

This is an excerpt from Mayor Shelley Welsch's personal website: <http://www.ucitymo.com/blog/?p=73>

Four members of our City Council signed a pledge in December detailing how we will conduct ourselves on the Council – something of a local version of the Civility Accord. I have copied that pledge below.

RESOLUTION 2010 – 21 COUNCIL’S PLEDGE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the University City Council will offer this pledge for current Councilmembers to sign.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of University City is pledging to place its cooperation, trust and respect at the heart of all they do; and

WHEREAS, the City Council agrees to operate as an effective team, by doing their best to answer questions posed by one another, employees and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council agrees to actively listen, to be honest and candid with one another, to keep an open mind and to not take differences of opinion personally; and

WHEREAS, the City Council agrees to stay focused, avoiding tangents, to honor discussion before decisions are made and to disagree agreeably and professionally; and

WHEREAS, the City Council will honor varying work styles, personalities, and process needs, to realize the virtue of debate and to share information to avoid surprises; and

WHEREAS, the City Council will try to be consistent in process and operation and realize that people make mistakes; address the mistake and realize that people make mistakes and move on.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the undersigned individuals of the City Council of University City that they will adopt and support this pledge.

Adopted this 13th day of December, 2010.

Mayor Shelley Welsch

Councilmember Lynn Ricci

Councilmember Stephen Kraft

Councilmember Michael Glickert

We’ve made great progress on the City Council since April of 2010, in creating a more respectful and civil group. But there is still work to be done, and I am committed to making civility my watchword in all I do as the Mayor of University City.

Stay warm.

Mayor Shelley Welsch