

Resolution Number 280
U-Gas

Whereas, U-Gas is a locally owned and operated convenience store chain operating in the St. Louis, Missouri area. Started in 1977, U-Gas strives to provide the best customer service experience in the convenience store industry in St. Louis; and

Whereas, providing fast, friendly service in a fresh and fun environment was the cornerstone of the first U-Gas convenience store when it opened on December 1, 1977. Now with 18 stores in the St Louis metropolitan area, U-Gas still embraces these 4 simple principles that were put into effect by founder Paul Taylor when he opened that first store; and

Whereas, today U-Gas operates modern convenience stores mixing typical c-store offerings with GiGi's proprietary foodservice, modern automated car washes at some locations, and the best group of customer oriented employee's in the industry; and

Whereas, in addition to Conoco-Phillips fuels, U-Gas provides customers the best selection and value on food and grocery products, cold and hot beverages, deli items, beer, liquor, wine, and tobacco products in the convenience store industry; and

Whereas, the Hampton location is the first U-Gas development within the City of St. Louis and the project was developed completely with private funding and did not use tax abatement, tax increment financing (TIF), imminent domain or tax credits; and

Whereas, this project creates 20 new and permanent full-time jobs with paid benefits hiring local residents. There was \$2.3 million dollars in private investment used to construct the convenience store. The tax revenue will be close to \$400,000 annually and it resurrects vacant property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize U-Gas and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 16th day of December, 2011 by:

Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward

Adopted this the 16th day of December, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen