

UNION CITY MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Vince Williams, Councilmembers Christina Hobbs, Brian Jones and Angelette Mealing, City Attorney Dennis Davenport, City Manager Sonja Fillingame, City Clerk Jacqueline R. Cossey and Assistant City Clerk Shandrella Jewett

Absent: Councilmember Shayla Nealy

Dept. Heads: Tarsha Calloway – Finance, Nicole Dozier – Community Development, Cassandra Jones – Police Chief, Rhonda Jones – Human Resources, Lee Blich – Parks & Recreation, Lonnie Ferguson – Public Services and Trey Bennings – Information Technology

Absent: Joe Maddox - Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Williams.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Minister Lane

II. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: (2 MIN.)

Public comments were made by the following:

Hazel Blackmon of 7806 Bell Tower Lane spoke regarding a great Back to School Bash and National Night Out.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Presentation of a Proclamation Celebrating the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Night Out

A proclamation celebrating the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Night Out was presented to Police Chief Jones, Sergeant Echols, Captain Jones and Captain Hodges for hosting an outstanding event.

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing National Payroll Week

Due to the absence of a representative this proclamation was not presented.

Employee Presentation

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Solomon Dennis and Tera Bloom of Public Services for assisting Ms. Beatrice Ware, a senior citizen, who encounter a fall.

Department of Transportation Bridge Presentation

Geoffrey Donald of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Jagan Kaja of Parsons Brinckerhoff shared a traffic study with the Council regarding the need to reduce congestion and improve the operations at SR138 and I-85. Three alternatives were introduced; however, alternative one received the favorable response.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

*All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Council and will be approved by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Regular Agenda for separate consideration.*

1. Approval of the Minutes: Called Council Meeting, 07/07/2016  
Budget Workshop, 07/12/2016  
Worksession Meeting, 07/19/2016  
Regular Council Meeting, 07/19/2016
2. Reappointment of Sandra Hill to the Zoning Board of Appeals. *(Her term expires August 31, 2016)*
3. Reappointment of Antonio Andrews to the Zoning Board of Appeals. *(His term expires August 31, 2016)*
4. Council to consider filling the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.
5. Council to consider approval of an agreement with the Millennial Committee Engagement.

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.*

OLD BUSINESS: None.

REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

6. **Public Hearing** to consider approval of a request for Alcoholic Beverage License application for on premise consumption of malt liquors with Sunday sales for Pizza Hut located at 4715 Jonesboro Road. (Licensee - Valerie Ruth)

A discussion ensued with Director Calloway confirming that all administrative requirements have been met and staff recommends approval.

Public Hearing opened.

Albert Bolet came forward and spoke in favor of the request.

Public Hearing closed.

*On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.*

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. **Public Hearing** to consider approval to the use of land at Hunter Road for a Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facility. O.C. G. A. Section 36-66-4 requires this public hearing.

A discussion ensued with Director Dozier explaining that the law requires a public hearing with regards to the use of the property, but there will be no action taken tonight.

Public Hearing opened

Jordan Edwards of The Galloway Law Group spoke in favor of the item.

Steve Manning of Talbott Recovery Center spoke in favor of the item.

Public Hearing closed

City Manager Reports:

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

At this time Mayor Williams clarified for the record that Pizza Hut's Alcohol Business License is for on premises consumption not package sale.

At this time City Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session to review the Executive Session Minutes from July 19, 2016.

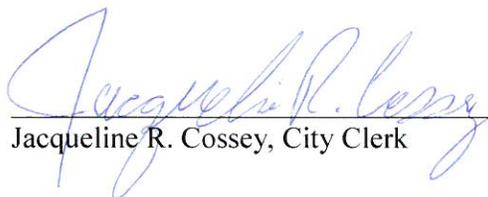
*On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to review the Executive Session Minutes from July 19, 2016. Vote was unanimous.*

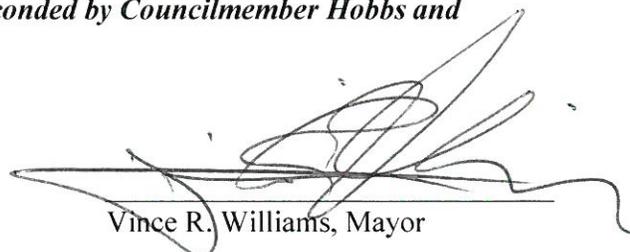
*On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council reconvened to regular session. Vote was unanimous.*

*On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from July 19, 2016 were unanimously approved.*

X. ADJOURNMENT:

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, the meeting adjourned.*

  
Jacqueline R. Cossey, City Clerk

  
Vince R. Williams, Mayor

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, Vince Williams, Mayor of the City of Union City, Georgia, who after being duly sworn says:

1.

I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Union City Mayor and City Council held on the 16 day of August, 2016.

2.

That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection a of this Code section, the person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

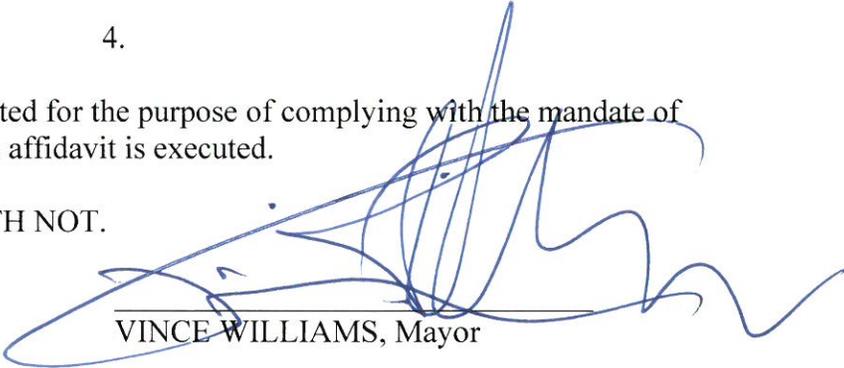
3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 16 day of August, 2016, which was closed for the purpose(s) of review Executive Session Minutes from July 19, 2016 as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

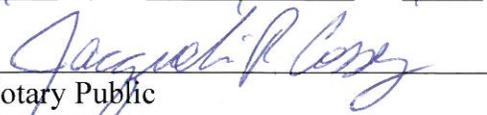
4.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4 (b) that such an affidavit is executed.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

  
VINCE WILLIAMS, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of July, 2016.

  
Notary Public

Notary Public, Fulton County, Georgia  
My Commission Expires Feb. 13, 2017