

UNION CITY MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 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 City Clerk Jacqueline Cossey

Absent: Assistant City Clerk Ricky L. 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 led by Mayor Williams.

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 her displeasure with the Police Department, Code Enforcement and Public Services.
- Karolen Mazyck of 5638 Liberty Road, Union City, Georgia spoke in regards to eye sores and issues with patched roads in the community.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Presentation by Union City Summer Interns

Teaa Allston, Human Resources Specialist stated that she was very proud of the interns and thanked them for their participation. She then turned the program over to Ashley Minter, Operations Coordinator.

Alexus Whicker, J'Lynne Jordan, Rotimi Kadiri, Cynthia Larongsa and Daniel Wynn presented the Council with a video regarding their work experience with the City. Following the video each intern was presented with a plaque for their participation.

The Mayor and Council thanked the interns for their participation.

- Presentation by Georgia Tech Interns

Kayla Fortner, Elizabeth Karlsson and Sharlene Khan provided a brief presentation consisting of concerns with two intersections in the City. They also provided recommendations to improve both intersections.

The Mayor and Council thanked the interns for their participation and recommendations. He then urged staff to confirm the sound days prior to any presentation, not the day of the presentation.

This item was unanimously approved during the July 15, 2014 Worksession.

VIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

At this time City Attorney Davenport informed the Council that they could review the Executive Session Minutes from June 17, 2014 and approve them because they are brief.

Councilmember Robinson thanked the high school and college interns for their presentations. She also thanked the citizens for coming out as well as the Citizen's Police Academy. She added that the presentations were good, but video and sound need work. She then stated that the Mayor graduated from the local newspaper to the Atlanta Journal Constitution (AJC).

Councilmember Mealing echoed Councilmember Robinson's comments and stated that the presentations were impressive, but the sound needs work and we will get it right because we strive for excellence. She added that it was great to see the young people and citizens come out and engage in the meeting. Councilmember Mealing recognized the Fire Department and encouraged them to drink plenty of water due to the heat. She then thanked the Police Department and stated that we will be working with Code Enforcement on efforts contributed to the Lien and Green program to assist with the cosmetics of the community. She also thanked Parks and Recreation for working with the kids this summer and getting them ready to play sports in the Fall. In conclusion Councilmember Mealing recognized the Citizen's Police Academy.

Councilmember Jones stated that he had concerns as well as recommendations. He then stated that there has been a lot of discussion about the Mall and what the Council is doing; therefore he wanted to bring forward some recommendations as well as a text amendment to Town Center Mixed Use (TCMU) where the Council would place a percentage cap on each category: Residential, Commercial and Industrial. He continued stating that by placing a cap on TCMU, the City would not get abused with development. Councilmember Jones stated that he read the article in the newspaper regarding the Mall and he stated in the Retreat with the developers that we are all ready to help. He added that he took the liberty of pulling the 2014 Restaurant and Retail Expansion Guide for businesses that are looking to expand across the country. He further added that if we show the developers our research and what we are looking for they will see that while we are working on a plan for the Mall we are also working with businesses that are looking to expand. Councilmember Jones stated that we have to be proactive in giving the residents what they want as well as reaching out to those businesses and restaurants. He then gave information to City Planner Shayla Harris.

Councilmember Jones asked if we have moved forward with the purchase of any equipment with regards to House Bill (HB- 60).

Police Chief Odom stated that signs have been ordered.

Councilmember Jones stated that HB-60 allows for guns to be carried in government buildings unless the governing authority states that they do not want them. He added that local municipalities would have to purchase metal detectors, so his idea is to send

a copy of an invoice to our State Representative or even the Governor to show the financial impact that it would have on the City.

At this time Councilmember Jones thanked the summer interns for their participation in the summer internship program. He then thanked the Georgia Tech interns for an awesome presentation. Councilmember Jones concluded by thanking staff for all that they do.

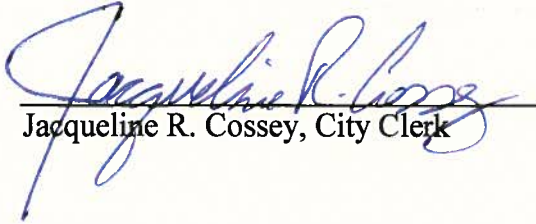
Councilmember Nealy thanked her colleagues for keeping each other informed. She then thanked the residents for coming out and engaging. She also thanked staff assisting her, specifically Shayla Harris with regards to GAWP and Cedric Clark with regards to stormwater Ordinances. She then thanked staff for assisting the interns and showing them what it is like to be of service in this capacity. Councilmember Nealy thanked the Georgia Tech interns for an outstanding presentation and informed them that she is also an engineer. She concluded that it is good to see that we may have some cost savings to the City heading into our new fiscal year and let the residents know that we are doing everything that we can to save finances so that we can implement what we need to with those savings.

