

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL, Fifth Floor  
6801 Delmar Blvd.  
University City, Missouri 63130  
**Monday, February 25, 2019**  
**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, February 25, 2019, Mayor Terry Crow 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 Stacy Clay  
Councilmember Paulette Carr  
Councilmember Steven McMahon  
Councilmember Jeffrey Hales  
Councilmember Tim Cusick  
Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson

Also in attendance were City Manager, Gregory Rose, and City Attorney, John F. Mulligan, Jr.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Carr moved to approve the agenda as presented, it was seconded by Councilmember Cusick and the motion carried unanimously.

**D. PROCLAMATIONS**

1. National Athletic Trainer Month - A proclamation declaring March as National Athletic Trainer Month in U City in order to spread awareness about the important work of athletic trainers.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. February 11, 2019, Regular Session minutes were moved by Councilmember McMahon, and seconded by Councilmember Clay.

Councilmember Hales stated there was a speaker at the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting who provided a commercial address. However, he was unable to determine what organization she was affiliated with since a review of the address revealed that there were three different organizations at that location. He then questioned whether there was a specific policy regarding Council's ability to request that speakers identify the organization they are representing? Mayor Crow stated he is also unsure what organization the speaker in this specific case was referencing. However, if any member recognizes an address outside of the City Limits, he would urge them to bring it to his attention so that he can ask the appropriate questions to make sure their organization is clearly identified.

Voice vote on the motion carried unanimously.

2. February 11, 2019, Study Session minutes; (Parking Requirements), were moved by Councilmember Carr, and seconded by Councilmember Hales and the motion carried unanimously.

**F. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

1. Wayne Flesh was nominated for **re-appointment** to the Senior Commission by Councilmember Stacy Clay, it was seconded by Councilmember Carr and the motion carried unanimously.

**G. SWEARING IN TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

1. Cindy Thierry was sworn into the Arts and Letters Commission on February 21<sup>st</sup> in the City Clerk's office.
2. Michael Alter was sworn into the Loops Special Business District at tonight's meeting.
3. Matthew Erker was sworn into the Economic Development Retail Sales Tax Board at tonight's meeting.

Mayor Crow thanked Cindy, Michael, and Matthew for their willingness to serve their community and encouraged others to do the same by submitting an application to the City Clerk.

**H. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (Total of 15 minutes allowed)**

**Linda Shaw, 846 Warder Avenue, University City, MO**

Ms. Shaw stated she has been a resident of U City for 47 years and a former U City business owner. But today, as a volunteer with the U City Community Foundation and Fair U City, she would like to provide Council with a brief history of the two entities.

- Fair U City was founded as a non-profit organization in 2011 by a small group of residents with a mission of raising funds to support other organizations within the community who were making a difference. This effort led to the creation of the U City Community Foundation.
- Fair U City is an annual event held at Heman Park that draws thousands of Missourians and out-of-state visitors. Guests enjoy entertainment; which includes local talent, music, food, carnival rides, vendors, and a free children's area where hundreds of free books are given out.
- The U City Jazz Festival; which receives a small stipend to help their non-profit organization underwrite the festival, is held on Saturday during the Fair.
- Initially, Fair U City received some of its yearly funding from the City who viewed the event as a community development effort that could not be undertaken by staff. The City still provides the Fair with in-kind services.
- The Fair also partners with:
  - The U City School District.
  - The Missouri Humanities Council.
  - Half Price Books.
  - The U City Library, who provides on-site library cards on site and arts and crafts for children.
  - Aldi's & Dierberg's are sponsors of the Kid's Healthy Choice Project. A new initiative to combat childhood obesity and encourage healthy lifestyles.
  - The People's Health Clinic & Walgreens provides vision & health screenings.
- In 2018, the U City Community Foundation distributed eight grants to non-profit organizations within the community.

Ms. Shaw provided Council with a packet of materials detailing Fair U City and its upcoming fundraiser that she encouraged everyone to attend.

**Robert Parker, 6900 Delmar, University City, MO**

Mr. Parker, Treasurer for Fair U City, informed Council that Ms. Shaw had covered everything he had planned to say.

**Donna McGhee, 7594 Melrose, University City, MO**

Ms. McGhee stated she would like to give a special thanks to the Forestry Department for the great job they did trimming all of the branches that were hanging over her roof. However, on Sept 8th a City tree actually fell on her neighbor's roof, and while she is thankful no one was hurt, she would like to see the tree sitting next to her driveway cut down. She stated since there is no tree lawn the tree sits in her yard and its branches extend over onto her property. So she would love to have those branches removed to prevent further damage to her property.

**Aren Ginsberg, 730 West Point Court, University City, MO**

Ms. Ginsberg announced that there will be a low-cost spade and neuter clinic for pets held on March 9th and 10th. More information will be provided to the City Clerk.

Regarding the Olive/170 Development, Ms. Ginsberg stated there has been talk of redeveloping this area since the 1960(s). In the interim, the 3rd Ward has continued to see a decline in businesses, home values, and infrastructure. So she would like to thank this City Council for being the first leaders to take action on this pressing need that is impacting the entire community. She would also like to make sure folks realize that PGAV's error would have no impact on the amount of money other taxing districts receive from the project and no impact on the three sales taxes the City would receive. The only impact it will have is a decrease in the amount of money available for repayment of the TIF bonds or notes. As a result, the City remains focused on:

1. Providing \$15 million dollars for the 3rd Ward and Olive Corridor;
2. Minority contracting;
3. First source employment;
4. An estimated \$12 million dollars in additional funding for parks and stormwater;
5. \$6.2 million dollars in additional funding for fire protection, and
6. \$6.2 million dollars in additional funding for economic development.

