

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Solomon called the Regular Commission Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Solomon led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Eric Dulaney, Commissioner Brian Garner, Commissioner John Mefford, and Mayor Larry Solomon were present. Commissioner Jeremy Ramage was absent. A quorum of Commissioners was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of June 6, 2022 Regular Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Mefford motioned and Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of June 20, 2022 Caucus-Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Dulaney motioned and Commissioner Garner seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER REPORT

Town Center Property Purchase.

Mayor Solomon proudly announced that the city of Union now owns 22 acres of property on US 42 across from the current city building.

Commissioner Mefford questioned if the city will petition the state for the small wedge of property that abuts up to the newly acquired property. The Mayor stated that "yes". He went on to say the city should petition the state for the property; the rest of the Commissioners were in agreement. The Mayor also mentioned that he and City Administrator Dave Plummer discussed the elimination of the house that sits on the property.

Mayor Solomon expressed that for 20 plus years there has been talk of a Town Center which was referred to as a Town Plan. The purchase of property shows great progress towards the City of Union and the future of the Town Center.

Children's Hospital.

Mayor Solomon also announced that the City of Union worked with the Promenade developer to secure Children's Hospital locating to be a centerpiece of the Promenade Center. A groundbreaking ceremony will take place on Friday July 8, at 10: 00 AM across from the Union Fire Station.

Children's Hospital represents higher paying professional jobs. This is the type of industry Union wants for its future said Mayor Solomon. More of this type of industry will benefit the city in more-ways-than-one; for example, there will be more business for restaurants who will see greater lunchtime crowds as a result of more professional jobs coming to Union.

FINANCIAL REPORT

City Treasurer Christy Everman gave an update on the financial report. Despite increased expenses throughout the past fiscal year, city expenses came in essentially at budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. Expenses only exceeded budget by only 1.5%. Because this overage was less than 5%, no budget amendment was needed.

The interest continues to rise on the interest bearing checking account. Mayor Solomon requested approval of monthly bills. Commissioner Dulaney motioned and Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Mefford gave a big thank you to Communications Director/Assistant CAO Amy Safran, City Administrator Dave Plummer and Boone Co. Parks Department. Commissioner Mefford felt that the celebration was a huge success!

- The extra help hired from Cincinnati Circus was much needed and utilized.
- We had a total of six food trucks after a few cancelled we still did much better than our first year at Ryle.
- The band DV8 was fantastic!
- A little debris was left on grassy area between Gray and Ryle was cleaned up on Saturday in less than thirty minutes. The scheduled street sweepers (SCA) came on Saturday and everything looked spotless. No complaints from Ryle personnel, facilities staff, or Principal Schafer.
- A meeting will take place to discuss what worked and what did not and what can be done to make the event even bigger and better.

The second item discussed by Commissioner Mefford was the 24 month agreement with Best Version Media they publish Neighbors of Union magazine. The city will have a half page ad and article published in the publication every month with the main purpose to inform as many people as possible within the city of all development and events.

Commissioner Mefford gave the following updates on upcoming city events:

- SPF Zachary Salmon Soldier Run. This event will take place Sunday, September 25, 2022. Registration is now open.
- Bourbon in the Bluegrass. This event will take place Saturday, October 22, 2022.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

MKSK.

Now that MKSK presented their initial concept idea to Commission at the last Caucus meeting, Administrator Plummer said it is now time to move forward with a firm, such as MKSK, to help redefine and individually see what the Commissioners would like to include in the concept of the new Town Center. Administrator Plummer recommended that we continue to work with MKSK with this project. He noted that this firm developed Summit Park in Blue Ash, OH. Commissioner Mefford said that he did not know that this firm developed that project; he went on to say that this is a positive to move forward with this firm. Administrator Plummer will invite MKSK to attend the Caucus meeting in August to help provide a second proposal.

Brilliance Avenue Extension.

To best extend Brilliance Avenue to the Mt. Zion Road, it needs the cooperation of Mr. Long who owns his home at 1764 Bristow Drive. The city has received no response from the homeowner since the offers were given. Administrator Plummer explained to the Commissioners the two different ways in which the road could be built. These options consist of either building a wall or sloping Mr. Long's property.

- The amount of \$1,200 has been offered if a wall will be built.
- The amount of \$9,400 has been offered if the property is sloped.
 - In addition to this \$9,400, the city has offered up to \$10,000 extra to allow for landscape on Mr. Long's property which would act as a natural barrier from the road.

Administrator Plummer added that the offers were dropped off to the home owner and the city is hoping to hear back within a week. Mayor Solomon has asked that a week-and-a-half timeframe be given to homeowner Long. He went on to say that we should be prepared to make a decision on this issue at the July 18 Caucus meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Whispering Trails.

