



WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM on September 15, 2021 by Mayor Larry Solomon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Solomon led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Jeremy Ramage, Commissioner Eric Dulaney, Commissioner Brian Garner, Commissioner John Mefford, and Mayor Larry Solomon.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR FISCAL ANALYSIS

Administrator David Plummer presented a report which summarized the history and projected costs of city street repairs. Taking into consideration the types and usage of roadways, he provided a 15-year schedule outlining an estimated cost of resurfacing projects per linear foot. In order to meet the commitment of a 15-year schedule, the city's investment level would be considerably higher than in past years. The targeted plan and budget would also need to take preventative maintenance and special projects into account.

The full report was shared with the Commission for consideration. Some discussion followed.

Mayor Solomon continued the conversation on road maintenance and reported that the request for a speed reduction on US RT. 42 is still under review. He then mentioned that State Senator Schickel inquired about street sweeping services for the City of Union. The Public Works Committee will prioritize neighborhoods based on need and look into associated costs.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mayor Solomon and Commissioner Ramage asked the Commission to share their thoughts on a strategic plan for the city. The Commission created the following list of broad initiatives:

1. Town Center
2. Public Works expansion
3. Parks & rec
4. Wayfinding signs
5. Gateway and entry signs
6. Multipurpose municipal center
7. Small business development center (area & plan)
8. Historical district plan
9. Public participation in city planning
10. Land acquisition

The Union Town Center, Public Works, and a "Sense of Place" were identified as the priority, broad level areas of focus. Discussion followed to categorize the remaining 7 initiatives under each focus area.

Property acquisition, including size, price, and funding, was listed under Town Center. Concept development may include a multipurpose center/city building, a gathering place/park, and public participation. The targeted timeframe was noted as 0-3 years. Discussion followed about the possibility of hiring consultants to determine what to include in the Town Center and then the additional cost of concept plan development. Further conversation entailed the pros and cons of the city renting property vs. buying and controlling the development of property.

Next, the expansion of Public Works included a conversation about hiring a part-time Public Works Director. Responsibilities, to oversee all functions, would include land/lawn maintenance, snow removal, pot holes, street repairs, etc. In support, a garage, equipment, vehicle, and other items would be needed for this position. The general timeframe to hire a part-time (to start) Public Works Director was stated as 1-3 years. The infrastructure development was targeted for 3-5 years.

Third, a "Sense of Place" labeled the importance of the growing city, but maintaining the small town feel that makes Union unique. This top initiative included a historical district study (1-2 years) and small business center/opportunity area (5-10 years). In addition, wayfinding signs and small city entry signs (0-1 year), as well as a city gateway sign (1-2 years) were listed. Finally, parks and round-about areas were also mentioned (3-5 years).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

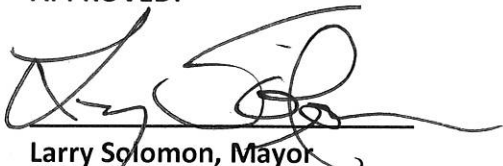
No new announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mefford and seconded by Commissioner Dulaney at 8:38PM.

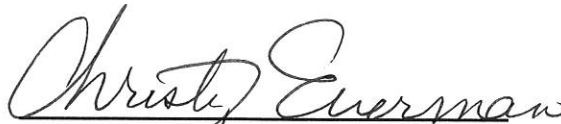
Motion approved 5-0

APPROVED:



Larry Solomon, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christy Everman, City Clerk