

WELCOME.

CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Solomon called the Caucus/Commission Meeting to order at 6:30 PM

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 Brian Garner, and Mayor Larry Solomon. Commissioner John Mefford arrived at 6:38 p.m.

CAUCUS DISCUSSION.

Solicitation.

Mayor Solomon addressed the issue of solicitors within the city. The Mayor mentioned that there has been a lot of solicitors in his neighborhood of Hampshire which is a no solicitation neighborhood. Mayor Solomon asked resident Noreen Morgan if Fowler Creek was a no solicitation neighborhood and her response was “yes”. Commissioner Garner stated there is a “no knock list” that residents who live within city limits can sign up for said list.

After a brief discussion it was recommended that...if residents are feeling harassed by anyone at their door they need to contact non-emergency dispatch at the time of the incident; and then, contact the city to inform us of the incident so that we can take appropriate action. The Mayor suggested that key points from the solicitation ordinance could be communicated to residents, explaining solicitation rules are and what to do if city residents have any issues with solicitors.

Communications.

Communications Director/Asst. CAO Amy Safran gave an update on previous discussions for advertising proposals for city updates and events. Director Safran and Commissioner Mefford recently met with Mike Murphy who runs the Neighbors of Union Magazine to discuss different options for advertisement opportunities. Mr. Murphy put together a proposal a business profile that would include Facebook digital ads, the ability to have links, and QR codes that would go to videos if the city chooses. Additionally, the city would have additional articles that would be published in the Florence/Union Connector which would reach even more households. The Neighbors of Union publication is distributed to every home in Union and even some homes beyond the city limits, approximately 7,000 homes. The cost for this service is \$773.00 per month (or \$9,276 annually). The contract would be for twenty-four months.

Commissioner John Mefford gave additional information regarding advertisement with the Neighbors of Union publication, explaining the reason this form of advertisement is being considered is due to the amount of residents that will be reached and it will give the city the best value for the amount of money being spent. City Administrator Dave Plummer asked if the Commissioners would like to have further discussion with Mike Murphy or if they are ready to authorize Director Safran to move forward on this project. All of the Commissioners were in agreement they were ready to move forward with a motion.

Mayor Solomon asked for a motion from the commissioners to move forward with the purchase of advertisement space in the Neighbors of Union publication totaling up to \$9,300 a year.

Commissioner John Mefford made a motion and Commissioner Brian Garner seconded the motion. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Director Safran reminded everyone that on Friday June 24, the City of Union will be hosting Union Celebrates America. The event starts with a parade to Ryle High School at 6:00 PM with the event starting at 6:30 PM.

GUESTS WISHING TO SPEAK.

Town Center Concept.

City Administrator Dave Plummer introduced Andy Knight of MKSK and explained that he is with the firm that has been working with the city to develop a concept plan for the future plan of Union Town Center. Mr. Knight gave an overview of two different concept options of the 22.5 acres of property that were recently purchased by the City of Union. Both of the plans discussed include mixed use of retail, residential and park space in the plans, both will also include walking trails. After a brief discussion it was determined that Concept 2 was the more popular of the 2 plans by the city Commissioners.

Whispering Trails Flooding.

City Administrator David Plummer explained the next item to be discussed would be the flooding issues on Whispering Trail, particularly 1838 Whispering Trail property. The whole road has a history of flooding and as a result there was a study conducted by Stantec in 2016.

Homeowners of this property Chris and Erin Dargie were in attendance to give their explanation of the water issues they have been dealing with since living in the home. Mr. and Mrs. Dargie explained to the Commissioners the concerns and issues they have with the excess water on their street and in their yard. Videos were shown of the flooding after a heavy rain. The homeowners feel as if the issues have gotten worse or at least more concentrated since Traemore Subdivision has been built behind Whispering Trail homes. City Administrator Plummer relayed that several years ago the city did step in and cultivate the land to help with water coming into the home, they diverted it around the house.

Sean Blake of SD1 gave several recommendations of how to re-route the flow of water. Mr. Blake explained that a lot of the water has already been diverted away from Whispering Trail into a detention pond. Commissioner Ramage did express his concerns of re-routing a main line pipe that this would potentially just move the problem to another area. Mr. Blake did not think that this would be a problem of concern.

After discussion Administrator Plummer mentioned the purpose of the discussion was for the homeowners to have the opportunity to present the issues they have been having. The purpose was to examine the issue, put it in front of the Commissioners, then conduct a study and to determine the proper fix for the problem.

Mr. Blake explained the first step will be to have another study conducted performed by SD1, this will be completed at no cost to the city. Since Stantec has already completed a study they will be consulted again. Every option is going to be looked at before making a decision on how to make fix the problem. The study will take two to three months to complete.

LEGISLATION.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY TO APPROVE AND SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE CITY OF UNION'S PURCHASE OF 9931 OLD UNION ROAD AND 1876 UNION SCHOOL ROAD

Commissioner Mefford motioned and Commissioner Ramage seconded the motion. **Motion approved 5-0.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2022-13 A MUNICIPAL ORDER ACCEPTING THE REVISED CONTRACT OF EVERETT "JUNIOR" PARTIN TO PROVIDE GRAVE DIGGING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT

Commissioner Garner motioned and Commissioner Dulaney seconded the motion. **Motion approved. 5-0.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2022-14 A MUNICIPAL ORDER ADOPTING THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE STANDARD MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Commissioner Garner motioned and Commissioner Mefford seconded the motion. **Motion approved. 5-0.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS.


- Next Regular City Commission Meeting, Wednesday July 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM
- Caucus/Commission Meeting, Monday July 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Commission Meeting Place: 1843 Bristow Dr. Union, KY 41091

ADJOURNMENT

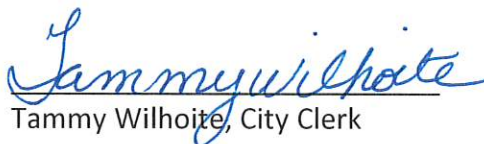
- Commissioner Ramage motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 5-0.**
- Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Approved:

Attest:



Hon. Larry Solomon, Mayor



Tammy Wilhoite, City Clerk