



**City Council Statement Regarding UMCH Development
Adopted Monday, October 12, 2015**

Whereas, the City has had a long established process for reviewing development applications with consideration by the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC);

Whereas, any changes in zoning approved by the MPC must be approved by City Council with additional opportunity for public comment;

Whereas, this process provides notice to the public and an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the application and the MPC has delayed consideration of applications when it considers sufficient input has not been received;

Whereas, this process has successfully helped the City to develop and redevelop areas of the City;

Whereas, this process is being followed in the development of the United Methodist Children's Home and the City encouraged UMCH and its developer to present potential plans to the public for discussion;

Whereas, plans were discussed with neighbors and at a special MPC public meeting;

Whereas, attendees at the meeting had significant opposition to the plan and City Council sent a letter to the developer stating the citizens' comments should be considered;

Whereas, no development plan has been submitted to the City; and,

Whereas, some citizens have indicated that the City Council supports the preliminary plan presented by the developer.

Now let it be known that City Council:

- Has never supported nor does it support the plan presented by UMCH and the developer,
- Supports the proven process, including public input, for considering development issues, and,
- Will only support UMCH redevelopment that enhances the community and meets, in the broadest sense, the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.