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**J. CONSENT AGENDA – Vote Required**

1. Mayors for Solar Energy – Letter of Support
2. Project #1421– FY19 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Curb Ramp Designs

Councilmember Carr moved to approve both items, it was seconded by Councilmember McMahan and the motion carried unanimously.

**K. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*BILLS*

1. **BILL 9381**– AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AS ENUMERATED HEREIN FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO 7086. Bill Number 9381 was read for the second and third time.

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

Roll Call Vote Was:

**Ayes:** Councilmember Carr, Councilmember McMahon, Councilmember Hales, Councilmember Cusick, Councilmember Smotherson, Councilmember Clay, and Mayor Crow.

**Nays:** None.

## **M. NEW BUSINESS**

### *RESOLUTIONS*

*Introduced by Councilmember Carr*

- 1. Resolution 2019-3** - A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI, URGING THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY COUNCIL AND ST. LOUIS CITY BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO OPPOSE ANY AND ALL LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE VOTE REGARDING OR MANDATING A CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE OF ST. LOUIS CITY AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES THEREIN. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales.

### Citizen's Comments

#### **Aimee Devoll, 8160 Gannon, University City, MO**

Ms. Devoll stated U City is an incredible place to live, but the daily lives of those who live here are not confined to the City's 6-mile footprint. We are all part of a larger region that continues to get overlooked and mischaracterized because of barriers that were put in place over 150 years ago. And these barriers continue to block the entire region's potential. Here are some examples:

- U City currently has to compete with surrounding municipalities for business. The Better Together Proposal calls for one economic development plan to eliminate internal competition and make it more affordable to bring new businesses into the area.
- U City's Police Officers; who are superb, are at a disadvantage because they are operating in a fragmented system. Better Together allows for streamlined services and data-sharing with the rest of the region. With one unified police force, officers can move freely within the region allowing crime reduction strategies to be implemented on a region-wide basis.
- The proposal would also offer greater tax equity and more efficient distribution of funds to support services that benefit everyone, like public health and safety initiatives. Simply put, when the region succeeds, we all succeed.

Ms. Devoll stated the population in St. Louis City and St. Louis County is declining, and as a divided region we are failing because this region's economy is not growing like that of its peers. Based on the aforementioned rationale, she would like to voice her opposition to Resolution 2019-3 and encourage this Council and the residents of U City to stand up, unite, and lead the way, by supporting the Better Together Proposal.

#### **Leif Johnson, 836 Barkley Square, University City, MO**

Mr. Johnson stated as far as he can see, a regional government is the biggest propaganda campaign he has ever seen in this area. And while some have accepted or rejected the arguments and proposals that have been made, no one has questioned the very premise of the Sinquefield and Freeholder Plans. Do we really need a regional government?

Small municipalities can contract out to the North County Cooperative; they can make bilateral agreements with their neighboring communities; they can consolidate politically with their neighbors, and they can even dissolve their municipality into the County if they choose. And with respect to efficiency, would it be more efficient for U City to merge all of its services into the County? Probably not. Local governments exist to take care of the immediate needs of their residents and are the standard form of government throughout the United States and most other western democracies.

Mr. Johnson stated Sinquefield and his business alliances want to expand the tax base to a county-wide level in order to float massive new bond issues that could possibly be encumbered by a negative vote from the people.

- Consider the kinds of roads and emergency services we might have if we were reduced to existing County levels.
- Consider the kinds of roads and emergency services we could have after the County has issued hundreds of millions of new bonds; including bonds to bail out the increasingly unstable bonds of St. Louis City.

If you vote to abolish your local government you will never get it back.

### **Judith Conoyer, 6404 Cates Avenue, University City, MO**

Ms. Conoyer stated while she will admit that she has not studied this issue to the extent that Mr. Johnson has, she does believe there are a couple of things that need to be considered when looking at Resolution 2019-3.

U City is at a crossroads. But she thinks the City finally has a Council and Mayoral system that can move U City forward, as evidenced by their knowledge of exactly what the local, to the ground issues are; the proposed Olive/170 Redevelopment Project, and their recent initiative to develop a collaborative partnership with Washington University. Municipalities take care of immediate services and needs; something that she does not believe people in a regional government would at best, understand, and at worst, even care about.

The second issue has to do with the City's ambulance service. To fully understand how this service works, and the significance of a municipality having its own ambulance service, you simply need to look at what has happened in our own community. Hopefully, this is something that will go back to the way it was before, but it certainly will not come to fruition with a regionalized government.

The third and final issue is the way this system is being proposed. Better Together's plan comes from somewhere on high and was drafted by people who do not live here, which she finds to be very suspicious. And even though she is not endorsing the Freeholder System, it does seem to be more of a ground-up type of proposal.

For those reasons, Ms. Conoyer stated she is in support of this Resolution and will be signing Councilmember Carr's petition; which she would also like to encourage others to do.