Sean Blake, with Sanitation District 1, attended the Public Works Meeting on June 28. He discussed with the Public Works Team the Whispering Trails flooding issues and next steps. Commissioner Garner summarized those next steps. The first six months will study the issue and explore all feasible options then report back to the Public Works Team then onto the Commission. The second six months will develop design plans based on the option the city decides to take and move forward. Then, the final six months will execute decided option through construction and project completion. The application for this process has been submitted to Sanitation District 1.

Street Repair Program.

The Street repair program was the second item discussed by Commissioner Garner. Eight ADA Ramps were omitted on Richmond Road and Burleigh Lane Phase A Part 8 on Whittlesey Drive and Burleigh Lane. These ramps represent a 34 Square yard section of full depth black top repair by Riegler Blacktop, LLC. The total for the ADA ramp will be \$3,900. The total for full depth repair is \$6,460. Mayor Solomon asked for motion to approve the expenses for these street projects. Commissioner Garner motioned and Commissioner Mefford seconded the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Promenade Center Dirt and Dust.

The last item mentioned by Commissioner Garner was about the dirt and dust at the site of the Promenade Development. The Developers did not have an adequate meter given to them to use by Boone County Water District to fill the tank on their trucks in a timely manner. After a few phone calls, Boone County Water decided to let the developers connect directly to the hydrants to fill the water tanks.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Eric Dulaney mentioned that several weeks ago the Executive Committee met with Viox and Viox. Gateway Monument preliminary designs were presented. Then, these designs were presented to the Economic Development Team. Because Commissioner Ramage was not in attendance, Commissioner Dulaney tabled the Commission's review of these preliminary designs to the July Caucus Meeting on July 18.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY APPROVING, WITH CONDITIONS, A REQUEST OF ARLINGHAUS I, LLC PER BOB SCHRODER (APPLICANT) FOR CAROL RAY AND PAUL MEDIN (OWNERS) FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM RURAL SUBURBAN ESTATES (RSE) DISTRICT TO SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL ONE (SR-1) DISTRICT FOR AN APPROXIMATE 81 ACRE AREA LOCATED ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF HATHAWAY ROAD, BETWEEN OLD UNION ROAD AND SPRUCE LANE, APPROXIMATELY 2,400 FEET EAST OF SPRUCE LANE, BEING DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM MEIMAN ROAD AND HAVING A PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIDN) OF 052.00-00-028.03, BOONE COUNTY AND UNION, KENTUCKY AND A REQUEST OF ARLINGHAUS 1, LLC PER BOB SCHRODER (APPLICANT AND OWNER) FOR A CHANGE IN AN APPROVED CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN AN AGRUCULTURAL ESTATE/UNION TOWN OVERLAY (A-2/UTO) DISTRICT FOR AN APPROXIMATE 14 ACRE AREA LOCATED AT THE TERMINUS OF WESTFIELD LANE, UNION, KENTUCKY. (1st Reading)

After Attorney Greg Voss read Ordinance 2022-15, Bob Schroder, with Arlinghaus, LLC, explained to the Commissioners and Mayor where the property is located and the reason for the zone change. Only a small portion, less than one acre of the 81 acres being purchased is located within the city limits, which requires the Ordinance from the City of Union. Commissioner Mefford asked what school district the property is currently located in; Mr. Schroder answered that the school district would be Cooper High School.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2022-15 A MUNICIPAL ORDER ACCEPTING THE CONTRACT OF BAKER BUSINESS & TAX SOLUTIONS, PLLC AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

Commissioner Mefford motioned and Commissioner Dulaney seconded the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2022-16 A MUNICIPAL ORDER ACCEPTING THE CONTRACT OF BARRY J. BURKE, PE PLS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY.

Commissioner Dulaney motioned and Commissioner Mefford seconded the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2022-17 A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY, SETTING COMPENSATION FOR NON-ELECTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Mayor Solomon motioned and Commissioner Mefford seconded the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

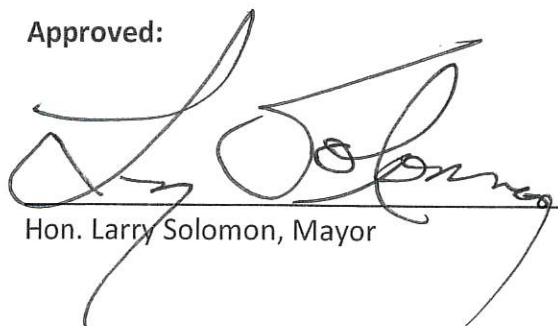
Mayor Solomon announced that the City Commission will hold the next Caucus Meeting on Monday July 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM. He also stated that the next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Monday August 1, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Both meetings will be held at the Union City Building, 1843 Bristow Drive, Union, KY 41091.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Garner motioned and that motion was seconded by Commissioner Dulaney. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Approved:



Hon. Larry Solomon, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy Wilhoite, City Clerk