

UNION CITY MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Vince Williams, Councilmembers Brian Jones, Angelette Mealing, Shayla Nealy and Joyce Robinson, City Attorney Dennis Davenport, City Manager Sonja Fillingame and Acting City Clerk D. Venessa Campbell

Absent: Jacqueline R. Cossey, City Clerk

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Williams.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Invocation - Kayla Bankston of Hapeville Charter School and Resurrection House for All Nations

Pledge of Allegiance - Victoria Oniya of Oakley Elementary School

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

Kathleen Jones of 8829 Lake Crest Way spoke regarding her water and sewer bill.

Rochell Farrel of 6237 Hickory Lane Circle spoke regarding her elevated water and sewer bill.

Karolen Mazyck of 5638 Liberty Road spoke regarding the need for additional Code Enforcement Officers.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Resolution for Georgia Cities Week

At this time Mayor Williams read the Resolution for Georgia Cities Week aloud.

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. Council to consider approval of the 2015 Union City Comprehensive Plan 2010-2030.
Nicole Dozier
2. Council to consider approval 2014 AFG Fire Prevention and Safety Grant. Chief Maddox
3. Council to consider approval of the Tourism Board Members as recommended by staff.
Nicole Dozier
4. Council to consider approval to execute a piggyback contract with ER Snell for the paving of

At this time City Attorney Davenport stated he wanted to rephrase this item to state that staff is looking for some direction from the Council as to how to move forward and staff would like to have a public hearing at the May 19, 2015 Council Meeting. He added that further information will be brought before the Council at the May meeting.

Mayor Williams stated this item will be presented as a Public Hearing at the May 19, 2015 Council Meeting.

On motion of Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the aforementioned item was deferred to the May 19, 2015 Council Meeting to be heard as a Public Hearing.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

City Manager Reports:

- Georgia Cities Week

Ms. Fillingame reported that she wanted to update the Council with regards to the activities during Georgia Cities Week. She added that it was a pleasure to have the students participating as it is nice to see our youth's presence. She further added that one of our goals is to connect the citizens, students and youth with the important role that municipalities play.

City Manager Sonja Fillingame stated the activities for Georgia Cities Week are as follows:

- Employee Appreciation Celebration (April 21, 2015)
- Administrative Professionals Day (April 22, 2015)
- Pop Up Jazz in the Park (April 22, 2015)
- Home Owner Modification Seminar (April 23, 2015)
- Banneker High School Students Luncheon (April 24, 2015)

At this time Mrs. Fillingame acknowledged Mrs. Calloway and her team for all that they have done with the budget. She added that we have come a long way from FY2013. She concluded that on behalf of the staff she would like to thank and salute the Mayor and Council.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- City Manager Annual Evaluation

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Robinson spoke regarding the following:

- Thanks were given to the Citizens of Union City for coming out.
- Thanks were given to staff for being diligent in their work.
- Acknowledgement was given to citizens concerns

- Recognition was given to Public Services Director Cedric Clark and his staff for a great job on the Spring Clean-Up
- Recognition was given to Police Chief Odom as two of his officers scored highest in marksmanship in Fulton County
- Recognition was given to the Fire Department for their intense training
- Thanks were given to all departments that service the City

Councilmember Mealing spoke regarding the following:

- Thanks were given to the staff for all they do to make a difference
- Recognition was given for Administrative Professionals Day to all administrative staff
- Thanks were given to everyone that came out and participated in the Spring Clean-Up
- Thanks were given to staff from Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Police & Fire for attending the Easter Celebration in the Park
- Acknowledgement was given to the Police Officer that mentored the young men that robbed an establishment regarding crime and the repercussions
- Acknowledgement was given to the citizens for coming out tonight
- Thanks were given to the Finance Department for doing a great job
- Thanks were given to her fellow colleagues

Councilmember Nealy spoke regarding the following:

- Thanks were given to the residents for coming out and staying engaged
- Thanks were given to the Finance Department
- Thanks were given to the Tourism Board
- Thanks were given to the sponsors of the Mayors Bike Race
- Thanks were given to everyone that participated in the Easter Egg Hunt
- An invitation was extended to everyone to attend the Jazz Concert
- Thanks were given to staff for all of the activities provided for Georgia Cities Week
- Thanks were given to the administrative professionals for all that they do
- The announcement was made that Councilmember Nealy would be featured in the May 2015 Edition of Whose Who Black Atlanta

Councilmember Jones spoke regarding the following:

- A request was made to put Code Enforcement on the Retreat schedule for discussion.
- Thanks were given to the staff and all the residents that attended the Easter Egg Hunt, the Bike Race, and the Baseball Kickoff
- Acknowledgement was given to Parks and Recreation as well as a gesture made to provide more funding to Parks and Recreation to continue to expand Parks and Recreation
- Acknowledgement was given to the Tourism Board
- A request was made to look into signage and lighting on highway 138 & 29
- Thanks were given to the Finance Department for doing a great job

- Thanks were given to the entire staff for all of their hard work
- **GO HAWKS!** And for Mayor Williams **Go Grizzlies!**

Mayor Williams spoke regarding the following:

- Acknowledgement was given to the citizens regarding their concerns
- Citizens were informed that the various department heads would speak with them regarding their concerns
- Thanks were given to the youth for their participation tonight as they are our future
- Thanks were given to Mrs. Calloway and her staff for doing a great job
- Thanks were given to staff for making the Mayor and Council's job easier
- The announcement was made that Rooker Development Group received their LDP today
- Thanks were given to the citizens for coming out, speaking to the Council whether it was a complaint or a complement.
- Citizens were informed that Code Enforcement is high on the Council's list of priorities, but this has to be a community effort to make Union City what it should be

At this time City Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session regarding one personnel matter, one item of pending litigation and review the Executive Session Minutes from March 17, 2015.


On motion of Councilmember Mealing seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss one personnel matter, one item regarding pending litigation, and review the Executive Session Minutes from March 17, 2015. Vote was unanimous.

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

On motion of Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from March 17, 2015 were unanimously approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

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


D. Venessa Campbell, Acting 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 21 day of April 2015.

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.

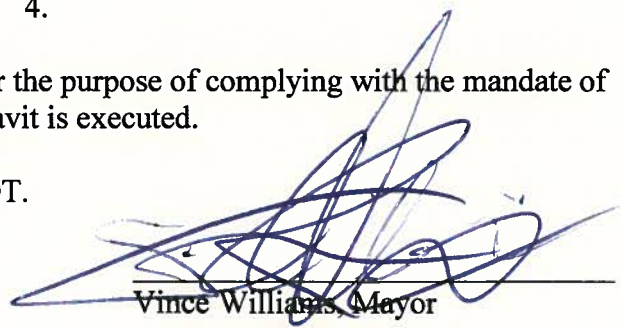
3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 21 day of April 2015, which was closed for the purpose(s) of Pending Litigation, Personnel matter & Review Executive Minutes 3/17/15 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

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of April, 2015.



Notary Public

