#### MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY HALL, Fifth Floor 6801 Delmar Blvd. University City, Missouri 63130 March 12, 2018 6:30 p.m.

## A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At the Regular Session of the City Council of University City held on the fifth floor of City Hall, on Monday, March 12, 2018, Mayor Shelley Welsch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

## B. ROLL CALL

In addition to the Mayor, the following members of Council were present:

Councilmember Rod Jennings Councilmember Paulette Carr Councilmember Steven McMahon Councilmember Terry Crow; *(Excused)* Councilmember Michael Glickert; *(Excused)* Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson; *(Excused)* 

Also in attendance was City Manager, Gregory Rose, Sinan Alpaslan Director of Public Works and Parks, City Attorney, John F. Mulligan, Jr., Deanna (Townsend) Burress, Acting City Clerk.

## C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hearing no request for changes, Councilmember McMahon moved to approve the agenda as presented, it was seconded by Councilmember Jennings and the motion carried unanimously.

## D. **PROCLAMATIONS**

## E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 26, 2018, Regular Session minutes, were moved by Councilmember Jennings, it was seconded by Councilmember Carr and the motion carried unanimously.

## F. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. David Rowan is nominated to the Urban Forestry Commission replacing Beth Skelton's unexpired seat by Councilmember McMahon, it was seconded by Councilmember Carr and the motion carried unanimously.

## G. SWEARING IN TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

- 1. John Solodar was sworn into the Green Practices Commission in the Clerk's office on February 28, 2018.
- **2.** Dianne Benjamin was sworn into the Urban Forestry Commission at tonight's meeting.

#### H. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (Total of 15 minutes allowed) Patricia Washington, 7040 Plymouth Ave., University City, MO

As Chairman of the Board for the U City Community Foundation, Ms. Washington stated the Board is extremely excited to have awarded their first round of grants totaling roughly \$14,000, made possible by the proceeds from Fair U City. The purpose of the Foundation is to seek out and support individuals and organizations working for the betterment of this community. Organizations receiving the first round of grants for 2018 are:

- \$2,000 Crown Center for Senior Living's Senior Art Therapy Program
- \$2,000 Women in Charge's Adult Literacy Program. The program enrolls female heads of households interested in completing their GED.
- \$2,000 U City Swim Club's program to promote swimming among minority populations.
- \$1,000 The Education Foundation's support of teacher projects throughout U City Schools
- \$2,000 Midwest Association of Farmer's Markets' Student Employment Program
- \$1,725 Sutter-Meyer Society's new construction at the Sutter-Meyer Home
- \$2,000 U City Parks Foundation's purchase of equipment for Heman Park Pool

• \$500 - Real Talk, Incorporated's Mentoring Program, and annual banquet Ms. Washington thanked Council for their support and encouraged everyone in the community for their continued support of Fair U City.

## Thomas Jennings, 7055 Forsyth Ave., University City, MO

Councilmember Jennings expressed a concern about the lack of consideration given to the City's no parking signs posted on the days allotted for street sweeping and leaf pickup. And in spite of the City's warning, no tickets were issued to those residents who failed to move their cars. As a result, leaves were blown back into the yards of residents who had taken the time to move their cars. He stated while he would agree that the issuance of tickets may not be viewed as a kind gesture, these signs will have absolutely no meaning in the future if they are not enforced; which seems unfair to the residents who appreciate receiving this service.

## I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

## J. CONSENT AGENDA

## K. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Crown Center Senior Living / MHDC Project – Letter of Support.

City Manager, Gregory Rose, stated Crown Center will be submitting an application to the Missouri Housing Development Commission for federal tax credits for the acquisition and construction of 52 apartment units which will be leased to mixed-income seniors. Staff is recommending that Council approve the attached letter of support for Crown Center Senior Living and its affiliate, Crown Center Phase I LP.

Councilmember Jennings moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember Carr.

#### Citizen's Comments

## David Lang; Rosenblum Goldenhersh, 7733 Forsyth, St. Louis, MO

Mr. Lang, attorney for Crown Center, stated he wished to advise Council that while no changes have been made to the Site Plan presented in October of 2017, MHDC has initiated an application process for tax credits, which requires that all relevant local officials, superintendents of schools, and police departments be notified of their intent to file. Crown Center must evidence that all entities have received notice; which is the reason their communication requesting a letter of support was sent certified; return receipt requested. In addition, Mr. Lang stated he would like to submit a letter of support drafted by Crown Center's Resident Council which was prepared over the weekend. The deadline for submittal of this application is Friday, March 16th.