### Council's Comments

Councilmember Clay stated this Resolution is about a process, the process of how this proposed consolidation should happen. The method articulated in the Better Together Plan is in stark contrast to U City's legislative platform which advocates for local control and decision-making wherever possible. In this regard; and speaking solely for himself, he understands the challenges that have been created by the current system of small municipalities, as well as the challenges U City's own Police Department encounters with some of their neighboring municipalities to the north. And because of these jurisdictional policing systems and many of the day-to-day issues that folks in the 3rd Ward, in particular, have to deal with, he recognizes that some of these problems could be ameliorated through some sort of a consolidated system.

Councilmember Clay stated there are issues that stem from our lack of regional cooperation; however, there is a way in which it can and probably should be done. And so in his mind, that's what this Resolution is about.

Councilmember Carr stated regardless of who made the proposed plan the bottom line is that we should have the right to self-determination. And that's what this Resolution is about. If it is our government we should have a say about how it is structured and how it will serve us. So she is opposed to a statewide vote because it will disenfranchise the people who live in the areas designated by the plan, given that 77 percent of the voters in this State live outside of those areas. Councilmember Carr stated she does think that considering different forms of government is a worthwhile exercise, but in the end, the people who live here and are subject to that governance must have the right to determine their own destiny.

Councilmember Cusick stated the petition being circulated by him and Councilmember Carr, seeks to compel the City and County to appoint a Freeholder's Board that would provide the citizens who live in these areas with an opportunity to have a voice in exactly what their government should look like. As it stands, the Sinquefield initiative being placed on the ballot in November of 2020, removes the right for citizens who live in the City and County to be heard. This would be a government without representation. Or as Councilmember Hales was recently quoted as saying; *"This essentially would be a hostile takeover"*.

Councilmember Hales stated last week he had the opportunity to visit Jefferson City, where he learned that fifty-seven municipalities have already submitted similar Resolutions.

After the meeting participants had an opportunity to sit down with Senator Brian Williams and a number of other officials who were interested in hearing out feedback, as well as our constituents' thoughts. And the consistent theme from the folks here in U City and those City officials in attendance was that people want control over their destiny.

Councilmember Hales stated having had the experience of participating in two ride-alongs with the City's Police Department, what he can say is that they have a great deal of presence in this community. And because the City has invested in upgrading its communications systems, U City's ability to communicate with St. Louis County and neighboring municipalities far exceeds the system being utilized in St. Louis City. He stated his belief is that there are far more prudent ways to accomplish this plan that will allow all St. Louis County and City residents the right to be heard and not have their voices diminished by millions of people outside of the region. Therefore, he would agree with his colleagues' support for this Resolution.

Councilmember McMahon posed the following questions for everyone's consideration:

1. Where will the lines be drawn for U City when this new mega city is created?
2. Will U City be cut down the middle at Hanley or at Delmar?
3. Will U City still be a voting block or will that be chopped up as well?
4. Who is going to run for office?
5. Who is going to fund these partisan candidates?
6. How many folks can even afford to run in such a large district?
7. Who is going to represent U City?
8. Will these representative direct economic benefits to the subdivisions they think best deserve them?
9. Will U City be one of them?

Councilmember McMahon stated the way this proposal is outlined no one will have a chance to know any of these answers until it's too late.

Mayor Crow stated there are a couple of things he would like to say to everyone. One is that we all owe it to ourselves to read the report; more importantly, to read the Amendment. Because something that has caused him a great deal of discomfort is the presumption that a statewide vote is necessary to accomplish this plan. If in fact, there is a genuine desire to merge the City and County, then the Amendment to the Constitution should be to allow the residents of St. Louis City and County to make that decision. And this bootstrapping is being proposed as a strategic way to have this vote decided by a group of disengaged people from out-state Missouri whose attention will be focused on an ad campaign funded by one person. U City is probably one of the most liberal cities in Missouri, so it's not about regionalism, it's about the process. Councilmember Hales mentioned a comment that was made by one of the Senators during his visit to Jefferson City that in his opinion, really sums it all up, *"If Congress says that Illinois and Missouri are going to merge; and oh, by the way, everybody in Illinois and Missouri get to vote, but so do the other 48 states, that wouldn't make any sense"*. But that's exactly what the residents of St. Louis County and City are being asked to do.

Mayor Crow stated his second concern is that the vast majority of residents in St. Louis County live in municipalities and benefit from having a non-partisan mayor, council, and a professional city manager with an education in public administration. Yet, we are being asked to go from our professionally managed cities to partisan subdivisions run by politicians. And when public safety and public works move into this metropolis, all of the sales tax and revenue commensurate with those services will be redirected and U City will be left with a \$4.8 million dollar deficit every single year, with no authority to cut services or raise taxes.

This transformation also means that U City will be sliced and diced in order to become one of these thirty-three subdivisions. But isn't that the same structure being implemented by the City of St. Louis today? They have twenty-seven wards with twenty-seven alderman representing those wards. So the end result will be thirty-three fiefdoms.

Mayor Crow stated his comments should not be construed as a belief that U City should always remain as it currently exists, merely that there are portions of this proposal that do not make sense. A merger of all City and County police departments means asking municipalities to believe that bigger is better, in spite of the fact that we have a police department that currently has a dozen police officers under investigation; one of which involves officers playing Russian roulette. So while this is another instance where he does not understand the benefit, there are some concepts that he actually thinks are good.

