

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Monday, August 10, 2020  
6:30 p.m.**

**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At the Regular Session of the City Council of University City held via videoconference, on Monday, August 10, 2020, Mayor Terry Crow called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Crow announced that they were experiencing some power issues due to the storm, so they will do their best to remain online throughout the entire session.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmember Stacy Clay  
Councilmember Aleta Klein  
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**

Mayor Crow stated the following amendments were made during the Study Session:

1. To resume the discussion of Item 3 on the Study Session Agenda; Naming of streets and parks, during Council Reports/Business.
2. To move Item 1 under the Consent Agenda to the City Manager's Report

Councilmember Cusick moved to approve the Agenda as amended, it was seconded by Councilmember Smotherson and the motion carried unanimously.

**D. PROCLAMATIONS**

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. June 22, 2020; Study Session Space Needs for Public Safety Meeting Minutes were moved by Councilmember Smotherson, it was seconded by Councilmember McMahon and the motion carried unanimously.
2. July 13, 2020; Study Session Space Needs for Admin Offices & Solid Waste Meeting Minutes were moved by Councilmember Hales, it was seconded by Councilmember Klein and the motion carried unanimously.
3. July 13, 2020; Regular Meeting Minutes were moved by Councilmember Smotherson, it was seconded by Councilmember Cusick and the motion carried unanimously.

**F. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

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

1. Deja Scott was sworn into the Senior Commission in the Clerk's office on July 13, 2020.
2. Mark Holly, Eric Stein, Garry Aronberg, Bob Criss, Eric Karch, and Todd Thompson were sworn into the Storm Water issues Commission via Zoom on August 4, 2020.

**H. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

***Procedures for submitting comments for Citizen Participation and Public Hearings:***

*ALL written comments must be received **no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.** Comments may be sent via email to: [councilcomments@ucitymo.org](mailto:councilcomments@ucitymo.org), or mailed to the City Hall – 6801 Delmar Blvd. – Attention City Clerk. Such comments will be provided to City Council prior to the meeting.*

Comments will be made a part of the official record and made accessible to the public online following the meeting.

Please note, when submitting your comments, a **name and address must be provided**. Please also note if your comment is on an agenda or non-agenda item. If a name and address are not provided, the provided comment will not be recorded in the official record.

Mayor Crow thanked everyone for their participation and patience associated with the need to submit written comments.

## I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 1. Crown Center for Senior Living – 353 Redevelopment Plan, Including Tax Abatement

Mayor Crow opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m. After acknowledging that Council had received several written comments from citizens, Mayor Crow closed the hearing at 6:37 p.m.

### 2. The Markets at Olive Community Improvement District (CID)

Mayor Crow opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m. After acknowledging that no written comments had been received, Mayor Crow closed the hearing at 6:38 p.m.

## J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Collective Bargaining Agreement – Fire
2. FY2020 JAG Grant
3. Road Salt Purchase
4. Code Software Data Migration Contract & Budget Transfer

Councilmember Cusick moved to approve Items 2, 3, and 4 of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember McMahon and the motion carried unanimously.

## K. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

### 1. Collective Bargaining Agreement - Fire

Mr. Rose stated staff is recommending that Council approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the U City Fire Department and the International Association of Firefighters' Local 2665, for the period beginning September 1, 2020, and ending August 31, 2025. He stated that the proposed Agreement was considered and approved by the Association on July 28, 2020.

If approved, this CBA will:

- Create a Labor Management Committee;
- Maintain duties associated with rescue, emergency medical care, transport, and fire suppression;
- Meet and discuss wages during the budget process;
- Ensure there are no work slowdowns or strikes, and
- Establish an arbitration process for resolving Type I Grievances

Mr. Rose then addressed the following questions received from members of Council:

**Q. Page 10 of the CBA, Item 2, under Section 2.01 refers to ashtrays. Is smoking allowed in a firehouse?**

A. No, it is not. But there is a provision that allows smoking during certain periods outside the firehouse, and signage has been installed to indicate where these specific areas are located.

