

UNION CITY MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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 City Clerk Jacqueline R. Cossey

Directors: Rhonda Jones – Human Resources, Cedric Clark – Public Services, Joe Maddox - Fire Chief, Nicole Dozier – Community Development, and Trey Bennings – Information Technology, Tarsha Calloway – Finance, Chuck Odom – Police Chief

Absent: Lee Blitch – Parks & Recreation

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Williams.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Invocation by Mayor Vince 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 spoke regarding her disappointment with the Union City Police Department and criminal activity.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. Presentation of Distinguished Service Plaque to Councilmember Joyce Robinson

At this time Mayor Williams presented Councilmember Joyce Robinson with a Distinguished Service Plaque. The presentation was followed by a photo with the Mayor and Council.

2. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report – Award of Financial Reporting Achievement

Mayor Williams presented Finance Director Tarsha Calloway with the CAFR Award. The presentation was followed by a photo with the Finance Department and Mayor and Council.

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. Approval of the Minutes: Worksession Meeting, 11/17/2015
Regular Council Meeting, 11/17/2015

2. Council to consider approval of the 2016 GDOT LMIG formula allocation.
3. Council to consider approval of the Transportation Enhancement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Streetscape Project on Roosevelt Highway and Lester Road.
4. Council to consider approval of an updated listing of Streets & Roadways for Renewed Speed Detection Device Permits.
5. Council to consider approval of a request to implement the Automated School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program.
6. Council to consider the reappointment of Councilmember Brian Jones to the Water and Sewer Authority Board. *(His term will expire December 31, 2015)*
7. Council to consider approval of a request to award the Engineering contract to Moreland Altobelli.
8. Council to consider approval of a request to proceed with the necessary year end budget adjustments to remain in compliance.
9. Council to consider approval of a resolution and application for the Recreational Trails Program Grant to secure funding for restoration of the Mayors' Park trail.

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

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council to consider re-appointment of Jennifer Jones Potts to the Housing Authority Board. *(This item was deferred for 60-days during the October Council Meeting)*

Mayor Williams stated that he would like to defer this item for another 60-days to receive additional applicants. He added that Ms. Potts will still serve until a further decision is made.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried the aforementioned item was deferred for 60-days. Vote was unanimous.

2. **Public Hearing** to consider changes to Article XI Sign Ordinance in order to provide clarity and update the existing text. **(Planning Commission Recommended Approval)** *(This item was deferred for 60-days during the October Council Meeting)*

Community Development Director Nicole Dozier led this discussion and stated that the Council asked that the staff perform a more intensive review of the Sign Ordinance. She added that initially she recommended a few minor changes based on some of the information that she received from the public. She further added that staff has completed a more extensive review. She then requested that the item be revisited during a Worksession with the Council in order to address the changes to the sign ordinance and review the Town Center Mixed Use (TCMU) recommended

proposed changes. She added that she is recommending that this takes place on January 11, 2016.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Worksession would occur on January 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the aforementioned item was deferred to January 19, 2016 Council Meeting. Vote was unanimous.

VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS: None.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

City Manager Reports:

City Manager Fillingame acknowledged the staff from Community Development, Operations, Parks and Recreation, Fire Department, Police Department and Public Services for the great work that they performed with the Union City Job Fair.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Robinson spoke regarding the following:

- She announced that it has been a pleasure serving the citizens of Union City
- She announced that she will be active in the community
- Acknowledgement was given to the Finance Department for the CAFR Award
- Acknowledgement was given to her daughter for her support
- She announced that she turned 72 years old last Monday and she is grateful to leave in good health because life is important and God sent her a great message
- Recognition was given to the Police Department and the Fire Department
- Gratitude was given to the Mayor and Council
- Recognition and best wishes were extended to Councilmember Elect Hobbs
- Recognition was given to the outstanding growth that has occurred in the City
- Many thanks were extended to her colleagues and staff

Councilmember Mealing spoke regarding the following:

- Thanks were given to everyone for coming to the meeting and being engaged
- Thanks were given to staff for contributing to the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade
- Thanks were given to staff for a successful Christmas Tree Lighting
- Thanks were given to staff for an outstanding Job Fair
- Recognition was given to Councilmember Robinson for serving two years
- A Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year was extended to all

Councilmember Nealy spoke regarding the following:

- Thanks was given to everyone for coming out and staying engaged
- Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Calloway for receiving the CAFR Award
- Recognition was given to staff for another great Christmas Tree Lighting
- Recognition was given to staff for an outstanding Job Fair
- Recognition was given to Councilmember Robinson as she will be missed
- She vowed to keep Councilmember Robinson's Arts Festival going with the utmost enthusiasm
- Best wishes were extended to Councilmember Robinson as she moves forward
- A warm welcome was extended to Dr. Christina Hobbs
- She wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year

