

UNION CITY MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 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 and Assistant City Clerk Ricky L. Clark, Jr.

Absent: City Clerk Jacqueline Cossey

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 led by Network Administrator Trey Bennings.

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

Public Comments were made by the following:

- Yvonne Barber of 6385 Church Street, Union City, Georgia spoke in regards to eyesores & massive overgrowth within the City that has been ongoing for 15-17 years.
- Bonnie Hinton of 6354 Shannon Parkway 7H, Union City, Georgia spoke in regards to the lack of businesses within the City and the need to travel outside of Union City for retail, dining and other experiences.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Presentation to the winner of the Cutest Baby Contest

Mayor Williams began the presentation by requesting that all of the contestants stand. City Manager Sonja Fillingame elaborated and noted that Staff embarked upon this contest as an ongoing effort to expand marketing practices of the City. Mrs. Fillingame thanked Ricky Clark for helping spearhead promoting and marketing efforts necessary for the Cutest Baby Contest. At this time, Mrs. Fillingame read aloud the contestants of the Cutest Baby Contest.

Once all names had been called by Mrs. Fillingame, Ricky Clark, read aloud the names of the first, second & third place winners (3rd Place – Kylie Sargeant, 2nd Place – Adiva Range, 1st Place – Sydney Harris). Without further adieu, Mayor Williams crowned the 1st place winner.

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. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes:

Worksession Meeting, 05/20/2014
Regular Council Meeting, 05/20/2014
FY 2015 Annual Retreat, 05/23/2014

2. Council to consider approval of the FY 2015-2017 cooperation agreement between the City of Union City and Fulton County to continue its participation in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.
3. Council to consider approval of a resolution regarding the FY 2015-2017 cooperation agreement between the City of Union City and Fulton County to continue its participation in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.
4. Council to consider obtaining a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) in the amount of \$3 Million.
5. Council to consider approval of the 2014 Bond Issue for the Water and Sewer Authority. (Note: See Agenda (Regular/New Business) Item two (2) for point of clarity regarding this item)
6. Council to consider approval of an intergovernmental agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), the City of Fairburn and the City of Union City regarding the Union City Pedestrian System (Project Number CSTEE-0009-00(060)).

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

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council to consider approval of a Resolution to amend the Urban Redevelopment Plan of the City of Union City. (Returned 30-Days from May 20, 2014 Council Meeting)

Senior Planner Shayla Harris advised that the petitioner requested that this item be withdrawn from the agenda and be presented alongside the forthcoming annexation request in September.

No action taken on this agenda item.

VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Public Hearing** to consider a petition submitted by Randy Grebeck for malt and vinous liquor license for package sales for the Southwind Golf Community located at 5695 Rosewood Place.

Senior Planner Shayla Harris advised that the petitioner would like to have this item removed from agenda.

City Attorney Dennis Davenport noted that this is a Public Hearing and it was advertised for the meeting tonight.

Councilmember Jones questioned if Staff was aware of a date in which the petitioner would like to have this item brought back before Council.

City Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that the petition will have to be re-advertised again and staff will start the process all over.

On Motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, the aforementioned item was withdrawn from the Agenda by a unanimous vote.

2. Council to consider approval of a resolution regarding 2014 Bond Issue for the Water and Sewer Authority.

City Attorney Dennis Davenport advised Council that at the Worksession, there was a slight mishap with items 6 & 7, respectfully. At the Worksession, Council voted to place item #6 (Council to consider approval of the 2014 Bond Issue for the Water and Sewer Authority) on the Consent Agenda and item #7 (Council to consider approval of a resolution regarding 2014 Bond Issue for the Water and Sewer Authority) to be withdrawn from the agenda. Attorney Davenport noted that the items were switched and should in fact be opposite with item #6 being withdrawn and item #7 being placed on the Consent Agenda.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

City Manager Reports:

City Manager Fillingame provided Council with the following reports:

- Internship Program – Mrs. Fillingame noted that the internship program is moving full speed ahead. We have been successful in acquiring five (5) interns that will be assisting in Human Resources, Public Services, Parks & Recreation, Information Technology and Finance.
- Royal South Parkway - Mrs. Fillingame showed a before and after photo to the Council regarding the cleanup efforts that have been conducted by Public Services. Upon question of Mayor Williams, Chief Odom stated that this area is being heavily monitored.
- Preliminary Budget Calendar –

July	Individual Departments to begin reviewing their budgets with Comptroller Tarsha Calloway
August 5th	Comptroller Tarsha Calloway will conduct first budget presentation to include 1 st Millage Rate Hearing & 2 nd Millage Rate Hearing.
August 12th	Final Millage Rate Hearing and Adoption of FY'15 Budget.

In closing, Mrs. Fillingame advised Council of the efforts being put forth by staff to revive the UC Green Team. Mrs. Fillingame noted that the UC Green Team is focused on improving our community and helping with clean-up efforts in the community. Mayor Williams added that no new businesses or new opportunities will come into the City if it's filthy. Furthermore, Mayor

Williams requested that staff research and bring forth to Council the highest fine possible for those caught littering and/or dumping.

At this time City Manager Fillingame requested that Comptroller Tarsha Calloway update Council on the EAP Program. Mrs. Calloway noted that the contract has come up for renewal and staff requests to renew the contract for another two years. After questioning from Mayor Williams, HR Specialist Teaa Allston advised that the name of the company is FEI Behavioral Health.

Chief Odom advised that after the passage of HB 60, he is planning to establish the Council Chambers as a secure area. Security will be set up anytime a meeting is held in the Chambers and there will be a security checkpoint to ensure that no weapons are brought into Chambers. In addition, Chief Odom advised that signage will be placed in the foyer to advise visitors that if they have a weapon, it must be secured in their vehicle. Furthermore, Chief Odom advised that this issue may need to be visited in a workshop to allow the Council the opportunity to voice their opinion about other City facilities. Upon questioning from Mayor Williams, Chief Odom advised that he is notified of all meetings held in Council Chambers.

City Attorney Dennis Davenport advised that he had two items to discuss in Executive Session.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

VIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilwoman Robinson – Stated that it was nice to see all the babies in attendance at the Council Meeting. Furthermore, Councilwoman Robinson stated that it's great to see that citizens are stepping up to the podium to express the things that Council is adamantly working on. In closing, Ms. Robinson urged all citizens to participate in Council meetings.

Councilwoman Mealing – Wished all fathers a belated "Happy Father's Day." Councilwoman Mealing stated that she had the opportunity to look at Ronald Bridges Park and she is proud to say that it is a Union City Park. Councilwoman Mealing also stated that Union City is up and arising and becoming the place that a lot of people are admiring and becoming jealous of. In response to Ms. Hinton's concerns as stated during Public Comments, Councilwoman Mealing stated that she agrees, and she too, has to travel for certain things outside of the City. Councilwoman Mealing assured Ms. Hinton that her words will not fall upon death ears as the Council also wants Union City to be the place that people will desire to live here, shop here and have fun here. Furthermore, Councilwoman Mealing stated that her main concern is providing quality of life. Councilwoman Mealing also commended Code Enforcement for all of their efforts in making sure the City is clean. In closing, Councilwoman Mealing stated that the City must continue to communicate its message to citizenry.

Councilwoman Nealy – Stated that she agrees with everything her fellow Councilmembers stated. Councilwoman Nealy also stated that everyone is diligently working to create a great place to live. Councilwoman Nealy stated that she hears

everything that citizens are saying and she is working to ensure that the quality of life does improve. In closing, Councilwoman Nealy thanked staff for all of the work put forth on a daily basis.