- Merger of the St. Louis City and County Health Departments. There is no reason to have two separate departments.
- Merger of the St. Louis City and County Municipal Courts. Clearly, this is a system that has not been successful.

His third concern is based on the phase-out of earnings tax. When someone tells you they are going to phase-out the City of St. Louis' earnings tax and still be able to make all of the bond payments; which happen to have a much higher interest rate than other cities, it should cause you to pause, because the math just doesn't work. Mayor Crow stated although his tendency is not to swing too far to the conservative side, in this case, he has to give the comments made by County Councilman Tom Fitch some credence. The pathway forward clearly seems to be for the City to default on the bonds, negotiate with the bondholders, and then move forward with the City/County merger. And if that merger is successful, at some point in time County residents will be asked to pay off those bonds.

Finally, if we all believe that education is the great equalizer, then how do you move this merger forward and leave our kids off the table?

Mayor Crow stated these are just some of the reasons why he would like to reemphasize the need to read the Amendment and begin to ask questions. His hope is that residents will not only sign the Freeholder Petition but provide additional support by helping to collect signatures; 15,000 are needed from the County and 5,000 are needed from the City. Mayor Crow stated he appreciates the fact that this Resolution has been brought before Council and that Better Together's implementation of this plan has forced all of us to have a conversation that should have occurred a long time ago. So he would encourage his colleagues to join him in voting for the passage of this Resolution.

Voice vote on Ms, Carr's motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Crow stated that Bill 9382 contains an emergency clause which means that all three readings must be made tonight. He then asked if any member of Council would like the City Attorney to provide them with a brief history on this Bill? Councilmember Carr expressed a desire to hear from the City Attorney.

Mr. Mulligan stated this Ordinance establishes a surcharge of \$7.00 per municipal court case, to be paid to the MO Director of Revenue and credited to the Statewide Court Automation Fund, which may be used to fund Show-Me Courts. Show-Me Courts is a new record and case management system being developed by the office of the State Court Administrator. In order to use this system, the St. Louis Circuit Court Presiding Judge issued an Administrative Order directing that all municipalities within St. Louis County establish and collect a \$7.00 surcharge. This Order also listed specific dates for each municipality to implement this surcharge, and for U City that date is March 1, 2019.

## **BILLS**

*Introduced by Councilmember Hales*

- 2. BILL 9382 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 125.260 OF THE UNIVERSITY CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT OF SPECIAL COURT COSTS, SURCHARGES AND JUDGMENTS BY REPEALING SAID SECTION AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 125.260 IN LIEU THEREOF; CONTAINING AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE.** Bill Number 9382 was read for the first time.

Councilmember Cusick moved to approve the second reading of Bill Number 9382, it was seconded by Councilmember Clay, and Bill Number 9382 was read for the second and third time.

Councilmember Carr asked Mr. Mulligan who would be responsible for paying the surcharge and whether this payment would have any impact on defendants who are deemed to be indigent? Mr. Mulligan stated the surcharge must be collected in every municipal court case where the defendant is either found to be guilty or pleads guilty. As far as indigent defendants, municipal court judges have the authority to waive certain court costs. Councilmember Carr asked what the average court costs would be for someone found guilty of a crime? Mr. Mulligan stated when they added up the cost for a stoplight violation it was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$35.50. That includes a \$12.00 general court cost; \$7.50 for the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund; \$3.00 for Peace Officer Standards; \$4.00 for victims of domestic violence; \$2.00 for the Inmate/Prisoner/Detainee Security Fund, and \$7.00 for the Court Automation Fund. Councilmember Carr questioned whether those costs were over and above the assessed fine? Mr. Mulligan stated that they were. Councilmember Carr questioned whether these additional costs would be assessed if someone was found to be not guilty? Mr. Mulligan stated there are no court costs when a defendant is found to be not guilty or the case is dismissed.



Councilmember Clay stated he simply wanted to confirm that the \$7.00 surcharge was a mandatory requirement pursuant to the Administrative Order? Mr. Mulligan stated that it was not an optional fee and is required to ensure the City's participation in the Show-Me Court system. Councilmember Clay stated that the topic of municipal fines and fees have been in regional conversations since the events in Ferguson. So his only concern is that U City is doing all it can to make certain these charges are not excessive. Mr. Mulligan stated a Statute was enacted post-Ferguson that places a \$225 cap on minor traffic offenses, and that cap also includes court costs.

Roll Call Vote Was:

**Ayes:** Councilmember McMahon, Councilmember Hales, Councilmember Cusick, Councilmember Smotherson, Councilmember Clay, Councilmember Carr, and Mayor Crow.

**Nays:** None.

#### **N. COUNCIL REPORTS/BUSINESS**

1. Boards and Commission appointments needed

2. Council liaison reports on Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Clay reported that the Senior Commission met last week and received an update on the ITN Transportation Program. This program was partially funded by Council in order to determine its effectiveness. Thirty-four grants were allocated through this funding, and although there have been a few scholarships that have gone unused due to illnesses; the seventeen scholarships that have been utilized all received favorable evaluations. Councilmember Clay stated it is his belief, that these evaluations, along with the Commission's report have been submitted to the City Manager for Council's review and hopeful release of the remaining \$5,000.

