated in MOSIP previously.

Mr. Camp shared a letter from the City of Richmond Heights Mayor expressing gratitude for the City's assistance in tornado clean up from Public Works.

Mr. Camp also shared that the Missouri Senate recognized the Barn with a proclamation. The recent Barn Open House was well received and attended, and happy to share that it can be used until it is time for more renovations. Councilwoman Templeton asked if the budget will include two more hires to assist the Parks Director



Josh Whaley and grow the department. Mr. Whaley shared that there is one retirement at the end of the year and one hire this week, to which Councilwoman Templeton acknowledged that will make his department whole but no additional staff. Councilman Cook inquired about a part-time cleaning crew or interns. Mr. Camp said he would reach out to his forums and see if there is interest, but we are not interested in babysitting like the previous Summer Help Program. Mr. Camp acknowledged that the City will be pressed to move on to phase 2 but shared that Phase 2 renovations are over a year away, even if they started today.

Councilman Cook informed the Council that there is chipping and flaking on the new West Main sidewalks, to which Mr. Camp said they have not been tested yet. The City can not demand or ask for warranty with 80/20 projects, so the best we can do is ask the contractors to fix them.

Councilman Wehner shared that on Collins Drive between Westwood Drive and Westwood Place has about 5 slabs that are connected and broken in half.

Councilman Venz asked Building Director Mark Harris about the water and sewer mains affecting the new asphalt on Scenic Drive where Laiben is building new homes. Mr. Harris said it will not, but the sewer is already finished. Mr. Camp clarified the street improvements will be lighting and resurfacing but no sidewalks.

III. Adjournment

Councilman Boyer moved to close the Work Session and was seconded by Councilwoman Templeton.

Vote:

Councilman Boyer:	Aye
Councilman Collier:	Aye
Councilwoman Templeton:	Aye
Councilman Wehner:	Aye
Councilman Dennis:	Aye
Councilman Venz:	Aye
Councilman Cook:	Aye
Councilman Tinnin:	Aye

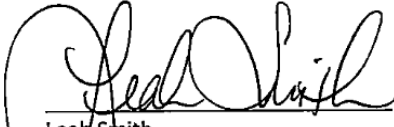
Motion carried and the work session adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

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Date - Approved by Council

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