**Q. Are firefighters allowed to engage in other activities when they are not responding to calls or maintaining their equipment?**

A. Yes, other activities are allowed. While the Department is very comfortable with the existing style of management, they felt it was important to include this provision in the Agreement in the event there was a change in management.

**Q. Do we currently have the position of Assistant Fire Chief?**

A. At this point, we do not. However, this Agreement takes into consideration what might be included in the future.

Councilmember Smotherson thanked Mr. Rose and Chief Hinson for addressing his last-minute questions. He stated he was pleased to learn that a process has been established to ensure that every employee performs tasks associated with EMS. And that the NFPA standards require a minimum of four firefighters be at all times. However, he would also like to make sure the City is not putting itself in a precarious position by including the language about maintaining thirteen employees in this contract.

Mr. Rose stated he believes the Proposed Agreement; which has been drafted to make sure U City's Fire Department has the appropriate level of staffing to perform its work is in the best interest of the City. So, a minimum of thirteen employees was included in the contract because it is consistent with NFPA standards. He stated while Council is not required to adopt the CBA as presented, he would strongly recommend that it be approved because when you start to deviate from standards that have been established by experts in the field you might be placing yourself in a precarious situation of having to explain the rationale behind that deviation.

Councilmember Smotherson stated while he certainly understands that rationalization, he does not understand why a specific number needs to be in the contract since the City has already demonstrated the capacity to manage itself by adhering to the NFPA and SAFER Grant regulations.

Mr. Rose stated his recommendation to include this number is based on the belief that it puts the City's firefighters in the safest position; which is why the standard was created. However, there is no requirement that the Mayor and Council adopt this CBA as it has been presented.

Councilmember Clay stated although he does not have an issue with the inclusion of this language, he thinks Councilmember Smotherson's question is why does it have to be included in the contract if it has already been established as a standard?

Mr. Rose stated discussions were held between members of the Union and staff regarding the need to include several issues within this contract. And their point of contention was that although they are confident that this current administration will take actions that are in the best interest of the Department and its community, they are apprehensive about the unknown as it relates to potential changes in management over the next five years. He stated it's also a requirement for any future attempts by the Department to obtain additional grants.

Mayor Crow stated while he understands the point being illuminated, he thinks the inclusion constitutes good practice in that it parallels the standards. And based on past experiences when policies were changed with only 48 hours notice, he can definitely identify with their concerns about what might happen if there is a change in management.

Councilmember Hales moved to approve the CBA as presented, it was seconded by Councilmember Klein and the motion carried unanimously.

## **L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1. BILL 9410 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED PETITION TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING THE MARKETS AT OLIVE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO NOTIFY THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT; AND APPROVING A DISTRICT PROJECT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.** Bill Number 9410 was read for the second and third time.

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

Roll Call Vote Was:

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

**Nays:** None.

## **M. NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. Resolution 2020-9 – Municipal Park Grant – Ackert Park**

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

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

1. Boards and Commission appointments needed
2. Council liaison reports on Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Cusick stated even though he is not the official liaison for the Commission on Stormwater Issues, he would like to let everyone know that the Commission met for the first time last Tuesday to formalize their priorities. And in light of the recent flooding that occurred last week, one of their priorities will be to establish an early warning flood system.

3. Boards, Commissions, and Task Force minutes
4. Other Discussions/Business

Mayor Crow announced that Councilmember Klein had experienced some technical difficulties and was no longer on the call (disconnected from 6:56 p.m. to 7:02 p.m.); so, he would start with Item (b).

### **a) Mayor Pro Tem**

Requested by Mayor Crow and Councilmember Smotherson

Mayor Crow stated although members can nominate whomever they please, the history and protocol this Council has followed is that the longest-serving member becomes the Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember McMahon nominated Councilmember Smotherson as Mayor Pro Tem, it was seconded by Councilmember Hales.

Councilmember Cusick asked Councilmember Smotherson if he was agreeable to serving as the Mayor Pro Tem? Councilmember Smotherson stated that he was.

Voice vote on Councilmember McMahon's motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Smotherson thanked everyone for their support stated that he just purchased a new gavel because he plans to take his responsibilities very seriously; as he joyfully displayed an extremely oversized gavel.

