



Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2022 – 6:30 PM

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of September 7, 2022, Public Hearing meeting minutes. Commissioner Garner motioned and Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of September 7, 2022, Regular Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Garner motioned and Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of September 12, 2022, Virtual Special meeting minutes. Commissioner Dulaney motioned, and Commissioner Garner seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of September 19, 2022, Caucus-Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Mefford motioned, and Commissioner Garner seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

VISITORS/GUESTS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mayor Solomon asked if there were anyone wishing to speak. No one in attendance had any issues needed to be addressed.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER REPORT

Mayor Solomon gave an update of the ongoing issue of the port-o-let and dumpster at the Kroger Fuel Station and Micro Fulfillment Center on U.S. 42. Mayor Solomon mentioned that he sent a letter to the President of Kroger (Cincinnati/Dayton/Northern KY) Scott Hays addressing these issues along with the strip center that is next to Kroger that has been empty for quite a while.

City Administrator David Plummer explained that the Kroger Fuel Station and Micro Fulfillment Center are managed by separate divisions within the Kroger Company. Emails have been sent notifying both parties of proper protocols of the placements of the dumpster, port-o-let and portable hand washing station.

FINANCIAL REPORT

City Treasurer Christy Everman presented the city financial bills to be paid for the month of September. Everman also stated that the bank interest continues to increase from 2.6% to 2.7% giving \$5,000 of interest earned for the month of September. The city mailed out around 2700 tax bills on September 26 and has already received approximately \$50,000 in payments as of October 3. Commissioner Dulaney made a motion and Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Dulaney mentioned that the Economic Development Committee (EDC) came to the Caucus – Commission meeting on September 19, to discuss the development of Union Town Center. No consensus was made at the meeting as to what should be placed on the property of land, but concepts are still being considered by MKSK. EDC Members will be attending the October 17 Caucus meeting in lieu of holding a separate EDC meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Mefford explained and gave details of several upcoming events.

- Photo Contest started on August 1 and concludes October 31. The winner will be announced on November 14, more judges are need for this event.
- Bourbon in the Bluegrass October 22, 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- Breakfast with Santa December 10, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Commissioner Mefford mentioned that in the past the City of Union has always aligned with the rest of Boone County, City of Florence, and the City of Walton for setting the time for trick-or-treating and he recommended we do the same for this year. Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to set the time to celebrate Trick-or-Treat on October 31, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Commissioner Mefford made a motion and Commissioner Dulaney seconded the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Union Rice Cemetery

Administrator Plummer explained that R & M Fencing would start removing a section of the old fence at Rice Cemetery on October 4, so that the fence will be able to be replaced once the drainage work is completed. Contractor Sebastian Excavating will be completing the upgrades and improvements for the water saturation issue at Rice Cemetery before the new fence is installed.

Liability Grant

The City received \$1,500 this week from Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) for their Liability Grant Program, this money will be used towards 2022 sidewalk repairs.

GovOS

The staff met virtually with the GovOS team last week to discuss the process of payroll collection reporting. City staff are now signed into an online system and able to share communications.

Firework Display

Administrator David Plummer explained that the city had a request from a gentleman Mr. Hemal Soni who would like to use a piece of property the city owns on Brilliance Avenue. The purpose of using the property would be to have a firework display to celebrate Kids Diwali on October 14, from 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM. Plummer explained to the Commissioners that he has explained to Mr. Soni that he would have to obtain a liability waiver that would name the City of Union as an additional insured. After discussion of the use of the property located at Brilliance Avenue the Commissioners agreed to letting Mr. Soni have the firework display. There will need to be an agreement made that the property is clear of debris after the firework display.

PUBLIC WORKS

Burleigh Lane

Commissioner Garner explained a parking issue on Burleigh Lane going towards Hempsteade Drive. The city had a request from the community of Hempstead to review this area and produce a solution. This area of Burleigh Lane has a slight slope and bend in the road which makes it difficult for other vehicles to navigate when another vehicle is currently on the street. Commissioner Garner explained that City Engineer Barry Burke went to the site to evaluate and give his analysis. After review and discussion at the Public Works Meeting it was agreed upon to bring the issue before the Commission to get their approval to move forward with legislation to install a no parking sign. Attorney Voss will prepare legislation for the October 17 Caucus Meeting.

Littlest Angels

Administrator Plummer gave an update on Littlest Angels drainage issues. Plummer explained he worked with City Engineer Barry Burke to come up with a plan that would solve the drainage issues. Unfortunately, Littlest Angels does not want to move forward with the recommendations given by the city. The concern of Littlest Angels is that there are slippage issues with the steepness of the hill at their property, and they would like to build a retaining wall. The recommendation was given to the property owner; it was recommended that they speak to a licensed engineer and a Geotech Firm to find out if the property is slipping. The city will closely monitor and follow up with the owners of the property.

Brilliance Avenue

Administrator Plummer mentioned that the Brilliance Avenue Road extension is moving along. Viox and Viox have filled out the required permits needed for the project and will take care of getting them submitted. Once everything is approved Viox and Viox will draft construction documents and the city will be able to move forward with the building of the new road. Mayor Solomon confirmed that a check for \$9,400.00 was given to Mr. William Long for compensation for a temporary construction easement.

Whispering Trail

Sean Blake from Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1) gave updates of the drainage and water issues on Whispering Trail with a particular focus on 1838 Whispering Trail. Mr. Blake gave an explanation of what is causing the water and drainage issues and he gave possible options to capture the water based on the study conducted by Stantec. Mr. Blake gave seven options for the Commissioners to consider.

1. Dual storm sewers along Whispering Trail estimated cost of \$644,000.
2. New storm sewer east of 1838 Whispering Trail estimated cost of \$404,000.

3. Purchase 1838 Whispering Trail and widening the swale estimated cost \$612,000.
4. Buried storage vault estimated cost \$467,000.
5. New storm sewer west of 1838 Whispering Trail estimated cost \$303,000.
- 5b. New storm sewer west of 1838 Whispering Trail starting in the backyard of 10115 Indian Hill Drive estimated cost of \$234, 000.
6. New storm sewer east of 1838 Whispering Trail and upsizing existing 36 inch storm sewer estimated cost \$453,000.

City Engineer Barry Burke gave explanation of the drainage and water issues on Whispering Trail and Mr. Burke recommends option number six, he suggest that the city use their ARPA funds to help pay for the project and also apply for the 50/50 cost share program with SD1. According to Mr. Blake the city will be responsible for preparing the designs for this project and applying for the application for the funds for the cost share. Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to proceed with the project and to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and to work with Sanitation District No. 1. Commissioner Dulaney made a motion and Mayor Solomon seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-19 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE PRESENT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY (2nd Reading)

Commissioner Dulaney made a motion and Commissioner Garner seconded that motion.
Motion approved 4-0.

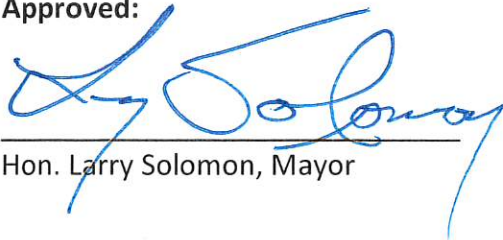
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Solomon announced that the City Commission will hold the next Caucus Meeting on Monday October 17, 2022, at 6:30 PM. He also stated that the next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Monday November 7, 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 made a motion and Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Approved:



Hon. Larry Solomon, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy Wilhoite, City Clerk