Voice vote on Councilmember Jennings' motion carried unanimously.

2. Conditional Use Permit Approval - Garage.

Mr. Rose stated the Applicant; Washington University, is seeking approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the parking structure at 560 Trinity Avenue, located in a PA; (*Public Activity District*), to accommodate off-site parking requirements for the adjacently proposed COCA expansion and renovation project. For Council's edification, Mr. Rose noted that on February 26, 2018, Section 400.2010 of the Zoning Code: Location of Parking Areas, Subsection B.2, was amended to state, "*That off-site parking spaces are in a parking structure having at least 200 parking spaces and a Conditional Use Permit for the off-site parking area, as approved by the City Council under the procedures of Article 11; Conditional Uses.*"

Staff is recommending approval of the Conditional Use Permit subject to the attached conditions.

Councilmember Carr stated Attachment (A) does not appear to contain the same verbiage as Section 400.2010, B.1., which states, "The owner of the property used for off-site parking shall be bound by covenants filed in the office of the St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds". Therefore, she would question whether this required the redacted contract submitted to the City or some other instrument?

City Attorney, John Mulligan stated Attachment (A), which refers to an instrument, denotes a legal document that identifies rights, duties, entitlements or liabilities. There is no issue in his mind that this is what is contemplated by the Ordinance, since it further states, *"Except as otherwise noted hereinbelow, that the other codes and regulations shall apply."* So, subject to approval by the City Manager and himself, this is the document that would be filed with the Recorder of Deeds.

Councilmember Carr asked Mr. Mulligan to clarify exactly what instrument would be filed with the Recorder of Deeds? Mr. Mulligan stated the instrument could be a deed, easement, long-term lease or any document that satisfies the provisions of the Code. And his belief is that what the parties to this action have envisioned is a document that sets out the essential lease terms and serves as the long-term lease. Councilmember Carr questioned whether that document would be something other than the redacted lease? Mr. Mulligan stated although neither he nor staff has seen the document, his belief is that what the parties have contemplated filing is a Memorandum of Lease. However, if there is an issue as to whether or not this Memorandum complies with the Ordinance those issues will be addressed with Wash U. And he also sees no legal reason why the document could not be reviewed by any member of Council prior to staff's approval. Councilmember Carr asked why the redacted lease could not serve as the instrument to be filed with the Recorder of Deeds? Mr. Mulligan stated he has no knowledge to construe that the redacted lease could not be used. Nevertheless, since it is not the only document that can be used to satisfy this particular condition, Wash U has the option to propose the utilization of a different instrument.

Councilmember Carr questioned whether Council was essentially being asked to approve this permit without knowing what that instrument was going to be? Mr. Mulligan stated Council is being asked to approve the CUP subject to the attached conditions. But here again, it is certainly Council's prerogative to see the final document or defer to staff to and allow them to handle this administratively. Councilmember Carr stated after finally receiving a redacted copy of the lease, now she is being told there is a strong possibility that another instrument; which she has not been given the opportunity to review, will be filed with the Recorder of Deeds. And if that's the case, then she would not be willing to defer to staff.

Mr. Rose stated his belief is that the redacted lease provided to Councilmember Carr would be an acceptable document to attach to Attachment (A). However, since representatives from Washington University are here tonight, he would defer to their understanding of what they believe the appropriate documentation should be.

Mr. Mulligan stated perhaps, this will clear up some of the confusion. This parking has to be pursuant to a deed, easement or long-term lease between COCA and Wash U, but the document recorded with the Recorder of Deeds has to illustrate the covenant showing that COCA has the right to utilize those spaces. That's the provision of the Code that must be satisfied, and that's the reason why there is some flexibility in the documents.

Steven Condrin, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Real Estate at Washington University, stated the redacted lease document provided to Council was not prepared to be accepted by the Recorder of Deeds as a recordable document. What has been prepared and recorded is a Memorandum of Lease. That said, Wash U would be more than happy to work with staff to amend this Memorandum if they or Council deems that it contains insufficient information.

Councilmember Carr stated that both she and her constituents must be convinced that this is being done correctly. For a period of months, she fought hard to obtain a copy of the lease ultimately provided, in order to conduct due diligence. So her frustration lies with Council now being asked to approve a Memorandum of Lease which she has never seen, and basically be okay with staff signing off on it.