Councilmember Jones spoke regarding the following:

- Thanks were given to staff for another wonderful year
- A happy retirement was extended to anyone that will be retiring this year
- Recognition was given for a successful Christmas Tree Lighting
- Recognition was given for an amazing Job Fair
- Congratulations were extended to Mayor Williams for his appointment to the National League of Cities Board of Directors
- Recognition was given to Councilmember Robinson for her service on the Council and this is not a good bye but a see you later
- He assured Councilmember Robinson that her legacy with the Arts Festival will keep going
- A Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year was extended to all

Mayor Williams spoke regarding the following:

- Many thanks were extended to Mrs. Emma Freeman for her services with the Mayors' Motorcade
- He announced that Rooker Development received the Development of the Year Award on December 1, 2015
- He announced that his mother passed on December 1, 2015
- Thanks were extended to Councilmember Jones for acknowledging his appointment to the Board for National League of Cities
- Thanks were extended to the residents for allowing him to serve as Mayor
- Recognition was given to the Christmas Tree Lighting
- He urged the citizens to keep outsiders from destroying Union City
- Recognition was given for an outstanding Job Fair
- He announced the passing of former Councilmember Alisa King Christian
- Recognition was given to a successful Cops for Kids event
- Recognition was given to a bike giveaway for Union City residents
- Thanks were given to everyone who visited him and supported him in many ways during the passing of his mother, Shirley C. Williams Wilson
- A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year was extended to all

At this time City Attorney Davenport stated that there was an item on the October agenda with regards to the water deposit fees being reduced from \$150 to \$350. He added that the issue is the middle number in that range was not specified. He further

added that he believes that the Council's intent was to reduce all of those numbers; therefore he would like to reduce the middle number to \$250, but he needs Council's direction to do so. He concluded that the new range would be \$150, \$250 and \$350.

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

City Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session to discuss one item regarding pending litigation, one item regarding threatened litigation and review the Executive Session Minutes from November 17, 2015.

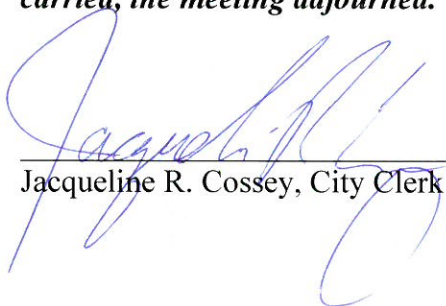
On motion of Councilmember Nealy seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss one item regarding pending litigation, one item regarding threatened litigation and review the Executive Session Minutes from November 17, 2015. Vote was unanimous.

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

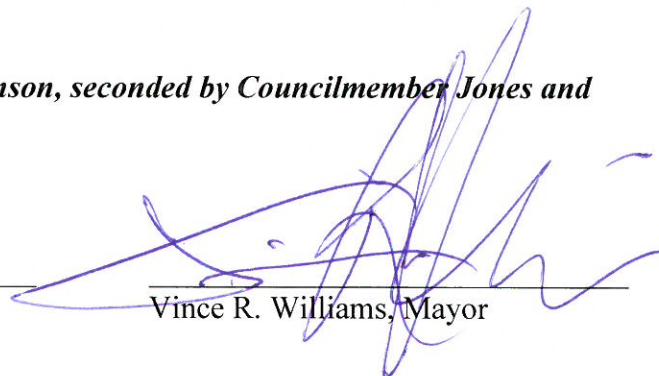
On motion of Councilmember Mealing seconded by Councilmember Robinson and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from November 17, 2015 were unanimously approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

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



Jacqueline R. Cossey, 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 15 day of December 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.

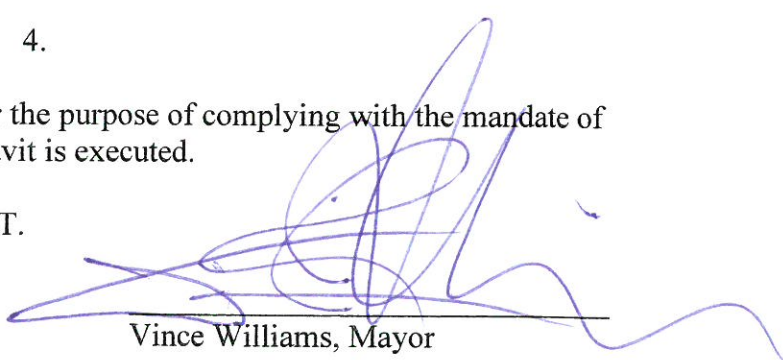
3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 15 day of December, 2015, which was closed for the purpose(s) of 1-Pending Litigation, 1-Threatening Litigation Review as allowed ^{Executive Session Minutes from November 17, 2015} 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
15 day of December, 2015.


Notary Public