

CITY OF UNION
Economic Development Committee
March 17, 2021 (via Zoom Videoconferencing)

Members in attendance:

Eric Dulaney, Commissioner

John Cole

Steve Harper, BCPC Union Representative

David Plummer, City Administrator

Melissa Hinkle, Communications and Operations Director

Mayor Larry Solomon

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Commissioner Eric Dulaney.

Old Business: Steve Harper noted that the BCPC will be voting on the potential Farmview development and that the new Ballyshannon residential development will be up for vote on April 7.

Administrator Plummer updated on the Small Business Grants Program. The Department of Local Government has extended the deadline to March 30 for the distribution of COVID relief funds, so the city is conducting a third round of Small Business Development Grants. Seven businesses have applied for potential grants totaling \$66,000 worth of relief. He is in the process of reviewing the applications and will be recommending the distribution of the funds at the upcoming Commission special meeting next week. There will be additional funds arriving as part of the recently-passed new round of Coronavirus legislation at the federal level. Early projections are that the city will be in line to receive 1.6 million in funding. The NKY administrators group has begun looking into the bill, and it appears there will be fewer restrictions placed on the spending of these funds, with some able to fund infrastructure projects or help with revenue replacement. He will update as more is known.

New Business: Mayor Larry Solomon was scheduled to present information regarding data from Claritas which provides a household analysis of makeup and buying patterns within the City of Union. However, due to low member attendance, Commissioner Dulaney asked that he delay the presentation to next month, so more could be present to hear the data and ask more questions. Mr. Cole did inquire about a few specifics to the data, but agreed to hold those questions for next month when more member input can be received and allow for a more robust discussion and analysis of the data.

Wednesday, April 21 at 6 p.m. was set for the next meeting date. There was discussion of moving the meeting to a date which would not conflict with the Boone County Planning Commission Meetings, as several members have conflicts with that meeting.

Wednesdays work better for the group, so consideration was given to moving to the third Wednesday, which would eliminate the conflict. The public is invited to attend. The Meeting was formally adjourned at 7:40 pm by Commissioner Dulaney.