### **b) The Naming of Streets and Parks**

Requested by Mayor Crow

Mayor Crow stated he thinks many residents are unaware of the history behind the naming of some of the City's streets, parks, and schools. And so, he would like to thank the Holy Communion Episcopal Church for bringing this issue to staff's attention because he believes his colleagues, as well as the community, welcomes the opportunity to understand, appreciate, and hopefully rectify some of the concerns that have been expressed. He stated while there may be limitations with some of the streets; i.e., Jackson, which encompasses both U City and Clayton, he would like the results to be thoughtful, considerate, and accomplished within a relatively short period of time.

So, to generate a point of discussion his suggestion would be the creation of a Task Force. Each member of Council would appoint one person, a member of staff could act as the liaison, and it could include members of the community. The designated timeframe for the completion of this task would be 90 to 120 days, and if necessary, Mayor Crow stated he could appoint the chairperson.

Mayor Crow stated since U City is not the first community to undertake this type of review, it may not be necessary to recreate the wheel. Council does not have any control over the School District, but his understanding is that they are waiting for this body to take the lead. He stated this is merely a suggestion, so at this point, he would like to open the floor up to hear comments or other recommendations.

Councilmember Clay stated several members of the community have expressed concerns about the names associated with some of the City's streets, so he appreciates the Mayor bringing this issue forward. He agreed with the process outlined by the Mayor, and his belief that other communities have tackled this kind of a review. In fact, the County is undergoing something similar. Councilmember Clay stated while he does not know if there is an opportunity to tie into the County's process, he definitely does not want the City's course of action to be delayed for the sake of pursuing something bigger.

Mayor Crow agreed that it would be appropriate to make outreach to the County and other municipalities.

Councilmember Hales stated since Council has a rule about serving on various Commissions, his question is whether current members of the City's Boards and Commissions would be excluded from participating in this process?

Mayor Crow stated his thinking is that this group would take on the form of a Task Force or Steering Committee. And since the shelf life of this review will be limited to 90 to 120 days; or a little longer if necessary, he does not think anyone should be precluded from participating. Councilmember Hales asked whether any thought had been given to how this group could work with Clayton on the potential renaming of Jackson? Mayor Crow stated the City of Clayton has a broader set of issues specifically related to the incident that took place at IHOP. But at this point, their Mayor has simply asked that we keep them informed as we move forward.

Mayor Crow stated he is also uncertain whether Dorsett; a street in the 2nd Ward which residents have expressed concerns over, has any connection with Dorsett Road in Maryland Heights. However, since it only consists of three or four blocks, a name change may have little or no impact on Maryland Heights. And while he certainly does not want to insinuate that the old guard should be saddled with making these decisions, it would be extremely valuable to reach out to residents like Elsie Glickert, Frank Ollendorff, or even the Historical Society to learn the history behind some of these street names.

Mayor Crow asked his colleagues if they were in agreement that the Task Force be comprised of seven members?

Councilmember McMahon asked if the Task Force's duties would be to identify the streets they would like to see renamed and suggest new names for each one? Mayor Crow stated with the understanding that all final decisions will be made by Council; their recommendation should include streets that should potentially be renamed and suggestions on what those new names should be. Councilmember McMahon stated that clarification should help Council identify whether members should consist of historians or folks entrenched in issues around diversity. Mayor Crow stated in order to create a more vibrant group he would prefer to have a mix of both traits.

Mayor Crow stated at this point he would like to get some input from the City Manager as to his thoughts about the process being proposed, and the City Attorney, regarding the appropriateness of proceeding with a motion and vote, since this was an addition to tonight's Regular Agenda.

Mr. Rose stated staff can support this type of provisional Task Force, and he is comfortable with the concept of reaching out to other municipalities to learn more about their experiences. He stated that he has a working relationship with the City Manager of Clayton and will keep him informed regarding any action U City takes regarding Jackson.

Mr. Mulligan stated if Council feels they have enough information, a motion and vote could be taken tonight. The other option would be to draft a Resolution documenting all of the fine points that could be presented at the next meeting.

Mayor Crow stated his preference would be to draft a Resolution and hopefully have a list of potential members by the next meeting. But before making any decision he would solicit comments from his colleagues.

