

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013
7:00 P.M.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Councilmember Angelette Mealing

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

Comments were made by the following:

- Thomas Hayes of 4701 Flat Shoals Road, spoke regarding his water bill issues as fees associated with his water bill
- Ahlumba Harris of 3300 Summers Brooke Lane spoke regard outstanding customer service that she received from Nodja Williamson of the Public Services Department
- Yvonne Barber of 6385 Church Street spoke regarding racial profiling and conveyed her dissatisfaction with the Union City Police Department

III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation presented to the Etowah Valley Young Marines Program

At this time Mayor Pro-Tem Jackson requested that City Clerk Cossey read the proclamation aloud. The Council posed for a photo with participants of the Etowah Valley Young Marines Program.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

V. 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 Meeting Agenda for separate consideration.

1. Approval of the Minutes:
 - 1st Millage Rate Public Hearing, 08/05/2013
 - Budget Presentation, 08/05/2013
 - 2nd Millage Rate Public Hearing, 08/05/2013
 - Budget Hearing, 08/05/2013
 - Final Millage Rate Hearing, 08/12/2013
 - Worksession Meeting, 08/12/2013
 - Regular Council Meeting, 08/12/2013

2. Council to consider approval of the 2014 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG).
3. Council to consider approval an addendum to the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Defined Benefit Retirement Plan.
4. Council to consider approval of amending the flood ordinance to reference maps.
5. Council to consider whether to accept the new animal control agreement presented from Fulton County.

On Motion of Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS: None.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager Reports:

- Pedestrian System Phase One Update

At this time City Manager Fillingame asked Public Services Director Cedric Clark to come forward and provide an update regarding the pedestrian system.

Mr. Clark addressed the Council and informed them that Bond Group Seven was put on hold due to budget constraints. He added that this is a companion project with the Pedestrian System Phase One Project and they both have the same scope of work on the same streets. He added that we would need to notify GDOT and send a letter asking to move forward on the project. He concluded that he just wanted to make sure that the Council was aware of this prior to taking any action and contacting GDOT.

- SAFER Grant

City Manager Fillingame informed the Council that the Fire Department recently applied for the SAFER grant in the amount of \$710,454.00 in federal funds, there is no match required with this grant and it will fund six fire fighter positions.

Chief Leasher informed the Council that we can expect the award around November. He added that this is a fully funded project for two years and includes benefits and after two years if the City cannot afford to pay the six fire fighters, we would have to let them go. He further added that he could reapply to keep them for two additional years, but it would have to go through the same process.

X. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Mealing praised the staff for pulling off a great Al Jarreau concert. She added that she has received a lot of great feedback on the Public Services Department and she appreciates the work that they do. She then informed everyone that the Union City Eagles' Homecoming will be this weekend.

Councilmember Jones also stated that the Al Jarreau concert was great and staff did an exceptional job in making sure that the concert ran well. He then commended staff on a job well done every day.

City Attorney Davenport stated that he had the following items for Executive Session: one item regarding pending litigation, and review of the Executive Session Minutes of August 12, 2013.

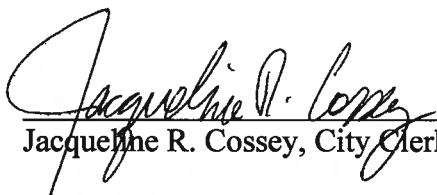
On motion of Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss one items of pending litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes of August 12, 2013. Vote was unanimous.

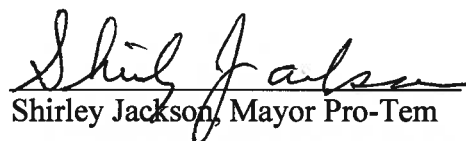
On motion of Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the Council reconvened to Regular Session. Vote was unanimous.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Executive Session Minutes of August 12, 2013 were approved as written. Vote was unanimous.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

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


Jacqueline R. Cossey, City Clerk


Shirley Jackson, Mayor Pro-Tem

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, Ralph Moore, 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 17 day of September 20 13.

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 17 day of September, 20 13, which was closed for the purpose(s) of 3 Items (1) Pending Litigation (1) Review of August 12, 2013 Executive Session Minutes 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.

Shirley Jackson
~~VINCE WILLIAMS~~, Mayor Pro-Tem
Shirley Jackson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of September, 2013.

Jacqueline R. Casey
Notary Public