MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
MAY 12, 2026

VISION STATEMENT: "The Union City area is a thriving rural community of families, businesses and organizations dedicated to encouraging growth while maintaining small town values."

The Council Meeting for the Borough of Union City was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Councilor Cross. The meeting was at the First Global Methodist Church, 42 East High Street, Union City. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Cross, Joyce, Osborn and Steadman. Winkler, Kerns and Uber were absent.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor, Andy Schmidt; Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; Constituent Services Rep., Kim Tuszynski and Police Chief, David Pernice.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Osborn that the agenda stands approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON MINUTES: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Steadman that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve minutes from the Council meeting on April 28th, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Joyce that the April 2026 Secretary's Report be accepted and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON BILLS: Motion by Councilor Osborn and seconded by Councilor Steadman that unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: Dennis Rymen, Monark Transportation was present. He spoke to council about the public and lack of traffic safety at a few of his bus stops. He noted that the area of 58 North Main Street is a big one. He is struggling to be able to identify the car or driver because he is trying to keep an eye on the kids to make sure they are not in danger also while trying to get a license plate number and identify the driver. He asked if there is anything that Council can do. Chief spoke that he has talked to Diane Maynard and gotten lists of hot spots and the officers try and monitor to catch violators and will continue to monitor it. It is hard because they need to know who was actually driving at the time of the violation, not necessarily the owner of the vehicle. Councilor Cross asked that a complete list of hot spots be provided to the Police Department.

FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR: Reviewed April 2026 report, no questions.

ZONING: Reviewed April 2026 report. Kim stated that she is waiting for the engineer, Jeff Kordes, to review a plan for roof top solar before approving a permit. She is expecting two additional applications.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Reviewed April 2026 report, no questions.

STREETS: The Street Supervisor was not present. Cindy reported that they had replaced two catch basins at the corner of North Fifth Avenue and West High Street, along with a pipe across North Fifth Avenue. This need completed prior to paving North Fifth Avenue in June.

POLICE: Chief reviewed April reports. He said with warmer weather the number of incidents is higher especially with transients. He mentioned a few cases they had. He also said they have been patrolling Concord St because it is a heavy traffic area for speeders. They also have gotten ATV complaints and wanted to remind the public you cannot drive on ANY streets in the Borough with an ATV. He also wanted to remind residents to stay vigilant because there have been complaints of people roaming in wooded areas and stealing trail cameras so to report anyone who is not supposed to be on your property in hopes of reducing property theft. He also noted that he is having his 7th annual clean up and working with UCASD Community Service Day around town and at the Ballfield on Friday, May 15, 2026.

BOROUGH MANAGER: MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

New Hire: Robert Utegg has accepted the position in the Dept of Public Works and will be starting on Monday, May 18, 2026.

UCASD Community Service Day: The High School will be having their Community Service Day for this year on May 15, 2026 from 8:15 – 2:00. They will be working at the ball field with the Western PA Conservancy in the removal of invasive species. They will also be doing work in the Borough by mulching trees, sweeping sidewalks and picking up litter along the streets and in the parks.

Renaissance Grant Report: A report of the approved project for the 2025 and 2026 Renaissance Grant projects have been approved. The grant funds was $100,000. The total investment for the projects is $208,661.97.

2008 Crown Victoria: Sold for $2,150 and being picked up tomorrow.

Improvements at the Ball Field Social Hall: Borough Council wants to move ahead on the social hall project in making interior improvements to the walls and ceiling utilizing the grant funding that has been received. They also want the Borough to have exterior security camera access like the other Borough parks have.

APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DCED GREENWAYS, TRAILS & RECREATION GRANT. The application is for a grant of $249,850.50 for a trail at the Ball Field. It designates Riley Cross, Council President and Cindy Wells to execute all documents.

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DCED GREENWAYS, TRAILS & RECREATION GRANT FOR THE AMOUNT OF $249,850.50 AND APPOINT RILEY CROSS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND CINDY WELLS, BOROUGH MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS.

Motion by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Osborn. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE FOR DATA CENTERS: Erie County Department of

Planning has provided a draft ordinance for Data Centers and Data Center Accessory uses. Attorney Schmidt has provided a proposed ordinance that was originally for Fairview Township. He also has a copy of the draft data center ordinance for municipalities from EC Department of Planning. Council agreed to have Andy work to provide a proposed agreement with additional information from what the County provided with more restrictions. He will work with Cindy to provide a copy to present for Council's review.

ADMINISTRATION: Council President had nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT LIAISON REPORTS: Department Liaisons had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Osborn and seconded by Councilor Steadman to adjourn at 6:34 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

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