



3. Public Hearing to consider demolishing the property located at 6583 Clayborn Avenue.

This item was placed on the regular agenda.

4. Public Hearing to consider demolishing the property located at 6586 Clayborn Avenue.

This item was placed on the regular agenda.

5. Council to consider approval of the Dendreon traffic study completed by the Police Department.

Mayor Moore asked if there were any questions regarding the Dendreon traffic study.

This item was added to the consent agenda.

Councilmember Jones stated that he was researching trucks that were sitting and idling. He added that EPA has instituted a rule with requirements in certain states with regards to idling. He further added that this is something that we should think about putting on the books as far as trucks sitting and idling for a long period of time. Councilman Jones stated that he pulled a sample from the City of Atlanta and they fine them \$500.00 if they idle over 15 minutes. He concluded that this is something for Council's consideration. He added that he knows that at least one resident in Mr. Williams' neighborhood has complained about the idling.

Mr. Williams concurred. He added that the resident heard the truck idling in the evening and was concerned about fumes, but she is fine now. He further added that in the interest of warding off further complaints this is something that we should look into.

Councilmember Jackson stated that sometimes those diesels are hard to crank so they let them run.

Mr. Rapson stated that we should look at where we would allow diesels to idle because there are some in the Walmart parking lot and we really have not received any complaints and they have been there for a long time, but residential, neighborhood and corporate offices; that can be a problem. He further added that the other thing is the traffic study has a lot of signs in it, but he is going to try and minimize that as much as possible. He added that it may be a little different from what the Council is currently reviewing because he would not want to ruin the aesthetics.

Councilman Williams stated that he knew it would be some deviation when he read the study.

Mayor Moore asked the Council if staff should come back with a report with regards to idling to get a comparison of other legislation that is out there.

Council was agreeable.

Mayor Moore then directed Mr. Rapson to provide the idling staff report.

Mrs. Cossey asked when should the idling report be presented to the Council.

Mayor Moore stated that this item should appear on the March agenda.

6. **Public Hearing** to consider application submitted by Gwendolyn Yvonne Jenkins Reese for a license for a license for package sales of malt and vinous liquors for Yasmins on 29 located at 6715 Roosevelt Highway, Union City, GA.

City Planner Ann Lippmann stated that there were no issues regarding this item.

This item was placed on the regular agenda.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager Reports:

Mr. Rapson provided an update regarding the following

- Marquis Grissom Baseball Field

Mr. Rapson stated that he is ready to make a conditional offer for Marquis Grissom's ball field. He added that he made a tentative offer of \$50,000.00. He concluded that it was originally on the market for \$185,000.00. He concluded that with the Council's blessings, he would move forward with putting a contract in place.

Councilmember Mealing clarified that the amount of the contract was \$50,000.00.

Mr. Rapson replied, "Correct".

Councilmember Mealing asked where was the money coming from, the source.

Mr. Rapson stated that he would take it out of the recreation department. He added that there is extra money in the operations. He further added that he is proposing to pay \$25,000.00 this year and pay the balance in December, which would be our next calendar year. He further added that this would be a good item to discuss during the retreat.

Council was agreeable.

- Union City Water Tower Project Update

He stated that it will be painted exactly like it is now and nothing fancy and the project should begin in the next 30 days. He added that the leaning tower will be removed and the police department will take ownership of it.

- Stormwater Utility Project Update

He stated that there will be an ordinance coming for the next meeting concerning stormwater utility. He added that it is currently in draft form. He added that Mr. Davenport made some comments so it will be revised; however, there will be another ordinance following it. He then stated that he thinks that it should appear in March unless the Council wants to see it earlier.

Council agreed to place this item on the March agenda.

- EECBG Lighting Update Project Update

He stated that this project is about 75% complete. He added that they have not addressed the chambers but they should address it tomorrow and it should be brighter. He concluded that the light switches would be removed and motion sensors would be installed.

Mrs. Cossey stated that we may look into replacing the wall sconces to provide more light.

- Trail System Grand Opening Rescheduled

He stated that the Grand opening has been moved to March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.

- Fire SAFER Grant

He stated that it is like a COPS grant but it is for the fire department. He added that they are going to be requesting three full-time people with the Council's blessings. He further added that the grant will be approximately \$400,000.00 and it will pay for those 3 full-time positions for the first 2 years at 100%. Mr. Rapson stated that if the Council is agreeable, he would have the fire department to apply for the grant.

Council was agreeable.

- Citizens Lane Name Change

He stated that he already has the signs for the change. He added that he changed the street sign back to Gladys Knight Lane today, but at some point the Council will need to agree to the Citizens Lane name change.

Councilman Williams stated that he was contacted by Holly and John about adding a strip on their billboard and if it is fine with the Mayor and Council, there can be some movement on that because it will hamper their business if we continue to change the street.

Councilman Jones stated that he does not have a problem changing it as long as they are going to be there for a while.

Councilwoman Mealing stated that she would like for it to stay as is because she agrees with Councilman Jones. She added that she does not want to change the name to the name of their business because she is not sure how long they are going to be there and she does not want to

keep going back and forth with the name change. She then asked for the cost associated with the name change.

Mr. Rapson stated that the business owner is bearing the cost and we just change it.

Councilwoman Mealing then stated that she does not have a problem if they are going to pay for it.

Mr. Rapson stated that this will need to be placed on the consent agenda because he will need official action to change the street name.

Council agreed that the consent agenda will be fine.

Councilman Jones asked if there was any interest in the mall.

Mr. Rapson stated that he spoke with the owner and they have people who have expressed an interest and they are trying to set up a meeting for next week to show it.

At this time Mr. Rapson stated that he had one item for executive session.

City Attorney Davenport asked what it was concerning.

Mr. Rapson stated it is regarding a personnel matter. He then asked the Police Chief and Human Resources manager to remain for executive session.

***On motion of Councilmember Williams seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council entered into executive session to discuss one personnel matter.***

***On motion of Councilmember Williams seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council reconvened to regular session.***

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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