Councilman Jones – Echoed everything that his fellow Councilmembers stated. Councilman Jones stated that it has been a long fight with economic development. Councilman Jones advised that he along with other staff members have been all over to talk with different companies about economic development. Councilman Jones commended Senior Planner Shayla Harris for all of her efforts ensuring that the City's message is communicated with other businesses. Councilman Jones noted that these businesses are looking at size and how much disposable income you have. The mall is a perfect opportunity for the economic development engine to kick into gear, noted Councilmember Jones. Another constant complaint is the number of trucks that we have in Union City. In closing, Councilman Jones commended staff for their efforts with the Cutest Baby Contest.

Mayor Williams- Also echoed everything previously stated by his fellow Councilmembers. In response to Ms. Hinton, Mayor Williams advised that he and his fellow Councilmembers are with her 100%. Mayor Williams stated that we will not give up until we know that Union City and its residents have everything that they deserve. Furthermore, Mayor Williams advised that when prospective businesses look to build in your community, they analyze to see if residents are currently supporting existing businesses. In addition, Mayor Williams thanked staff for everything that they do to get our message out. Mayor Williams also noted that the City has a lot of great, young talent on Board. In closing, Mayor Williams commended the efforts of Senior Planner Shayla Harris and the Collaborative Firm and stated that the City must get a push on economic development to become the City of hope, promise and the place that everyone wants to emulate.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, the Council entered into Executive Session to discuss two items, one involving pending litigation and to review the Executive Session Minutes from May 29, 2014.

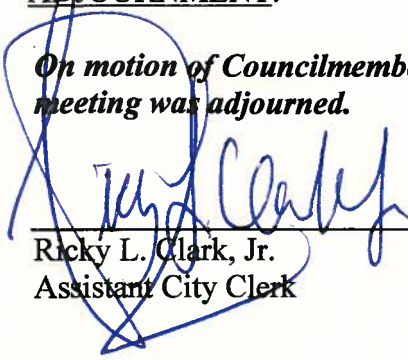
On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council reconvened to Regular Session. Vote was unanimous.

At this time, Attorney Davenport advised Council that the current MOU with Fulton County regarding the South Fulton Jail is about to expire. Attorney Davenport addressed several issues that had been corrected within the MOU and advised Council that he had spoken with the Fulton County Attorney's office regarding the proposed changes/additions. Attorney Davenport noted that the updated MOU is on the Fulton County Commission Agenda for tomorrow, June 18th.

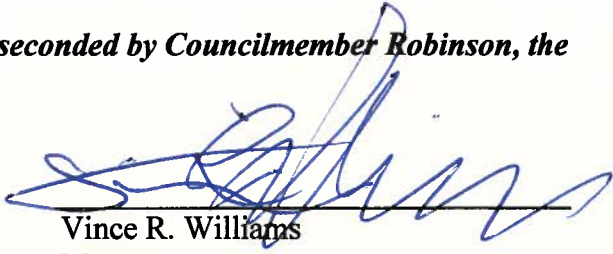
On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council unanimously approved the updated MOU regarding the South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, the meeting was adjourned.



Ricky L. Clark, Jr.
Assistant 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 17th day of June, 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.

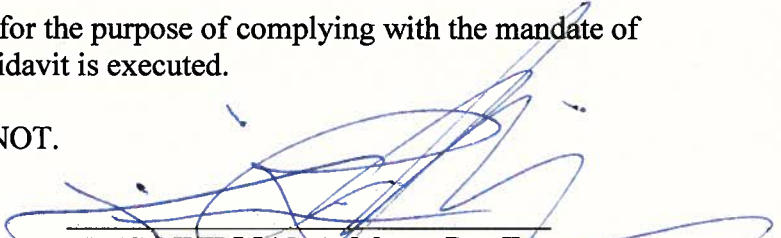
3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 17th day of June, 2014, which was closed for the purpose(s) of Pending Litigation, Minutes of May 20, 2014 Exec. Session 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 17 day of June, 2014.

Notary Public

