

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013  
7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Ralph Moore, Councilmembers Shirley Jackson, Brian Jones, Angelette Mealing and Vince Williams, City Attorney Dennis Davenport, Interim City Manager Sonja Fillingame, City Clerk Jacqueline R. Cossey and Assistant City Clerk Tameka Ashmon

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Invocation by Councilmember Shirley Jackson

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

III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

At this time Mayor Moore stated that he would like to honor Retired Jail Chief John Mansch request to retire his gun and badge. He then asked that this request be placed in the form of a motion.

***On motion of Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, the request was unanimously approved.***

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: Worksession Meeting, 04/08/2013  
Regular Council Meeting, 04/16/2013  
Called Council Meeting, 04/29/2013
2. Council to consider approval to proceed to the next lowest bidder, Lewallen, for the MARTA project in the amount of \$264,490.00.

***On motion of Councilmember Williams seconded by Councilmember Jackson and carried, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.***

V. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS: None.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

City Manager Reports:

- South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail Update

At this time Mrs. Fillingame stated that she wanted to provide a status update regarding the South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail. She added that letters were sent out on May 20, 2013 to jurisdictions that the City has agreements with including Palmetto, Hapeville, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, Fairburn and Fulton County notifying them that June 20, 2013 will be our date to close operations at the Jail. She further added that the letters were sent to the aforementioned jurisdictions so that they would be aware of the situation. Mrs. Fillingame stated that she has informed them that the staff will work with them to ensure that the transition runs as smoothly as possible. She added that with regards to the budget deficit with the Jail, she will continue the rift process. She further added that they are currently processing nine positions and there will be more to come. She concluded that she wanted to keep the Council posted on the situation as promised.

Councilmember Jones asked if all police arrests will go through Fulton County Jail.

Councilmember Jackson replied, "No".

Mrs. Fillingame explained that she has had heavy discussions with Police Chief Odom, who has been a key part of this process, and if the charges are state charges, they will be sent to Rice Street Jail, but any City ordinance violations will be ticketed and summoned to Municipal Court.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Jones stated that it was important for us to pray for Oklahoma. He added that Union City is not immune to incumbent weather, so he would encourage all resident to be mindful of the warning and sirens during bad weather. He then congratulated all Union City graduates and staff with graduating seniors. He then concluded by thanking the staff for everything that they do.

At this time Mayor Moore stated that after extreme consideration and careful prayer, he would tender his resignation as the Mayor of Union City effective June 16, 2013. He added that it has been a journey and he has met and touched many lives along this journey. He added that this has been a 20 year journey, which has been one third of his life, which he was willing to offer for the cause of this community. He then stated that he would not be going away and he plans to play a very significant role in the upcoming November Election because Union City deserves the best that it can get and he plans to manage resources and whatever influences that he has to ensure that the people with Union City best interest at heart will prevail. Mayor Moore stated that the he will pray for and offer his assistance to the people here that have a desire and God has led them to move this City forward. He then informed the staff that they were the greatest 20 years ago and they are the greatest now and to never let negativity persuade them from putting Union City first because other cities are trying

to emulate the hard work of the people who stood by him for twenty years and made Union City what is it. He then addressed all colleagues present with words of wisdom and praise. Mayor concluded by informing his colleagues and staff that he would miss them and may God bless them and Union City.

Mayor Moore stated that he would entertain a motion to enter into Executive Session for two items regarding threatened litigation.

***On motion of Councilmember Williams seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss two items regarding threatened litigation. Vote was unanimous.***

***On motion of Councilmember Williams seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council reconvened to Regular Session. Vote was unanimous.***

***On motion of Councilmember Jackson seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, Council amended the motion to enter into Executive session to include review of the Executive Session Minutes for April 8, 2013 and April 16, 2013. Vote was unanimous.***

***On motion of Councilmember Jackson seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the Executive Session Minutes for 8, 2013 and April 16, 2013 were approved as written. Vote was unanimous.***

X. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Jacqueline R. Cossey

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Ralph Moore, Mayor



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May 21, 2013

Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem Vince Williams and City Council  
City of Union City  
5047 Union St.  
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Dear Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and Council,

The journey of public service has now concluded for me and I now must seek new roads to serve my fellow man. Union City has been one of those roads and I have gladly walked that path for twenty years, praying that this journey has touched the lives of the citizens of this great city in a positive way. With any journey the soles of your shoes wear thin and often the bottom has holes resulting in a painful walk. But God has allowed me to endure the pain by resoling my shoes and showing me the path toward a building and maintaining fruitful community.

Effective on June 16, 2013 at 12:01 (GMT), my term as mayor will conclude. As Mayor Pro-Tem you are by charter to assume all my responsibilities until an appropriate successor is selected. I walk away knowing that you and the council will continue the work that has resulted in growing this city into one of the leading commercial, employment centers and places to live in the southern metro-area. I shall continue to pray and do know that the success of this city shall continue beyond our limited imagination. May God richly bless you and city council..

Sincerely,

(Mayor) Ralph Moore

Cc: Councilman Shirley Jackson  
Councilman Brian Jones  
Sonja Fillingame, Interim City Manager  
Dennis Davenport, City Attorney