

**MARION REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AUGUST 14, 2026
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Marion Redevelopment Commission met in the second-floor conference room at City Hall on Friday, August 14, 2026, at 1:30 P.M. to conduct its regular meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioners present: Darren Reese; Brian Cowgill; Bill Gartland; Nick McKinley; Kyren Monteiro; Gabe Delgado

Also present: Redevelopment Director Joe Murphy; Chris Griesl from Barnes and Thornburg; Andy Mouser from Baker Tilly; chief of Operations Keenan Davis and Administrative Support Whitney Gilbert; MCS Superintendent Stephanie Lockwood; and YMCA Director Adam Myers

2. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2026

b. Approval of Claims

President Darren Reese entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Nick McKinley moved to approve the consent agenda, Brian Cowgill seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

At Director Murphy's request, the Commission rearranged the order of the agenda to accommodate guests in attendance, moving Items 6 and 7 ahead of Items 3, 4, and 5.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Murphy provided updates on several ongoing projects and initiatives, including Alrose at the Banks, the bridge and skate park projects, Southside Park, the airport utility project, River Rock Lofts, entrepreneurship initiatives through the Grant County Economic Growth Council, and the Grant County Land Trust. He also discussed the recently announced Stellar Pathways program and the City's consideration of whether to pursue the program.

4. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS – BALLARD FIELDS

Director Murphy provided an update regarding the Ballard Fields project and presented a draft Request for Proposals and Qualifications utilizing a Build-Operate-Transfer delivery method. He explained that the revised process is intended to identify a developer and operator to work with the project's selected design team and continue moving the project toward construction. Chris Griesl also discussed revisions to the proposed solicitation process. No formal action was taken.

5. PROPERTY DISPOSITION – BOOTS STREET PARCELS

Director Murphy provided an update regarding the disposition process for Commission-owned property in the Boots Street corridor. He advised that the properties had been advertised for sale and discussed the requirements of the offering and the anticipated process for receiving and reviewing any proposals. No formal action was taken.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 14-2026 – MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GRANT AGREEMENT

Director Murphy presented Resolution No. 14-2026 approving a grant agreement with Marion Community Schools to support work-based learning, project-based learning, certification, internship, and related programs. Superintendent Stephanie Lockwood discussed the proposed uses of the funding, including educational technology, transportation for work-based learning opportunities, and programs designed to provide students with career experiences and certifications. The Commission also discussed the reimbursement process for eligible expenses.

Brian Cowgill moved to approve Resolution No. 14-2026, Kyren Monteiro seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 15-2026 – YMCA EVENT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AGREEMENT

Adam Myers, Director of the YMCA, presented the proposed event infrastructure improvements at the YMCA Coliseum, including permanent sound and lighting improvements. Myers discussed fundraising efforts for the project and the potential for the improvements to expand the Coliseum's use for events and support additional activity in the downtown area.

Brian Cowgill moved to approve Resolution No. 15-2026, Bill Gartland seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Nick McKinley provided an update regarding skate park fundraising efforts. The Commission discussed the status of the project, ongoing design and budgeting work, and potential additional funding needs.

The Commission also discussed downtown parking, including the ownership and management of existing parking areas, the possibility of consolidating City and Commission-owned parcels, and potential future parking improvements.

Andy Mouser provided an update regarding anticipated assessed values within the City and its TIF areas. The Commission discussed growth in assessed values, potential impacts of property tax changes, and the importance of continued financial planning and stewardship of available redevelopment funds.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, and the motion carried.