Councilmember Smotherson asked if the names should be submitted to the City Clerk? Mayor Crow stated that would be perfect.

Councilmember Clay stated while it would be helpful to have a written document to share with potential members, he should be able to recruit without one.

Mayor Crow asked the City Manager and City Attorney if they would work together to draft a Resolution? Mr. Mulligan stated that he would begin working on it right away. Mr. Rose concurred with Mr. Mulligan.

Mayor Crow stated the next meeting is September 14th, but in the interim perhaps the City Clerk could provide Council with some talking points. He stated he does not see the need to conduct a special meeting, but if the City Manager has something he would like to bring forward before the fourteenth, this could easily be added to that Agenda.

## **O. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Hales stated as we've discussed the merits of our first responders, there is something that was not talked about that he would like to share. Friday night there was a fire on the deck of a condo along North and South Road and the first unit to respond was an ambulance.

Two firefighters/paramedics removed the resident from the unit and returned to extinguish the fire before the fire truck; who was on another call, was able to respond. And according to one of his friends who lives in the complex, there was extensive damage. So that minute and a half difference between the arrival of the ambulance and the fire truck made a significant impact.

Councilmember Hales stated oftentimes we simply don't think about the valuable resources EMS provides to this community; therefore, he would like to thank the City Manager and Council for the actions they took to bring this service back in-house.

Mayor Crow informed Council that a draft of the City liaison appointments will be issued by the City Clerk. However, if someone determines that a time does not work with their schedule please let Ms. Reese know so the appropriate adjustments can be made.

- P.** Motion to go into a Closed Session according to Missouri Revised Statutes 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 or attorneys and (2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration.

Councilmember Hales moved to go into a Closed Session, it was seconded by Councilmember Klein.

Roll Call Vote Was:

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

**Nays:** None.

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Crow thanked everyone for joining and closed the regular City Council meeting at 7:18 p.m. to go into a Closed Session on the second floor. The Closed Session reconvened in an open session at 8:14 p.m.

LaRette Reese  
City Clerk

To: University City Council

Date: August 7, 2020

Subject: What I value most about living at the Crown Center in University City

Grumpy old men (and women)? Not at the Crown Center!

What I like best about living at the Crown Center for Senior Living is the community of caring established and fostered by the staff. It starts when we first move in — someone is assigned to be our ambassador, ready to help us learn about our new place. This accomplishes two things — (1) we have the beginnings of a possible new friendship, and (2) we quickly learn about activities being offered and where to find things like our small in-house library, the fitness center, and the trash chutes.

Among the optional activities (before the pandemic shutdown) was going out for lunch and/or shopping on the Crown Center bus, getting out into the area around us. I like being able to visit the Loop for the ambience (the atmosphere and character) of the restaurants, the bookstores (Half Price near us and Subterranean in the Loop), and the U-City library with its delivery of books to homebound patrons. I like that we have a grocery store within walking distance (one block).

Best of all, I appreciate that the Crown Center quickly jumped into action when we first heard about COVID-19 and closed all public spaces within our buildings. Because of that and requiring that we all wear masks and socially distance ourselves, no elderly resident here has contracted the virus. To counteract our loneliness, Crown has delivered meals to our apartments five days a week, if we wish, and has sent care packages to each of us with ideas for activities.

Both staff and residents have been calling to check up on people and figuring out ways to "gather" via Zoom and conference calls. I like that Crown invites any senior in the neighborhood to participate in meals and other activities. I like that we're all in this together. This is the best place I've ever lived.

Sincerely,

Bonnie S. Jacobs  
8350 Delcrest Drive  
Apartment 605  
University City, MO 63124



August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

University City Council Members  
City of University City  
6801 Delmar Boulevard  
University City, MO 63130

Dear Council Members:

With this letter I would like to formally express my support for the application by Crown Center for Senior Living in University City (8350 Delcrest Drive) to receive tax abatement for their new building project.


This project, when implemented, will greatly enhance the lives of hundreds of older adults in University City who have limited resources. Plans for the building have been submitted to the Council.

