



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met during a Work Session on Monday, July 28, 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 Cook

Absent:

Councilman Dennis
Councilman Tinnin

Also in attendance:

Mayor Samuel F. Richards, City Administrator Greg Camp, City Clerk Leah Smith, Finance Director Michelle Vaughn, 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 an update on Turtle Cove that is slated to open Mid-August. A 48-inch perimeter and divider fence bid is on the agenda tonight for approval. Councilwoman Templeton asked if there is a need for cameras near the Turtle Cove, to which Mr. Whaley shared that there are cameras already covering the park.

Mr. Camp elaborated on public hearing for the two use changes, sharing that the first one is on Shapiro that is mixed: retail on the bottom floor and medical offices on the second floor. The other is on Brierton to turn the convent building into transitional housing. This housing is through the Arch Diocese and supported by Compass Health and the Mercy Foundation. Mr. Camp explained the need for this housing, which is supported by local residents and organizations.



Mr. Camp updated the Council on the final ordinance regarding feral cats, explaining the lack of intent included in the original ordinance. This new ordinance details what was missing, including more detail on the TNR Program.

Mr. Camp also shared tonight will be a packed house with the three proclamations, Girls Track and Field Team, Riley Moore and Carson Driemeier. He also explained that Finance Director Michelle Vaughn has been working diligently on the upcoming budget and is taking the bulk of her time. Next week should put a fine point on the budget and would like to propose the two Work Sessions in August to be expanded and start 5:00 pm instead of 5:30 pm. This will allow the budget to be finalized at the last meeting in September.

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:	Absent
Councilman Venz:	Aye
Councilman Cook:	Aye
Councilman Tinnin:	Absent

Motion carried and the work session adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

8/11/2025

Date - Approved by Council


Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri