

UNION CITY MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 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 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Williams.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Invocation by Councilmember Robinson.

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

Public Comments were made by the following residents:

Ms. Yvonne Barber of 6385 Church Street spoke regarding crime in Union City.

Lucia Reid of 2135 Red Oak Circle spoke regarding billing concerns for water services.

Luther Beasley of 6656 Dorian Drive spoke regarding crime and violence in the community.

Albert Dawson of 5091 Alexander Avenue spoke regarding sign replacements, maintenance of easements, and lighting needs on City streets.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Presentation by Stephen Causby and Marissa Ghani of the Atlanta Regional Commission regarding the 2014 Community Choices Program – Vacant Properties Inventory

Mr. Causby and Ms. Ghani provided an overview and demonstration of a new program that offers users online access to vacant properties in Union City.

Union City Boys Basketball Team, 17-U, Wins State Championship

Parks and Recreation Director Lee Blich presented the State Championship trophy won by the 17-U Team and commended the players, parents, and coaches for their hard work. Members present included Coach Ken Cook and the following players: Calee Blich, Jordan Branch, Christopher Cook, Curtis Guinyard, Tre'Von Kendrick, Desmond Montford, Quintyn Ramagos, and Alexander Servalis. The presentation was followed by a photo with the Mayor and City Council.

Proclamation for National Service Recognition Day.

Mayor Williams highlighted the impact of national service via the proclamation and thanked all who serve.

Geographic Information System (GIS) Demonstration by Public Services Director Cedric Clark

Mr. Clark and Tripp Corbin with EGIS unveiled the City's new GIS System and demonstrated its features as a tool for economic development.

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,	2/17/2015
Regular Council Meeting,	2/17/2015
Called Council Meeting,	2/17/2015
Called Council Meeting,	2/26/2015
2. Council to consider acceptance of dedicated right-of-way at the Procter and Gamble site from Majestic Realty.
3. Council to consider approval of the proposed 2015 Community Development Fee Schedule as submitted and authorize the City Attorney to make the necessary updates via resolution or ordinance.
4. Council to consider approval of a three year contractual agreement with VC3 for information technology services.

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

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council to consider truck traffic restrictions along Londonderry Way, Lancaster Lane and Shannon Parkway.

Director Cedric Clark advised that Brian Cardoza with Rooker was present to provide an official position from the company regarding truck traffic restrictions.

Mr. Cardoza stated that the company was not able to blindly make repairs from Shannon Parkway to Lancaster Lane and could not spend a quarter of a million dollars on repairs.

Councilmember Robinson inquired about the project's budget amount.

Mr. Cardoza stated that the budget amount was \$750,000. He added that this allocation would be used to repave Shannon Parkway at Hwy 138 and Lancaster Lane. He concluded that repaving is also proposed to occur from Lancaster Lane to Rooker's property line.

Councilmember Robinson asked if the repaving included Shannon Way.

Mr. Cardoza confirmed that Rooker is prepared to make improvements to Shannon Way. He added that repaving does not include maintenance after project completion.

Councilmember Robinson inquired about the quality of material that would be used on the roads and the resulting life cycle.

Mr. Cardoza responded that the expected life cycle of the proposed improvement is 7-10 years considering City regulations. He reiterated that Rooker would not be responsible for maintenance after the project is complete.

Councilmember Jones asked if Oakley Road had been discussed.

Mr. Cardoza noted that with improvement, the current radius for Oakley Road could work for trucks and that if desired, Rooker could explore the option for further consideration.

Councilmember Jones confirmed that he would like Rooker to explore making a double right turn lane at Oakley Road to assist with traffic flow. Additionally, he underscored concerns regarding the potential impact truck volume could have on traffic.

Councilmember Mealing stated her concerns regarding trucks on roads with restrictions and stated that she wants fines issued if violations occur. She further added that she would like to see sidewalks and landscaping at the site so that the area can look inviting.

Councilmember Nealy asked for Rooker's position on maintenance during the construction process.

Mr. Cardoza stated that there is a \$12,000 bond for Shannon Way.

Councilmember Nealy inquired about the status of the project's land disturbance permit.

Mr. Cardoza advised that a revised plan was submitted to the City and Keck & Wood and that Rooker hopes to receive a Land Disturbance Permit by the end of the week.

Mayor Williams stated that he concurs with the Council regarding their concerns. He stated that he approved meetings with Director Clark, Chief Odom, the City Manager, Community Development, Mr. Cardoza and Rooker.

Councilmember Nealy asked whether the Georgia Department of Transportation received recommendations regarding the interchange and exit ramp near the project site.

Director Clark responded, "Yes." He added that GDOT is using the information as part of the concept development process and additional analysis. He then stated that staff's recommendation is to retain truck restrictions for the roads in question.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried to keep existing truck restrictions in place. Vote was unanimous.

VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

City Manager Reports:

- Community and Economic Development Report

Community Development Director Nicole Dozier provided an update regarding plans to enhance the City's development review process and procedures. Director Dozier also discussed economic development and potential advertising mediums.

- Mayor's Bike Race

City Manager Sonja Fillingame announced that the Bike Race will occur March 21-22, 2015.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Robinson commended Director Dozier and Ms. Vicki Coleman regarding their work and stated that the Council meeting included good information. She also commended Mayor Williams for representing the City in Washington, D.C. during the National League of Cities Conference (NLC).

Councilmember Mealing expressed her gratitude for the youth who were involved in the state championship win through Parks and Recreation and the lunch and learn sessions held by Human Resources Administrator Teaa Allston. She underscored her excitement about the GIS and new projects for information technology, city management, and community development. Councilmember Mealing highlighted the Self-Defense Class scheduled for May 12, 2015. Additionally, she thanked Mayor Williams for his representation at NLC.

Councilmember Jones stated that the courses held at NLC were very helpful regarding budgeting and data mining. He expressed his gratitude for Mayor Williams' work. Councilmember Jones stated that he recently attended the funeral of a Fulton County police officer who was killed in the line of duty and wanted to thank police officers for their role in public safety. Additionally, he stated that David Fitzgibbon, Fulton County Tax Assessor's Office, would be willing to speak with the City Council. Councilmember Jones stated that residents have called with concerns regarding the 911 Center being switched over to Fulton County.

Councilmember Nealy, thanked residents for attending the Council meeting, congratulated the 17-U Basketball Team, and expressed her gratitude for the GIS portal. She thanked the following: Director Clark for taking the lead on transportation projects, Director Dozier for marketing the City, and Ms. Ashley Minter for her role with the City's Live, Love, Paint class.

Mayor Williams thanked citizens in attendance for expressing their concerns and supporting the City. He congratulated the 17-U Basketball Team, welcomed VC3, and thanked staff for their work. Mayor Williams had the opportunity to highlight Union City at both the South Fulton Development Outlook Conference and in Washington, D.C. at NLC. He asked that Bob Crutchfield, Christian City, and City Clerk Jaki Cossey be kept in prayer and stated that Venessa Campbell is doing a great job.

At this time, City Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session for one item of threatened litigation and to review Executive Session minutes for February 26, 2015.


On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss one item of threatened litigation and review the Executive Session Minutes from February 26, 2015. Vote was unanimous.

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

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from February 26, 2015 were unanimously approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember ~~Robinson~~ 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 17th day of March 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 17th day of MARCH, 2015, which was closed for the purpose(s) of Executive session minutes 2/17/15 Threats 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 17 day of March, 2015.


Notary Public