Crown Center has provided compassionate and comprehensive affordable housing and supportive services for low income senior adults in and around University City since 1967. Today, Crown Center is home to 275 older adults, all of whom qualify as having low, very low, or extremely low incomes as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Weinberg Building, built in 1995, is home to about 150 low and extremely low income seniors. In addition to housing, a distinct not-for-profit entity, Crown Center was created to provide social and nutrition services, transportation, education, and social and wellness programming to residents of Crown Center and of the surrounding community.

As the leader of a national organization with a "successful aging" mission, and a long standing program partner with Crown Center, I have a clear sense of how valuable an exceptional affordable housing provider can be to a community. Crown Center not only provides housing for their residents, but executes on core values of aging with dignity, purpose, and a sense of community. The program partnership with Oasis brings exercise, music, and lifelong learning programs into Crown Center, and the Crown Center community of seniors are not just "aging in place" they are thriving in a supportive and stimulating environment that is truly a model for how to make low income housing more than just a basic need, Crown Center provides a home and a community for their residents.

This application is crucial for our shared community. I encourage you to look favorably on this application from Crown Center for Senior Living (8350 Delcrest Drive).

Sincerely,



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August 6, 2020

University City Council Members  
City of University City  
6801 Delmar Boulevard  
University City, MO 63130

Dear Council Members:

With this letter, I would like to formally express support for the application by Crown Center for Senior Living in University City (8350 Delcrest Drive) to receive tax abatement for their new building project which has been submitted to the Council. This project, when implemented, will greatly enhance the lives of older adults in the University City community, particularly those with limited resources.

Crown Center is committed to creating a vibrant and engaged community in which all seniors thrive. They have provided compassionate and comprehensive affordable housing and supportive services for low-income senior adults in and around University City since 1967. Their mission includes services that reach beyond their residents. They offer programming and services, free or at nominal cost, to seniors throughout our geographic area.

COCA – Center of Creative Arts - has partnered with the Crown Center for several years, to provide arts programming as part of their offering of social and wellness services. The Crown Center is vital to our community, especially our senior citizens.

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Sincerely,

Kelly Pollock, Executive Director

Dear University City Council,

I'll like to start by saying I have always cherished living in University City. I first set up residence in 1976 and had the opportunity to raise 5 amazing kids in this diverse community. I moved away for 10 years. I returned in 2004 and became a resident of Crown Center Senior Living.

My stay at Crown Center has truly been a blessing. I love staying at Crown Center because of the diversity of the residents. It is truly affordable and offer a wide range of activities. The staff is remarkable. They do an excellent job in assisting the residents in many needed programs.

I am a diehard of a city that I love which is U City. As well as that, I the love Crown Center and the residents of Crown Center.

Sincerely

Genies Jordan  
Crown Center resident  
8350 Delcrest Drive, Apartment 1005



Dear City Council,

One of my most difficult (but best ever) decisions has been to move to Crown Center, a very special place in University City.

The location is ideal, and so convenient for stores, restaurants, parks, and transportation. And what a bonus to be able to safely walk the Centennial Greenway.

I especially appreciate the diversity and friendliness of my fellow residents, which incidentally closely mirrors University City itself.

The very caring support staff provide numerous programs on a variety of topics: fitness, music, art, cooking, etc. and also regular bus trips.

Crown is a very caring community, and particularly in these pandemic times I've come to appreciate the staff more than ever for the excellent job they are doing, especially to keep us all safe.

Although they are currently working off-site, there is no feeling that we have been abandoned or neglected. There are constant letters, care packages, books, puzzles, and the knowledge that the staff members are just a phone call away.

Yes, certainly one of my best ever decisions. Viva Crown!!

Miriam Roth  
Crown Center  
8350 Delcrest Drive #1002

August 5, 2020

Dear Members of the City Council of University City,

I encourage you to support the tax abatement proposal for Crown Center Senior Living which is to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

I have lived at Crown Center since 2016. Without Crown Center I would definitely be struggling to find housing security for my senior years. Crown Center is exactly the type of housing that should be offered across the nation—I guess it's not surprising that such a remarkable place is in University City.