Mr. Condrin reassured Councilmember Carr that Wash U would welcome any comments or concerns made by Council, and if necessary, file an amendment to the Memorandum. Councilmember Carr asked Mr. Condrin why the recorded Memorandum of Lease had not been provided prior to tonight's presentation? (Mr. Condrin offered to provide Councilmember Carr with a copy and Councilmember Carr refused, based on her inability to speed read this type of document at the eleventh hour.)

Jim Dillon, the attorney for COCA, stated rather than record the entire lease, industry

practice is to file a Memorandum of Lease containing the essential terms that satisfy the requirements of the Code with the Recorder of Deeds. And his understanding was that that Memorandum of Lease, as well as the redacted form of the lease, had been provided to staff, the City Attorney, and Council, for review and confirmation of those requirements.

Councilmember Carr stated in her opinion, the Memorandum she reviewed was wholly inadequate, and it was the redacted lease that assured her and her constituents that they would receive what had been promised.

Mr. Dillon stated tonight's discussion caught him completely by surprise because he had no understanding of Council's desire to record the entire document or that there were any inadequacies in the Memorandum of Lease. He stated it would be extremely unusual and completely out of the ordinary, to record an entire lease. However, both COCA and Wash U are willing to commit to amending the lease; wherever possible, if Council believes there is any information that should be included.

Councilmember Carr stated the fact that the City had to change its Code to accommodate this request, and that she had called staff earlier this afternoon to find out why the language in Attachment (A) did not adhere to the Code, makes this whole process extremely unusual. So she is not intimidated by that statement because her objective is to make certain that if things change in the next ten to twenty years, there is sufficient paperwork to protect this agreement.

Mr. Mulligan informed Councilmember Carr that he had reviewed the Memorandum of Lease provided by Wash U and found it to be an acceptable document. That's not to say there cannot be other documents, but in his opinion, where the Memorandum specifically states, "Landlord hereby declares as a restriction running with the real property that the tenant, its employees, and patrons shall have access to, and use of, 128 parking spaces in a parking garage to be constructed by the landlord on the real property for the duration of the term;" and it lists that term as 30 years, satisfies the language of the Ordinance which requires that the covenant be filed with the Recorder of Deeds. And as Mr. Dillon stated, it is standard practice to file this type of document.

Councilmember Carr reiterated her objection of Council's need to be fully informed that the recorded document would be the Memorandum of Lease.

Mayor Welsch asked Mr. Mulligan if it was correct, that as a rule, Council approves a CUP which may be subject to certain conditions and relies on staff to ensure that those conditions are met? Mr. Mulligan agreed that that was typically how the process worked. Mayor Welsch questioned whether that was what Council was being asked to do in this case? Mr. Mulligan stated what Council is being asked to do is express satisfaction about whether the document complies with the Code. Mayor Welsch asked both Mr. Mulligan and Mr. Rose if they were in agreement that the language as previously recited by Mr. Mulligan, was sufficiently aligned with the Code? Mr. Rose stated he believes that it is. Mayor Welsch stated she would be willing to accept the direction of staff and move forward with a vote.

Councilmember Carr stated it also appears that the determination for the number of parking spaces may have been grossly underestimated.

In fact, based on the Code's requirement of one parking space for every 3.5 theater seats, and an examination of the number of seats in this major entertainment venue, it

turns out that the spaces allocated in the garage only represent one-third of the estimate. And that does not include any designated parking for full or part-time employees, which she was also unable to find. Councilmember Carr stated even though she understands that performances will not take place every day or even every weekend, this will still present an issue for the people who live in that neighborhood. As such, she would like to suggest that those neighborhoods immediately adjacent to COCA and Wash U, be allowed to seek parking permits to retain the spaces in front of their homes for personal use.

Councilmember Carr stated there really is a need to clean this up a bit; Council must do a better job of looking at what is being recommended, and staff should discuss these issues with Council in advance. She would also recommend that the next time Council requests a Transportation Report that it be prepared in May rather than September; that it be conducted for a longer period of time, and that it be performed in a manner that answers the City's questions relevant to parking and traffic, and not based on the assumption that if we look the other way, we won't notice the problem.

Councilmember McMahon asked Mr. Rose if there was any leeway to reschedule this proposal for a short period of time prior to taking a vote? Mr. Rose stated his belief is that there is a scheduling issue, so he would defer that question to Mr. Condrin. However, from staff's perspective, he thinks that in part, this situation is not the result of an unwillingness to answer Council's questions, but rather a desire to do something outside of the norm, which is to record the entire lease. And if that is the case, perhaps, it's simply a question of whether Wash U is comfortable with recording the entire redacted lease. Because as he understands it, that is the core of Councilmember Carr's issue. Councilmember Carr agreed that it was.