3. Boards, Commissions, and Task Force minutes

4. Other Discussions/Business

#### **O. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (continued if needed)**

**Steve Glickert, 7750 Blackberry Avenue, University City, MO**

Mr. Glickert stated he is here tonight, to discuss an issue he brought to Council's attention six months ago. That is the countless number of abandoned or derelict vehicles that can be found in the 3rd Ward. More specifically; a quarter of a mile area consisting of Olive on the south; Plymouth on the north, Sutter on the east, and Ferguson on the west. In August he counted forty-one cars, but as of last week, there were fifty-one.

Mr. Glickert stated he has sent emails, pictures, and even provided the actual addresses of where some of these vehicles are located. Yet the only positive outcome came after he sent an email to Councilmember Cusick, who took action to have an abandoned car removed within six days. But there are still twenty-five vehicles parked at 6509 Olive, and two semi-trucks that have not been moved in one year. Mr. Glickert stated this is a very small concentrated area, so he would really like to know why hardworking, good-hearted people should have to deal with this on a daily basis, and when they could expect this problem to be addressed?

#### **P. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Carr stated there is a petition for the formation of a Freeholder's Board being circulated that is available tonight for anyone who is interested in signing it.

All of the County/City consolidations have indicated that where there are constitutional barriers the Constitution is changed first, to allow for the formation of a new class of city or to remove some of the impediments.

And once that has been established the amendment is presented to the designated area(s) for consideration. So as the Mayor very aptly pointed out, this process is a way of forcing us to; in a sense, control our own destiny. This petition is the constitutional mechanism required to initiate a change in the proposed structure by removing some of its impediments.

Councilmember Carr stated there are two ways to establish a Freeholder's Board.

1. The County Executive and Mayor of St. Louis can request that a Board be established. At this point, no such request has been made, and in fact, they have both endorsed another plan.
2. The citizens may petition.

Once either of these approaches has been established, the Board is required to meet within 30 days of appointment. Each appointee takes on the role of advice and consent for both the County Council and St. Louis Board of Alderman, and has one year in which to make a decision. They can propose or elect not to propose a plan; they can agree or not agree on a plan, but whatever comes out of those deliberations must be presented to the citizens of St. Louis County and City for a final determination.

Councilmember Carr stated through her newsletters she has sought to educate people not only about this process but about the Better Together Plan; specifically as it relates to the Constitutional Amendment and its impact on the people who live in this area. She stated her goal is to let everyone know that the Missouri Constitution provides citizens with the power to fight for their right to self-determination and to have their voices heard about what they want for their region.

Councilmember Hales stated in the last two weeks he has lost count of how many compliments he has received from residents thrilled with the City's dissemination of information; particularly on matters related to public safety. So he would like to thank Ms. Bamberger, the Director of Communications, as well as Chief Hampton and Captain Lemons, who has helped to provide this valuable information to residents.

- Q.** Roll-Call vote to go into a Closed Council Session according to RSMo 610.021 (1):  
Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

Councilmember Carr made a motion to go into a Closed Session, seconded by Councilmember Hales.

Roll Call Vote Was:

**Ayes:** Councilmember Cusick, Councilmember Smotherson, Councilmember Clay, Councilmember Carr, Councilmember McMahon, Councilmember Hales, and Mayor Crow.

**Nays:** None.

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Crow thanked everyone for coming out and closed the regular City Council meeting at 7:42 p.m. to go into a Closed Session on the second floor. The Closed Session reconvened in an open session at 8:46 p.m.

LaRette Reese  
City Clerk

**University City Community Foundation**



*"Caring for Our Community"*

**UCCF is a non-profit community organization working to build a stronger, more connected University City community.**

**OUR VISION:**

**To be a trusted leader in building a stronger, more connected and caring community.**

**OUR MISSION:**

**The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively for charitable, education, benevolent, and civic within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.**

**The University City Community Foundation raises funds to provide grants for community**

projects, programs and organizations, which benefit University City Missouri residents.

**WHAT WE VALUE:**

Our values align with our vision of being a trusted leader in building community. As such, the following constitute our "north star" in our decision-making and actions.

<i>Leadership</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
<i>Empowerment</i>	<i>Equity</i>
<i>Trust</i>	<i>Focus</i>
<i>Generosity</i>	<i>Compassion</i>
<i>Partnership</i>	<i>Community</i>
<i>Integrity</i>	<i>Fellowship</i>
<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Camaraderie</i>

The annual *Fair U City* is our major fundraiser. Other fundraisers are held throughout the year.

Please consider joining our efforts by volunteering or making a donation.

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June 15, 2018

ALDI Inc. Corporate Customer Service

Dear Team,

On behalf of the University City Community Foundation (UCCF), thank you for the grant received May 16 2018, which sponsored Fair U City, Kid's Healthy Choice Corner. Despite the rain storm on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> the event was successful. Over 175 children came and took advantage of receiving a free healthy snack pack. The pack consisted of ALDI snacks such as the breakfast snack biscuits, granola bars, dinosaur gummies, juice squeezable, strawberries, cheese strings, water, apples and oranges. With the temperature being well over 90 degrees, bottled water and juice was truly appreciated and needed. Parents were elated for their children to receive free healthy alternatives and also, for them, less money spent on costly and less desirable carnival snacks.

The mission of the University City Community Foundation is to provide grants for the betterment of the community. Thank you for making it possible for us to achieve that goal by supporting Fair U City.

