

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

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

Absent: Councilmember Joyce Robinson

Directors: Tarsha Calloway - Finance, Rhonda Jones – Human Resources, Cedric Clark – Public Services, Chuck Odom – Police Chief, Nicole Dozier – Community Development, Lee Blich – Parks & Recreation and Trey Bennings – Information Technology

Absent: Joe Maddox - Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:24 p.m. by Mayor Williams.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Invocation by Mayor Williams

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

At this time Mayor Williams thanked everyone for coming out. He then stated that he wanted to make sure that everyone understands that this elected body must continue to serve the citizens of Union City and conducting orderly business. At this time Mayor Williams read aloud the “Rules for Public Comments” which was adopted by the City Council in 2008. He then stated the following: “It is with humble thanks that this body offers to you for your attendance on this evening. Please know that it has been our deliberate attempt to be accommodating, respectful, and tolerant regarding the very meaningful concerns you have expressed over these past several meetings. Every municipal government has a duty to the municipality that it serves to always serve with the highest level of decorum and with that being stated, this body certainly has done and we thank you for reciprocating and understanding that tonight’s public comments will be in accordance with the rules of the body’s code of conduct pertaining to meetings. Certainly over the past few meetings this has been a very contentious issue that really is based on a great deal of misinformation. Over these past few weeks, I have heard some nasty comments about this City, about members of this body and our staff and what is amazing and deeply unfair is that it is all based on nonexistent fact. It is left up to the authority, Mr. Paul Howard and any other investigatory organization to bring those facts not only to us as a body, but us as a community. If there ever was a time that we needed each other’s strength, if there ever was a time that we needed each other’s love, if there ever was a time that we truly needed each other’s compassion, that time is now. So let’s not fixate our minds on sorcery and witchcraft, seeking a wizard because wizardry won’t prevail. It is only God that can fix this and I am just crazy enough to believe and I know that he will. Thank you and may God continue to bless each of you.”

At this time Mayor Williams began hearing public comments.