Mayor Williams gave thanks to all of the young people who participated in the internship program, high school and college. He then asked participants of the Citizen's Police Academy to stand and thanked them for their service. At this time Mayor Williams stated that he and the Council are calling upon all of the residents to get involved because neither the Council nor the staff can do it all, but if we do it collectively; we can make a difference. Mayor Williams stated that we have several implementations to make sure that the City is proud of what it looks like because he agrees that before a business considers coming to the area; they visit and if they are not pleased, they will move on. At this time Mayor Williams provided the Council with a copy of the AJC news article containing his comment with regards to the Mall. He then stated that there were misunderstandings from a lot of readers with regards to the article. He added that the Mayor shares the same views of the Council because he lives here as well. He further added that we need retail opportunities and restaurant opportunities and we need jobs. Mayor Williams stated that we have to find a way to achieve a happy medium with the company who has purchased the property. He added that Union City does not own the property but for us to continue to stay involved; we have to keep a seat at the table so we can keep speaking to them and letting them know what we want to see in our City. He concluded that this is not about the Mayor and Council, but the greater good of the City and community.

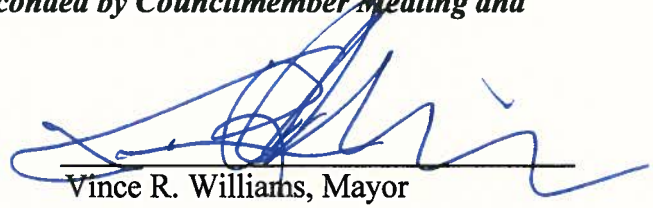
On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the Executive Session Minutes from June 17, 2014. Vote was unanimous.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

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



Jacqueline R. Cossey, City Clerk



Vince R. Williams, Mayor

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS

WHEREAS, the City of Union City, Georgia (the "City"), a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, has previously issued \$12,575,000 in original aggregate principal amount of its Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006 (the "Series 2006 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the City proposes refunding the Series 2006 Bonds maturing in 2017 through 2026 (the "Refunded Bonds") in order to achieve debt service savings in each year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX, Section V, Paragraph III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and O.C.G.A. Section 36-82-1 (collectively, the "Constitutional Requirements"), the City has the power to refund all or any part of its outstanding bonded indebtedness by the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds without the necessity of conducting a referendum if certain conditions are satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes authorizing the issuance of its general obligation refunding bond or bonds (the "Bonds") for the purpose of refunding the Refunded Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF UNION CITY GEORGIA, acting by and through its Mayor and Council, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, as follows:

1. Authorization and Terms of Bonds. The issuance of the Bonds is hereby authorized. The principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$9,655,000. The Bonds shall bear interest at a fixed rate or rates not exceeding 4.625 %. The maximum amount of principal to be paid on April 1 of each year shall not exceed the amounts set forth below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2015	\$ 210,000
2016	130,000
2017	745,000
2018	820,000
2019	850,000
2020	885,000
2021	910,000
2022	950,000
2023	980,000
2024	1,020,000
2025	1,055,000
2026	1,100,000

The exact terms of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, the principal amount, interest rate and prepayment provisions, shall be set forth in a bond resolution to be adopted by the City prior to the issuance of the Bonds. The exact terms of the Bonds shall in all cases comply with the Constitutional Requirements and be consistent with the findings set forth in Section 2 below.

The bond resolution shall provide for the assessment and collection of an annual tax sufficient in amount to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due in compliance with Article IX, Section V, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

2. Findings. (a) The Constitutional Requirements have been satisfied in that:

(i) The final maturity date of the Refunded Bonds is April 1, 2026. The final maturity date of the Bonds shall not be extended beyond the final maturity date of the Refunded Bonds.

(ii) The average interest rate on the Refunded Bonds is 4.50%. The average interest rate on the Bonds shall be less than the average interest rate on the Refunded Bonds.

(iii) The principal amount of the Bonds actually issued will only exceed the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds to the extent necessary to effectuate the refunding and to allow the reduction of the total principal and interest requirements over the remaining term of the Refunded Bonds.

(iv) The total debt service on the Refunding Bonds is \$11,164,312. The total debt service on the Bonds shall be less than the total debt service on the Refunded Bonds.

(v) The proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds, together with the earnings and increments derived therefrom, will be sufficient to provide for payment of the principal of, interest, and premium, if any, on the Refunded Bonds and shall be deposited in an irrevocable trust fund created for that purpose.

(b) The Bonds, when added to all other indebtedness of the City, will be within the applicable 10% constitutional debt limitation imposed by Article IX, Section V, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

3. Validation. The Bonds shall be validated in the manner required b by the laws of the State of Georgia. To that end, notice of the adoption of this Resolution and a certified copy hereof shall be immediately served on the District Attorney in order that proceedings for the confirmation and validation of the Bonds by the Superior Court of Fulton County may be instituted by said District Attorney. The Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and to take any and all actions required to validate the Bonds.

4. Waiver of Bond Audit. The City hereby waives the performance audit or performance review requirement referred to in O.C.G.A. Section 36-82-100.

5. Ratification. All actions taken by the officers, employees and agents of the City which are in furtherance of the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and affirmed.

6. General Authority. The Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, Clerk and the employees, officers and agents of the City are hereby authorized to execute any and all

documents and to take any and all actions required to carry out the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

7. Repealing Clause. All resolutions or parts thereof of the City in conflict with the provisions contained in this Resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted and approved this 15th day of July, 2014.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Clerk

CITY OF UNION CITY

By: _____
Mayor