During the weekend of the Fair June 8-10<sup>th</sup>, attendance was less than what we anticipated (*due to the rain*), a little over 14,000 attend. However the Fair was still a success with the help of community-minded businesses such as ALDI. Parents praised the healthy choice initiative, as well as all the children enjoyed and appreciated the variety of snacks provided.

Thank you again for awarding the grant to our Fair U City Kid's Healthy Choice Corner.

Sincerely,  
Linda Shaw, Co-Chair

Fair U City Committee  
Cc Patricia Washington, Board President  
University City Community Foundation  
6900 Delmar Boulevard: University City MO 63130



**UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
FIRST ANNUAL  
VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION RECEPTION  
AND  
RECOGNITION PROGRAM**



**Sunday February 28, 2016  
3:30 pm**

**The Centennial Commons  
7701 Olive Street Boulevard  
University City Missouri 63130**



**COMMUNITY ADVOCATE**

**Linda Fried**

**My Story**

I am most happy being out-of-doors, so I spend a lot of my time working with U City in Bloom: digging up and potting plants for the sale, working in public beds, and helping out with the school vegetable gardens. As an ex teacher and conservationist, I help teach The Green Center outdoor classes for U City elementary schools and am working to put in butterfly gardens to improve the lot of the monarch. I also volunteer at a Spanish-English translator at the Casa de Salud clinic as well as in a Central American refugee family detention center in Texas. The rest of my time is

As well as in a Central American refugee family detention center in Texas. The rest of my time is taken up with anything which my hyperactive self can fill time and get enjoyment from: carrying chairs, cutting and pasting anything and, particularly working with other volunteers.



**COMMUNITY ADVOCATE**

**MAE ETTA WESTON**

Mae Etta Weston is a retired Licensed Clinical Social Worker, who currently enjoys volunteering and working within the community. This Texas native spent more than 35 years in the Social Service and Child Welfare field. She began her career as a Substitute Teacher with the St. Louis Public School System. She soon moved to a position as a Caseworker with the Missouri Division of Family Services. During her tenure with Division of Family Services she rose through the ranks to become Children's Services Director, with total administrative responsibility for all state staff providing Abuse/Neglect Investigations, Day Care, Foster Care, Adoption, and Protective Services to clients residing in the city of St. Louis. This was followed by employment as Director of Social Services at Annie Malone Family and Children Services, and Eastern Region District Supervisor with Rehabilitation Services for the Blind.

Educational credentials include a Bachelor's Degree in Social Services from Paul Quinn College in Waco, TX; a Counseling Certificate from University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN; a Master's Degree in Social Work Administration from Washington University-George Warren Brown School of Social Work in St. Louis, MO; and extensive specialized post-graduate training.

Always an energetic volunteer and advocate, Mae Etta has served on numerous commissions, advisory boards, and committees in the St. Louis Area, such as the St. Louis Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, and St. Martin's Child Center Board of Directors. She is especially active with groups in University City. She previously served as President of the Big Dell Block Unit, and Secretary with Commission for Access to Local Original Programming (CALOP). She is a current member of the University City Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, University City Police Department Focus Group, and the University City School District's Life Plan Training Project and Faith Based Initiative Program. Mae Etta is a member of the Coalition of 100 Black Women, and St. Louis Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction where she held offices as Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Top Teen Advisor, and is currently Scholarship Committee Chair.

Her professional and volunteer service has brought recognition and numerous awards. Among them are the Annie Malone Child Advocate Award, Top Ladies of Distinction-Top Lady of the Year and Volunteer of the Year Awards, St. Louis Sentinel "Yes I Can" Award, and University City School District- Superintendent's Choice Award.



#### COMMUNITY SUPPORTER

**Tom "Papa" Ray** has been in the music business throughout his adult life, and as a child was profoundly affected by the music he grew up hearing in the Deep South of the 1950s-1960s. He is the current owner and co-founder of Vintage Vinyl, St. Louis' independent record store in the Delmar Loop, for 35 years. He is a practicing musician/vocalist, having worked and recorded in the St. Louis music community for many years. Currently he is in his 28<sup>th</sup> year of hosting the long running Monday Drive Time show on KDHX Radio, *The Soul Selector*, and has produced live shows and recordings in his home city since 1975. Having worked in the music business in New York City in the late '70s, he has seen numerous changes in the music industry over the past 4 decades, having also worked in Manhattan in retail/wholesale end of the industry, as a promoter and as a writer. He also managed the NYC jazz club Axis and in Soho from 1977-1978.

In 2013 Papa Ray began opening shows for the band Vintage Trouble as guest DJ, and has toured with them in the U.S., Canada, and the British Isles. He has also operated several small record labels in his career, with releases in the field of jazz, blues, and reggae.

Tom is married to Laura Edwards Ray, and has three children; Miles, Morgan, and Madison. He considers himself highly blessed and fortunate to be able to say 'music is my occupation', and currently has yet to have any retirement plans in life--'why would I?'

Vintage Vinyl is a fixture of University, especially to the youth. Over the years Tom has contributed financially and artistically to the growth of University City.



