

WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on May 16, 2022 by Mayor 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 Eric Dulaney, Commissioner Jeremy Ramage, Commissioner John Mefford, Commissioner Brian Garner, and Mayor Larry Solomon.

CAUCUS DISCUSSION

City Administrator David Plummer gave updates on Union Pointe Centre and a few variances that were proposed from the meeting on May 2, 2022 by the developers.

- The first change proposed was moving the gas meters to an expanded outdoor storage unit that will include a door. Planning and Zoning feels as if this will be a minor site change and nothing will need to be done on the part of the city of Union.
- The signage issue was the second item to be discussed. The developers are asking that logos would be able to be used along with the name of the businesses on the buildings. The current zoning for signage on buildings in this area is more restrictive than the rest of Boone Co. and when originally discussed in the public meeting this issue was not brought up. Boone Co. Planning and Zoning does not have an issue with logos being used as long as all of the other requirements are met.
- The last item discussed was the connection between the new development and Strong's Pizza, this is an easement between properties. Planning and Zoning has approved this site as it currently is without a connection.

However, after discussion of safety and traffic issues the Commission would like to see this connection made and have asked both sides to work on coming to an agreement to make the connection a part of the development.

City Administrator Plummer gave updates on the Public Works Supervisor position. The City has received three resumes since being published in the paper and interviews will begin in the next week.

Commissioner Garner informed that he was getting a lot inquiries about all of the new developments taking place throughout the city and asked if there was a way to inform residents of these projects.

Mayor Solomon explained he has been working with Communications Director/Assistant CAO Amy Safran for the past few weeks to prepare videos that will highlight all of the new, exciting developments occurring throughout the city.

Once these videos are completed the city will share them to our social media pages.

Commissioner Garner brought up a discussion about golf carts throughout the city, he has been getting a lot of inquiries about them if they are legal to use in neighborhoods. The Mayor asked if this is something the Commissioners would like to consider pursuing. After discussion the decision was made to conduct more research and gather more information and revisit this issue at a future meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2022 IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500,000 TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY; APPROVING THE FORM OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES; AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED OFFICERS TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES TOGETHER WITH SUCH ADDITIONAL CUSTOMARY AGREEMENTS, CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE PURCHASER OF THE NOTES; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS SET OUT HEREIN; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF NOTICE WITH THE STATE LOCAL DEBT OFFICER. (1st Reading)

Attorney Voss gave reading of ordinance 2022-13 and Mayor Solomon asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Ramage asked the forecasted closing date. Mayor Solomon responded that it would be June 23, the Mayor also stated that this will cover the purchase of 23 acres across the street known as the Grammas property. Commissioner Mefford asked if part of the purchase price included money for development of land clearing. Mayor Solomon responded that part of the money is for development and some of the money will go towards purchasing fees. The plan is for the purchased property to be the future site of the Union Towne Center and a new city building.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-14 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY (1st Reading)

Attorney Voss gave reading of ordinance 2022-14 and Mayor Solomon thanked City Administrator David Plummer, Commissioner Jeremy Ramage and City Treasurer Christy Everman for working on the budget.

The Mayor spoke about the current growth of the city of Union. Over the past ten years, the city has grown by 39% and with this growth has made Union the second largest city in Boone Co. The population of Union is outperforming both the City of Florence and City of Walton as they have only seen growth of 14% to 16%. With this current growth and annexation Union expects the population to be over ten thousand within the next four years.

When planning FY 22-23 budget it was taken into account new projects that are currently underway.

- Promenade, Grammas property, Graeter's Development, Union Pointe Centre and The New Towne Center Plan.

The Mayor went over the Annual budget and explained each line item and asked for discussion.

GUEST WISHING TO SPEAK

Noreen Morgan asked if the budget is available for review once it is passed. Mayor Solomon responded that the budget will be available upon request. Noreen also asked the current salaries of the commissioner and Mayor. Mayor Solomon responded that the each Commissioner earns three hundred and fifty dollars and the Mayor earns four hundred dollars. The salaries will increase to four hundred and fifty dollars for each Commissioner and five hundred dollars for Mayor on January 1, 2023.


3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular City Commission Meeting, Monday June 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM
- Caucus/Commission Meeting, Monday June 20, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Commission Meeting Place: 1843 Bristow Dr. Union, KY 41091

4. ADJOURNMENT


A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Ramage. **Motion approved 5-0.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Approved:



Hon. Larry Solomon, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy Wilhoite, City Clerk