Mayor Welsch stated she would like to go on record and convey her belief that staff has been intimately involved with this project for months; that it has been reviewed by multiple commissions; examined by interested citizens, and that all parties have done an excellent job. Therefore, she is ready to vote in favor of approving this permit.

Roll Call Vote Was:

**Ayes:** Councilmember Jennings, Councilmember McMahon, and Mayor Welsch. **Nays:** Councilmember Carr.

3. Conditional Use Permit Approval - COCA

Mr. Rose stated staff is recommending approval of the CUP, which includes modifications of the minimum property line setbacks to the east and south, and to build height requirements for the proposed Center of Creative Arts' expansion and renovation project at 524 Trinity Avenue. The Applicant is Jeff Rime of COCA.

Councilmember Jennings moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember McMahon and the motion carried unanimously.

4. MSD Storage Tanks Project Engineering Review – Service Contract Award

Mr. Rose stated staff is recommending approval of a contract with Allegeier, Martin & Associates for engineering services related to the MSD Storage Facility Project near Olive and 82nd Street. The proposed agreement requests that the consultant evaluate four core areas of the contract, which are as follows:

1. If the review objects are reasonable in meeting the project's objectives.

- 2. If the cost estimates are a reasonable and fair comparison between the three options.
- 3. Do the three options give consideration to the environmental impacts to the surrounding areas?
- 4. Do the options give equitable consideration to the required property and easement acquisition feasibility?

Councilmember Jennings moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember Carr.

Mr. Rose asked Sinan Alpaslan, Director of Public Works and Parks, if he had anything additional to add? Mr. Alpaslan stated as acknowledged by the consultant's cover letter and proposal, a region-wide review of MSD's system and the proposed solutions; whether inside or outside of U City, is a daunting task. Therefore, at this point in time, they have only committed to performing an overview of the project. If at the completion of that analysis the City determines that a more in-depth review is required, they have agreed to do so at an additional cost.

Mayor Welsch asked Mr. Alpaslan whether the City had received all of the documentation needed from MSD to complete this work? Mr. Alpaslan stated since some of this information can only be transmitted via specialized engineering software, MSD and the City have initiated an agreement whereby MSD will meet with the City's consultant this week, in order to collect everything that will be needed.

Councilmember Carr asked Mr. Alpaslan if he believed the consultant's cursory overview would be adequate? Mr. Alpaslan stated his belief is that in order to fully understand MSD's entire system and determine whether there are any other options available to solve this problem would probably require an in-depth analysis. The good thing is that their rate of compensation is reasonable, so he does not believe the City will have to exceed their current contract by more than 15 percent. Based on MSD's deadline of 60 days, Councilmember Carr asked Mr. Alpaslan if he believed there would be enough time to complete this overview? Mr. Alpaslan stated with mutual cooperation from both parties he believes it can be accomplished.

Voice vote on Councilmember Jennings's motion carried unanimously.

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILLS

 BILL 9352 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 120.300 OF THE UNIVERSITY CITY MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI. Bill Number 9352 was read for the second and third time.

Councilmember Carr moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember McMahon.

Roll Call Vote Was: **Ayes:** Councilmember Jennings, Councilmember Carr, Councilmember McMahon, Mayor Welsch. **Nays:** None.

M. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

## BILLS

Introduced by Councilmember McMahon

 BILL 9353 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI FOR MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DRUG TASK FORCE SERVICES. Bill Number 9353 was read for the first time.

## Citizen's Comments

## Tim Cusick, 7915 Glenside Place, University City, MO

Mr. Cusick expressed his support of Bill No. 9353, designed to address the urgent need to stop the illegal sale of narcotics in our communities. Everyone is aware of the increased deaths throughout St. Louis County from heroin use, and now another drug has entered the market, fentanyl; a synthetic opioid stronger than morphine and more potent than heroin. He stated as General Manager for St. Louis Cremation he often works with families that have lost loved ones due to drug overdoses. Today, he filed three certificates for individuals under the age of thirty in which the cause of death was an accidental drug overdose. Mr. Cusick stated this Bill may not solve all the immediate problems of illegal drugs in our community, but this City certainly has a responsibility to do whatever it can.