## U City in Bloom

#### COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

- Founded in 1985 by five visionary women
- Have over 200 volunteers
- Employ a full time Director of Horticulture
- Staff of one full time assistant and 5 part time garden workers
- Employ an Executive Director
- Maintain over 300 gardens and planters in U City
- Enjoy partnerships with the City of U City, the School district, neighborhood associations
- Coordinate with many U City organizations on joint projects
- Maintain the principles of sustainability in our gardens
- Focus on creating beautiful public gardens
- Plan educational and fun events open to the public





**Youth Advocate**

## **Real Talk YOUTH PROGRAM**

**Sultan Ali Muhammad**

Founder and CEO of Real Talk Inc.

Real Talk, Inc. is a comprehensive youth community empowerment program designed to develop youth into positive and productive members of society. Our primary purpose is to help at-risk youth sort through the confusion and contradictions of their lives. Thereby, guiding and directing them to become positive and productive members of society. More importantly, to achieve self-actualization by teaching youth how to think, in contrast to what to think. We also want to inspire and motivate youth to take their place in the affairs of men and women.

Operating on this modus operandi life-coaches pool their resources, talent, skill sets and education to invest in youth. Life-coaches believe in treating the whole person. Services are holistic in nature. Alpha Brain Wave Services are provided with the implementation of workshops, seminars, presentations. After-school tutoring. Summer camps, along with strong mentoring programs are offered.

Our vision is to improve the social economic quality of our community by helping our at-risk youth overcome the insurmountable social, moral, academic and economic obstacles they are challenged to subdue.



## **Derrick Coley** Community Advocate

**Derrick Coley** has been a resident of University City for the past 25 years. Derrick has a long history of community involvement. He has been actively involved in the University School District where both his children attend. Derrick and his wife, Mary, have worked with the University City Boys Scouts of America for more than a generation.

Derrick stated that in his previous years, he was a *Parade Builder*. He was a national builder who contracted with major cities, companies, organizations, including the University City School District. His love of building floats and parades provided him with the professional resources to assist in the community and his compassion to provide service.

Since the inception of Fair U City, which is the funding arm of this event, Derrick has been very instrumental in making it a success. Derrick stated "every year in which he volunteers with the Fair, his title changes, such as logistics and facility director, parking manager and security director; however it's all about volunteering". In some instance, Derrick has been known to stay 24 hours to assure the safety of the equipment. Derrick is surely an asset to the University City community.

Derrick is married to Mary and has two children, James and Annie.



"Caring for Our Community"

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## University City Community Foundation (UCCF) 2018 Grantees

### **Crown Center for Senior Living (Senior Arts Program) \$2000**

Crown Center is requesting funds to expand the Senior Arts Project. Our goal is to utilize the arts to enhance the lives of lower income older adults- helping them to remain active and independent. Research shows that seniors who are involved in the arts are in better health- and are more social - than those who are not. The desired benefits will be achieved by utilizing our modest, accessible arts studio and an enhanced menu of "barrier free" art classes, workshops, interest groups, and outings targeting the population of elderly University City residents we serve.

### **Women in Charge (Adult Literacy) \$2000**

Women in Charge helps women in crisis find the skills and strengths they need to take charge of their lives. We specialize in serving women who have dropped out of school and cannot succeed in standard literacy or job training programs because of underlying emotional and life challenges. Our mission is to heal the spirit, build confidence, and educate women so that they can provide a better life for themselves and their children. In a safe, supportive, and enriching environment, women achieve the life and learning skills they need to improve their literacy, stabilize their families, and become self-sufficient. Through our Children's Program, we work to prevent child abuse and neglect and break the intergenerational cycle of illiteracy.

### **University City Swim Club (Diversity, Scholarships) \$2000**

These funds would create a Scholarship Fund for University City Youth who want to swim with University City Swim Club. UCSC already offers high-quality swimming instruction, including learn-to-swim lessons, skills-based instruction, and coaching for competitive swimmers; with these funds, we could welcome more University City youth, regardless of ability to pay. These funds would help UCSC's membership better reflect the community in which it resides, and in so doing, 1) enable more University City youth of color to become water-safe, and 2) encourage cooperation among youth of different races, organically reducing prejudice through the relationships built from teamwork.



**University City Education Foundation (Teacher Projects) \$1000**

UCEF is requesting funding to support its Teacher Grants and Pride Projects. Every year, UCEF awards approximately 15-20 grants of up to \$1,000 each to teachers in the school district who have applied for innovative classroom programs and equipment not provided by the school district. The Foundation also funds projects at each school in the district called Pride Projects, which provides principals grants of \$1,000-\$2,250 for one or more projects that have an impact on the whole school, benefitting as many students in the school as possible.

**Midwest Association of Farmers Markets (Student Employment) \$2000**

The purpose of this request is to further expand and develop MAT-Pro, our Market Assistant Training Program at the Midtown Farmers Market in University City. MAT-Pro is an experiential training and work program for high school students. Through a well designed curriculum and actual work at the farmers market, high school students learn about and become skilled in all aspects of farmers market work. From market operations, marketing & signage, customer service, food safety to actually staffing a market food booth, MAT-Pro offers an experiential learning opportunity that prepares students for future employment and entrepreneurial endeavors.

**Sutter-Meyer Society (Facility Improvements) \$1725**

The purpose of this request is to obtain funds to totally replace, stabilize, and paint the center two posts of the front of the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse. Our organization was formed to preserve University City's oldest surviving house. Since 2006 we have been raising money, not only to make repairs, but also to add improvements to allow public access to this historic structure. A working bathroom was added as well as a wheelchair ramp on the north side of the house. We continue to work diligently to preserve this historic treasure of University City for its citizens, adults and children alike, and for the future.

