



The City Council of the City of Festus, Missouri met during a Work Session on Monday, February 9, 2026, 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 Collier
Councilwoman Templeton
Councilman Venz
Councilman Cook
Councilman Tinnin

Absent:

Councilman Boyer
Councilman Wehner
Councilman Dennis

Also in attendance:

Mayor Samuel F. Richards, City Clerk Leah Smith, Finance Director Michelle Vaughn, Building and Planning Director Jim Walker, Public Works Director Michael Christopher, Police Chief Doug Wendel, Fire Chief Jeff Broombaugh, and City Attorney Brian Malone.

II. Mayor & City Council Discussion

Stephen Ibendahl of the i-5 Group presented a Growth Study Update since their last visit in August 2025. The study showed a 79% growth for Festus since 1970. The area studied included potential future development, county zoning and commercial areas of consideration.

Councilwoman Templeton inquired about the growth incrementally, to which Mr. Ibendahl discussed the difference between early growth and recent growth and stated it is an estimate, but does not have exact breakdown for the last 10-15 years. Councilman Tinnin inquired about future growth numbers and timeline to which Mr. Ibendahl stated that these are estimates and not on a timeline.

III. Adjournment

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



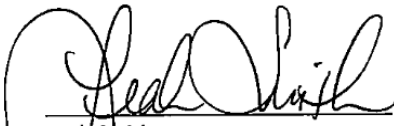
Vote:

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

Motion carried and the work session adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

2/23/2026

Date - Approved by Council



Leah Smith
City Clerk
City of Festus, Missouri