## Introduced by Councilmember McMahon

 BILL 9354 - AN ORDINANCE WITHDRAWING AN EASEMENT GRANT TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI AND REPEALING SECTION III OF ORDINANCE NO. 6420. Bill Number 9354 was read for the first time.

#### Introduced by Councilmember Jennings

 BILL 9355 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE RAMP AND BRIDGE SERVICES. Bill Number 9355 was read for the first time.

## Citizen's Comments

## Emily Milchanowski, 6950 Kingsbury Blvd., University City, MO

Ms. Milchanowski stated as the representative for the Agents at Ames Place she wished to express their support of the proposed bridge and ramp, which they believe will greatly contribute to the safety and security of their residents.

## Mike Milchanowski, 6950 Kingsbury Blvd., University City, MO

Mr. Milchanowski stated he is speaking on behalf of cyclists and bike commuters. He stated he commutes from U City to downtown on a daily basis where the numbers of safe routes are fairly limited. Providing this bridge through Wash U's campus, into Forest Park, greatly increases his ability to ride safely. And on the weekends, it will also increase the safety of children who ride from U City into Forest Park.

## Randall Markarian, 6355 Waterman, University City, MO

Mr. Markarian, President of the Parkview Agents, stated as the neighborhood immediately to the east of the proposed overpass this construction will directly impact four Parkview residents. Last spring the Agents sat down with residents to hear their concerns, presented those concerns to Wash U, and in October, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding. This Memorandum addressed resident concerns, utilities, fencing, plantings between houses and the overpass, as well as apprehensions related to future expansion of the Greenway. Wash U agreed not to initiate any further expansions that would jeopardize trees in this area. As a result, the Parkview Agents have no objections to the passage of Bill Number 9355.

## N. COUNCIL REPORTS/BUSINESS

- 1. <u>Boards and Commission appointments needed</u> Mayor Welsch announced the appointments that were needed.
- 2. Council liaison reports on Boards and Commissions
- **3.** Boards, Commissions, and Task Force Minutes
- 4. Other Discussions/Business

# O. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (continued if needed)

Leif Johnson, 936 Barkley Square, University City, MO Mr. Johnson stated over the past eight years the Mayor and her allies have assetstripped the City. In the corporate world, asset-stripping means sucking a viable company dry and leaving it an empty shell. In the public realm, it means loading up taxpayers with a mountain of debt while reducing services and wages. The Mayor campaigned to rescue the City from the brink of bankruptcy. Denouncing the old administration as grossly inefficient and corrupt, she fired numerous workers; cut back services; misappropriated money from the streets and park bond issue into the general fund; criticized the Firefighter's Union for giving money to her political opponents; slandered her opponents with name-calling and accusations of wrongdoing; outsourced EMS, and attempted to pass a 25 million dollar bond issue for streets, which would have equated to roughly \$1,000 for every man, woman and child in U City. Now the Mayor and her allies have decided not to run for reelection, leaving U City residents to pick up the pieces.

## P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Carr stated during one of her weekly group meetings the issue of guns was brought forward. Thereafter, Ms. Lisa Hummel sent her an email which she asked her to read at tonight's meeting.

"Dear Paulette, as our community has experienced an inordinate share of gun violence I would like to see our City Council draft letters to state and national leaders urging better gun sense laws, such as universal background checks, waiting periods for gun purchases and a ban on military-style weapons. In her time living in U City, she has been aware of the following events related to gun violence within our City limits:"

- Middle school student confined to a wheelchair
- Middle school student killed by a friend
- Police officer killed in his patrol car
- Shoot-out resulting police injuries and death of the shooter
- The death of our former superintendent's grandson
- Armed robbery of a high school student, employee, a woman and her son at Tutti-Fruitti

Councilmember Carr stated she has learned a personal lesson from young people like Ms. Hummel, who are standing up to gun violence.

Mayor Welsch informed Mr. Rose that she had asked the Mayor of Clayton for a copy of the Resolution their Council passed related to gun violence, which she will forward to him upon receipt.

• March 22nd - Taste of U City will be held at the Mandarin House Banquet Center. Tickets are available online at the U City Chamber of Commerce

website.

## Q. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Welsch thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:26 p.m.

LaRette Reese City Clerk Tim Cusick 7915 Glenside Place, University City

I wish to speak in support of Bill # 9353; An agreement with St. Louis County for one University City Police officer to work as part of the Multijurisdictional Drug Task Force.

