



CAUCUS/COMMISSION MEETING

MARCH 18, 2024 – 6:00 PM

1843 BRISTOW DRIVE

UNION, KY 41091

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 John Mefford, Commissioner Jeremy Ramage, Commissioner Brian Garner, Commissioner Doug Bine, and Mayor Solomon.

Mayor Solomon discussed the ongoing issue of a gap in the parking lot between Strong's Pizza and Union Pointe Centre that does not allow the two lots to connect. The two property owners have not been able to come to an agreement for connecting the parking lots. Mayor Solomon wanted to bring the issue to the Commission's attention because this creates a safety issue for firetrucks, paramedics, and emergency vehicles when responding to the area because they need as many access points as possible.

DISCUSSION

Promenade Applications

Mayor Solomon discussed applications received for the Promenade development. The current list of retailers falls within the parameters of the approved Promenade plan with individual buildings on each lot from 6,000 to 12,108 square feet with appropriate parking, two food and beverage drive-thrus, two food and beverage pick-up windows, and a list of approved uses that support the promised entertainment district. After the applications are signed by Mayor Solomon, they will go through the Boone County Planning Commission process. The applications will not be sent back to the city for final approval.

Commissioner Bine expressed the businesses need to be encouraged to adhere to the same architectural design as the rest of the development. Commissioner Mefford had a concern of approving the applications without knowing all the prospective tenants.

Mayor Solomon asked for approval to sign the documents so they can move forward to Boone County Planning Commission.

Commissioner Garner made a motion and Commissioner Ramage seconded that motion.

Commissioner Mefford voted nay. **Motion approved 4-1**

Brilliance Avenue Update

Commissioner Garner mentioned progress is being made on Brilliance Avenue, construction should begin in April. The bid to build the retaining wall at the corner of Bristow Dr. and soon to be Brilliance Ave. abutting private property was received at \$72,000.

Public Works Director (PWD) Paul Kremer mentioned the contract to build Brilliance Avenue is \$821,000 which will be paid using American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA). There is a scheduled meeting with Lonkard Construction, Viox & Viox, and Geotechnology to complete the final details of the project.

Commissioner Ramage mentioned the retaining wall should be esthetically consistent with the Grammas Development.

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

City Administrator (CAO) Amy Safran presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget and asked for discussion.

- Anticipated Revenue
- Personnel and Benefits
- Administration
- Professional Services
- Public Works
- Insurance Expenses and Community investments
- City Growth

CAO Safran mentioned the payroll tax and business license revenue has been designated for city growth and property development.

Public Works Director Kremer discussed public works expenditures. The Commission agreed to increase the proposed amount allotted for street repair and construction to allow for projects to be moved forward if needed.

CAO Safran explained the city has submitted required paperwork to purchase a small parcel of property from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet that adjoins the current twenty-two acres already owned by the city.

Pocket Park

PWD Kremer discussed a proposed pocket park at the corner of Sycamore Drive and Mt. Zion Road. The construction of the park would include installing sidewalks, planting trees, benches, waste receptacles, flowers, and shrubs. The Commission suggested including electric and water utilities to the park construction. PWD Kremer will get estimates for the cost of electric and water and discuss at an upcoming Commission meeting.

CAO Safran mentioned Summit Engineering will move forward with a feasibility study for the city building after meeting with MKSK on March 18 to discuss a preliminary concept design for the park.

Mayor Solomon mentioned discussion for the city park and city building will continue at the next caucus meeting once all the numbers have been received back from the feasibility study.

LEGISLATION/ATTORNEY'S REPORT

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2024-08 A MUNICIPAL ORDER ACCEPTING THE CONTRACT EXTENSION OF GROUNDSYSTEMS, INC. FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL IN THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY

Commissioner Bine made a motion and Commissioner Garner seconded that motion.

Motion approved 5-0

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY ESTABLISHING A NON EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC STREETS, ALLEYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC GROUNDS OF THE CITY FOR THE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY THROUGH AND FOR CONSUMPTION WITHIN THE CITY; AND PROVIDING THE TERMS THEREOF. (First Reading)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

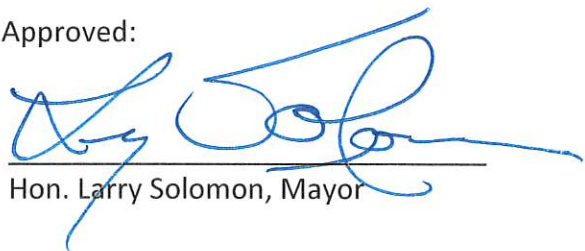
Mayor Solomon announced there will be a Regular Commission meeting Monday April 1, 2024, at 6:00 PM. Mayor Solomon also stated the next Caucus/Commission meeting will be held on Monday April 15, 2024, 6:00 PM both meetings will be at the city building 1843 Bristow Drive Union, Kentucky.

ADJOURN

Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bine made a motion and Commissioner Garner seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

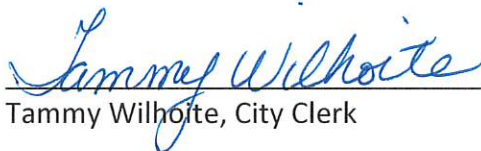
Motion approved 5-0

Approved:



Hon. Larry Solomon, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy Wilhoite, City Clerk