**University City Parks Foundation (Swimming Pool/Recreation Equipment) \$2000**

To purchase replacement seating for Heman Pool and a floating stand alone water play product. By preserving the minimal standards of seating and providing additional water feature toys, Heman Pool can continue to attract and grow a community of people, including youth and older adults, vested in University City pride and belonging.

**Real Talk, Inc. (Event support) \$500**

Every year Real Talk Inc has an Annual Banquet free of charge to the participants. The purpose of the banquet is to recognize our University City youth for their academic artistic accomplishments. Students perform oral presentations, plays, stage readings, songs and dance. Last year over 150 participants including 30 + University City students. In addition to the annual banquet, Real Talk Inc provides a free after school mentoring program every Wednesday at Pershing Elementary School for University City students.

The UCCF grants are made possible by profits from the annual Fair U City. The original vision of the Fair U City founders was to establish a foundation that would use proceeds from the fair to support community projects that would improve the lives of University City residents. UCCF was established as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization in December 2016 for that purpose. UCCF is governed by an all-volunteer board of directors.



# CALLING ALL AMATEUR STEPPERS & SLIDERS

## DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE - CONTEST

*and*

### BENEFIT AUCTION

JOIN THE FAIR U CITY COMMITTEE FOR AN  
EVENING OF FAMILY FUN  
AND ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 4-8pm

VFW Hall 10815 Midland Blvd, Overland MO 63124

FOOD CASH BAR MUSIC LINE DANCING

50/50 RAFFLE

LEARN TO STEP OR SLIDE

OUTSIDE FOOD OR ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED

KIDS ARE WELCOMED

**TICKET COST \$15.00 TAX DEDUCTIBLE AT THE DOOR \$20**



*Celebrity Judges*



Eleanor Whitney a.k.a. "Ms. Elli" & Lew Moye a.k.a "Stepping with Lou"

*& Music by DJCD, Ultimate Entertainment*

MUST REGISTER TO ENTER CONTEST BY 3/25/19

CONTACT : Linda [Lceshaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lceshaw@sbcglobal.net)

Event is sponsored by The University City Community Foundation

Fair U City Committee 6900 Delmar Blvd

University City MO 63130 - [www.uctycare.org](http://www.uctycare.org)

CONTEST  
BEGINS 6-7pm  
CASH PRIZE  
AWARDED  
TO  
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\*BEST SLIDE  
GROUP

U. City Council testimony, 2/25/19:  
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## Do We Need Regional Government?

“Regional Government “ is probably the biggest propaganda campaign ever waged against our City and County citizens. Some of us have accepted or rejected arguments that have been made, and some of us have taken sides on the two current proposals. (Sinquefield and Freeholders).

But why has no one questioned the very premise upon which these “facts” are marshalled, arguments made, and proposals issued? The real question is: **Do we need regional government?**

Well, what about all those tiny municipalities. Well, what about them? Any small community can contract out to a larger “cooperative”, or it can made bilateral agreements with it's neighboring communities. They can consolidate politically with their neighbors. They can even dissolve their municipality into the County. This process is already taking place.

Well, what about efficiency? What about it? Take University City: would it be more efficient to merge all of our services into the County? Think about it. Would it really be significantly more efficient? Probably not, nor for other localities of more than 5,000 people. Local government exists to take care of the most essential services to our population: it exists on that level to reflect the immediate needs of the people. The Local-County-State form of government is standard throughout the U.S. and in almost every other Western nation.

Sinquefield and his Business Alliance want to expand the tax base to a County-wide level to float massive new bond issues. They don't want the voters to stop them by voting down the bond issues like we did in University City in 2015. So they want to get rid of the municipalities.

**Is there anything wrong with U. City as it is now constituted? Consider the kinds of roads, and emergency services we might have it we are reduced to existing County levels. Consider the kinds of roads and emergency services we could have after the County has issued hundreds of millions, if not billions, of new bonds, including bonds to bail out the increasingly shaky bonds of St. Louis City.**

**If we vote to abolish our local government, we will never get it back.**



# “TenSPOT Fix” Cats & Dogs

Any healthy cat spayed or neutered for only \$10!  
Any healthy dog under 50lbs spayed or neutered for only \$10!

Healthy pets only. No cryptorchid males, no pregnant females.

Dogs over 50lbs will require additional charge determined by the veterinarian.

Proof of vaccinations may be required, or purchase service from veterinarian.

This program is for pets in individual households only. Funding is limited, so please help us to help those who cannot afford normal charges for this surgery.

## March 9th & 10th, 2019

### Call these clinics for an appointment:

Bellson Animal Hospital- 618-281-5100

Dorothy Brinker, DVM- 636-239-3927

East Central Animal Hospital- 636-744-8387

Franklin County Animal Medical Ctr- 636-390-9280

Hartz Second Chance- 618-975-4434

Hillside Animal Hospital- 314-645-2141

Krakow Veterinary Clinic- 636-390-8387

Lawson Animal Hospital- 573-438-2077

Metro East Humane Society- 618-656-4405

New Haven Veterinary Clinic- 573-237-7387

Pet Station PC- 636-583-2858

Webster Groves Animal Hospital- 314-968-4310 ext.287



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