

UNION CITY MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014  
7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Vince Williams, Councilmembers Shayla Nealy, Brian Jones, Angelette Mealing and Joyce Robinson, City Attorney Dennis Davenport, City Manager Sonja Fillingame, City Clerk Jacqueline R. Cossey and Assistant City Clerk Ricky Clark Jr.

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 Pastor Andre Landers of the Higher Living Christian Church

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

No one signed up to speak.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Presentation to Danny Grier

At this time Mayor Williams presented Mr. Lamar Danny Grier with a plaque for 30 years of service. The presentation was followed by a photo with the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Williams recognized Commission Robert Pitts of Fulton County, Councilmember Liz Hurst and Newly-Elected Councilmember Hattie Portis-Jones from the City of Fairburn.

Swearing-in of Councilmember Angelette Mealing

At this time Councilmember Angelette Mealing was sworn in by City Attorney Davenport

Swearing-in of Councilmember Shayla Nealy

Councilmember Shayla Nealy was also sworn in by City Attorney Davenport

Swearing-in of Mayor Vince Williams

Mayor Williams was sworn in by Pastor Andre Landers

***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.***

IV. OLD BUSINESS: (The following items were deferred from the October 15, 2013 Council Meeting)



Councilmember Jones thanked the residents, staff and his colleagues for their prayers, love and support over the holidays as he experienced a death in his family. He thanked the employees for a great 2013 and he is looking forward to a great 2014. He then welcomed all new Councilmembers.

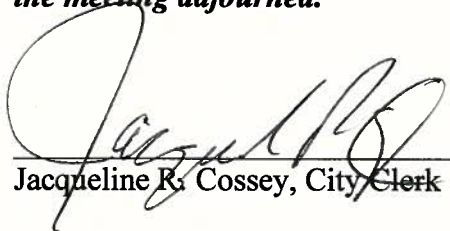
Councilmember Mealing thanked God for the opportunity to serve Union City again. She then thanked the citizens and residents for voting for her and supporting her on the campaign trail. At this time she thanked her family and friends for their overwhelming support. She added that she could not have done it without the support of her family. She concluded that she is looking forward to working with the new Mayor and Council. She then congratulated Mr. Danny Grier.

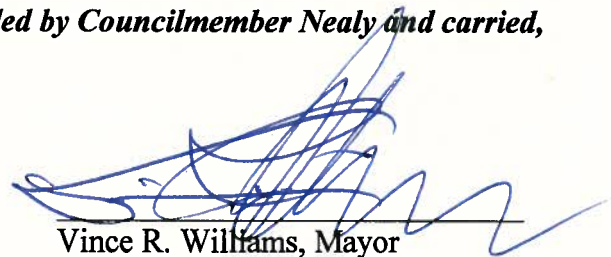
Councilmember Robinson congratulated Councilmember Shayla Nealy and stated that she brings a lot of experience that the City will benefit from. She then congratulated Mr. Danny Grier and wished him the best in his retirement. Councilmember Robinson asked the audience to continue to attend the Council Meetings. She then thanked City Clerk Jacqueline Cossey and Assistant City Clerk Ricky Clark for the outstanding publication and thanked them for their service.

At this time Mayor Williams stated that a simple thank you goes a long way and when you do not do that, you have missed a great opportunity. He then thanked his wife, Sharon Williams and his daughter Nia Williams. Mayor Williams thanked Pastor Andre Landers for playing a great part of whom his daughter has become and who he has become. He then thanked staff for all that they do. Mayor Williams stated that there is a perception of Union City and he asked that the perception be laid aside and left in the past because we are moving forward and everyone is welcome to join us.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

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

  
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Jacqueline R. Cossey, City Clerk

  
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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 21 day of January, 2014.

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.

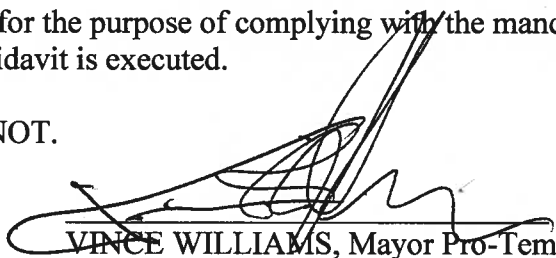
3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 21 day of January, 2014, which was closed for the purpose(s) of Minutes of Dec. 17, 2013, 1-Threatened Litigation 2-Pending Litigation 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 Pro-Tem

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
21 day of January, 2014.

  
Notary Public

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