We must take necessary steps to stop the illegal sale of narcotics in our communities. We are all aware of the increase of deaths throughout St. Louis County from heroin use.

And now the scourge of another drug has entered the drug trafficking market. Fentanyl. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid much stronger than morphine. Clinically, it used for people with severe pain. But it has made it's way onto the streets.

There are different estimates that indicate fentanyl is approximately 50 to 100 times stronger than morphine and anywhere from 30 to 50 times more potent than heroin. And U. City Council March 12, 2018 Leif Johnson

Good evening Madam Mayor and Council.

Over the past 8 years, the Mayor and her Council have asset stripped this City. In ;the corporate world, asset stripping means sucking a viable company dry and leaving it an empty shell. In the public world it means loading up the taxpayers with a mountain of debt while cutting backs on services and wages.

A corporate asset stripper:

- 1. Fires 10-20% of the workers, cuts wages, reduces benefits,
- 2. Reorganizes the company to reduce costs, blaming everything on the old owners.
- 3. Breaks the unions and outsources to low wage companies. (privatization)
- 4. Lets his plant and machinery fall apart.
- 5. Meanwhile, he claims his "mean and lean" takeover has brought much greater profits.
- 6. He secures the adherence of local officials, civil and religious leaders.
- 7. He starts a newsletter boosting his public-spirited efforts for the city, and claiming he brought the company from the brink of bankruptcy, and saved jobs.
- 8. He repeatedly attacks opponents, especially those in the City Council and the labor unions with any form of slander, name-calling, unwarranted accusations and lies.
- 9. When he has sucked out the last dollars, he sells the company to the workers or city. He's "out of there."

Consider the Mayor's actions:

- 1. She campaigns to rescue the city from the brink of bankruptcy, denouncing the old administration as grossly inefficient, and corrupt.
- 2. She fires numerous workers.
- 3. She cuts back services to the people most notably to the streets.
- 4. She misappropriates money from the streets and parks bond issue into the general fund, slashing money for streets.
- 5. She repeatedly denounces the Firefighters' union from giving money to political her opponents as though union contributions are illegal.
- 6. She repeatedly slanders her opponents with name-calling, slanders, accusations of wrong doing, and lying, claiming that her opponents are responsible for the problems of the city.
- 7. She outsourced the EMS, reducing services to the residents.
- 8. She attempted to pass a \$25,000,000bond issue for streets, (costing an additional \$9,000,000 in interest). The total \$34,000,000 cost would have been almost one thousand dollars for every man, woman and child in U. City.

Alas, for the Mayor, the voters were smart enough to say no by a two-thirds majority. But, in any case, the Mayor and her allies refused to run again. She is "out of here." Now U. City residents will have to pick up the pieces. March 9, 2018

1. A.

Mr. Gregory Rose, City Manager 6801 Delmar Blvd. University City, MO 63130

#### Dear Mr. Rose:

This letter is to convey our support of the proposed project for which Crown Center for Senior Living is seeking support of the municipality. As residents currently living in one of the two non-profit buildings at 8348-8350 Delcrest Drive, we can attest to the integrity and good will of the Crown Center's Board of Directors and Management.

Though our buildings are well maintained, it is clear that there is a long term need to replace the original Talliin Building, which is over 50 years old. We hope that you and the City Council will wholeheartedly endorse the plan that Crown Center is proposing to build Phase 1 of a two phase project that will ultimately replace the number of current apartments.

Crown Center is an anchor at the western edge of University City- and like U. City is comprised of a diverse group of people age 62+; most of whom are retirees with limited incomes.

Crown Center is home to about 250 people-from various backgrounds, cultures, religions; speaking different languages; having varied life experiences, education levels, and interests. However, we are a solid community.

In addition to the high quality affordable apartments which have been created and operated for the benefit of older people, Crown Center is a thriving, active community center for seniors in the area. Residents and neighbors benefit from the many programs and services offered- such as an MEAAA Social Nutrition Congregate and Home Delivery Program; the Circle@Crown breakfast/lunch café; social, educational, cultural, and arts programs. We enjoy a variety of fitness and exercise classes; we have a computer lab, culinary studio kitchen, a fitness center, group transportation, a library, meeting rooms, raised garden beds, a green house and more.

Crown Center is a voting site, and hosts numerous organizational meetings and events. Residents have an active Council, and many also volunteer in various capacities within the Crown community.

Please consider our request that the City of University City leadership endorse and fully support the proposed project.

Sincerely.

Price Greecon, President Resident Council



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