Here at Crown Center I participate in two book discussion groups and use our library often; I am able to enjoy a meal in the café with my fellow residents; in the activity center I use the exercise equipment no matter what the weather conditions are. Although I am still quite independent, I know that in the future Crown Center will help me maintain my independence as long as possible. I am tremendously grateful to be a Crown Center resident.

The staff know how to provide programs, services, activities, and special events without “blowing the budget”, which in turn makes me more financially secure. As a member of the Resident Council Board I can depend on the staff to support our events. The buildings are well-maintained and clean, special events are delightful, and services are thorough and easy to get. Crown Center is the common-sense housing solution for seniors. It truly is an outstanding community and organization.

You can be confident that the Board, staff, and residents of Crown Center will be grateful for your support of the tax abatement proposal--the benefits that the new building will provide will be an asset for the entire University City senior population. I take great pride in telling people that I live in University City, and Crown Center contributes to that pride.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the proposal.

Yours truly,

*Rise Gilliom*

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**AW HEALTH CARE**  
*healthy mind. healthy body.*

August 4, 2020

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Sincerely,

Irian Bursak  
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August 7, 2020

Dear University City Council:

Crown Center has felt like home to me from the moment I met with Randi to apply to live here. I had been away from my hometown for ten years and when I decided to move back, I needed an affordable home since I am on social security. I was advised to look into Crown Center mainly because it was close to Overland, where I grew up. I always considered University City to be a family-oriented, people-focused place to live, so I checked into Crown Center first. Since that first meeting I knew Crown was where I was meant to be. Diversity is so important to me and the caring, friendly nature of the staff is unparalleled in my experience. When I have a concern, a solution is worked out. We celebrate our joys and share in the sorrow of our losses. Losing one of our community is the worst part of living here, but the peace we find when we come together to celebrate those whom we have lost is one of the best parts. Since the pandemic, various staff have been in regular contact with residents, making sure we are doing okay and asking how they can help us cope and stay active.

Crown Center offers so many rich opportunities/activities to connect with others and to enjoy hobbies they love. There are opportunities to garden, both individually and collectively; there are opportunities to enjoy jigsaw puzzles, word games, adult coloring sessions, exercise sessions, arts and crafts activities, book clubs, etc. We have trips to museums and theatre, the Botanical Gardens, restaurants. We have student groups and community groups presentations and activities. We have in-house opportunities for discussions of topics of interest to seniors. Nikki holds "Nosh with Nikki" every few months to keep us informed of goings-on at Crown. We have the Circle@Crown Café for residents and community members to meet and enjoy activities and conversation, the Culinary Kitchen for regular cooking demonstrations, Saturday movies in the Theatre room.

We have ways to volunteer and give back through time at the Welcome Desk during office hours, to keep our small library updated with book donations, to host the monthly birthday bash, to serve during the weekday meals for our meals program. And that is just the tip of the iceberg.

We have partnerships with Oasis and other groups. The University City Library has home delivery every three weeks, Royal Bank comes weekly to take care of our banking needs. Until this year, Crown Center was our polling place for two precincts.

We are within walking distance of Walgreens, Schnucks, and the stores at Ladue Crossing, Half Price Books, Jilly's, House of India, and Pasta House. We are down the street from the Loop, Dewey's, Frida's, and Starbucks.

With all this happening daily, I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. I am home. I hope the Council will make sure our new building plans can happen, so that Crown Center's mission of serving the senior community can continue.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Carey, Crown Center resident  
8348 Delcrest Drive, Apartment 1F

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**From:** [Edward McCarthy](#)  
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My Name is Edward McCarthy my residence is 7101 Princeton Ave.

Mr. Greg Pace previously wrote the council members an email pointing out the Unnecessary Restrictions placed in the Agreement with Union 2665.

We do not need MINIMUMS for personnel in any department, especially under the current economic conditions.

You as a council do not know what is going to happen over the next 3 years so why are you tying the hands of the citizens with these requirements?

WHAT YOU DO KNOW IS REVENUE IS DOWN and we have non-essential and excess Firemen working for us. Not a good idea at this time.

PULL THIS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA and then TABLE IT.

University City does not deserve this agreement.

VOTE NO or TABLE THIS AGREEMENT.

Thanks,

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