

UNION CITY MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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

Dept. Heads: Tarsha Calloway – Finance, Nicole Dozier – Community Development, Cassandra Jones – Police Chief, Joe Maddox - Fire Chief, Rhonda Jones – Human Resources, Lee Blicht – Parks & Recreation and Trey Bennings – Information Technology

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 Angelette Mealing

At this time Mayor Williams asked for a moment of silence for the lives lost in Dallas, Louisiana and Kansas as well as the incident that took place in France.

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

Public comments were made by the following:

Joyce Robinson of 8814 Lake Road spoke regarding her observation and perception during the Budget Workshop.

Yvonne Barber of 6385 Church Street spoke regarding the lack of public safety and quality of life concerns in the City.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Presentation by Union City 2016 Summer Interns

Alexander Dukes spoke on behalf of the summer interns and presented the Mayor and Council with a video regarding their summer experience in their respective departments. The video was followed by a photo with Mayor and Council.

Rhonda Jones of Human Resources stated that she is thankful that the City has an internship program because it gives the students a chance to see how city government operates and it gives them an opportunity to contribute to their community.

Mayor Williams thanked the interns for their service and informed them that they will always have a home in Union City.

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: Called Council Meeting, 06/02/2016
Worksession Meeting, 06/21/2016
Regular Council Meeting, 06/21/2016
2. Council to consider approval of a policy regarding utility billing adjustments.
3. Council to consider approval of a contract amendment for the Union City Pedestrian System Phase II Project, PI No.0006644 with Keck & Wood.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS: None.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

City Manager Reports:

- Public Safety Appreciation Day Luncheon – Friday, July 22, 2016
- Walmart Presents a Grant to the Police Department – Thursday, July 21, 2016

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Hobbs provided the following comments:

- Thanks were extended to everyone for attending the meeting
- Thanks were extended to the department heads and staff for their hard work
- Thanks were extended to Rhonda for coordinating the internship program
- Many thanks were extended to the interns for participating in the program
- Condolences were extended to Mayor Williams and family for the loss of their pet
- A reminder was made to vote during the Run-off Election on July 26th
- An invitation was made to join the Police Department on Thursday, July 28th for a Citizens' Response to Active Shooting Emergency Training on Thursday, July 28th
- An invitation was extended to all to join the Back to School Bash
- An announcement was made that the City of Atlanta is having their 5th Annual Back to Business Week beginning August 9th

- An announcement was made that the Back to Business Conference begins August 11th at Atlanta Metropolitan State College
- A plea was made to pray for our nation

Councilmember Mealing provided the following comments:

- Thanks were given to staff for all that they do for the City
- Accolades were extended to the summer interns for an impressive video
- Recognition was given to the volunteers at Parks and Recreation for assisting during the Union City Football and Cheer Camp
- Thanks were given to Cindy and other staff members for organizing the Walk Meet-Up
- An invitation was extended to join the Back to School Bash next Saturday at Ronald Bridges Park - giving away free school supplies
- Many thanks were given to the sponsors of the Back to School Bash
- An invitation was extended to join the Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon
- A plea was made to pray for Union City and public safety

Councilmember Jones provided the following comments:

- Many thanks were extended to the summer interns
- Recognition was given to the 20 Year Reunion of Westlake High School Class of 1996
- Many thanks were extended to the Police and Fire Department

Councilmember Nealy provided the following comments:

- Thanks were given to everyone for coming out
- Thanks were given to the department heads and staff for everything that they do
- Thanks were given to the interns for participating in the program
- Recognition was given to the Alpha Kapa Alpha Sorority who honored Councilmember Nealy as a pioneer in government
- A request was made for an LDP and a permit list
- A request was made of a Traffic Control Plan for Proctor and Gamble
- A plea was made to pray for peace

Mayor Williams provided the following comments:

- Warm Wishes for safe travels were extended to Councilmember Nealy on her upcoming trip to China and Taiwan
- Mayor Williams announced that his pet passed at the age of 98
- Accolades were extended to the interns for a job well done this summer
- Thanks were extended to the H. R. Department for many health and wellness initiatives
- Best Wishes were extended that everyone had a great Independence Day
- An announcement was made regarding the possibility of a new community center, the restoration of the Etris Community Center and the City Depot which will be on the ballot in November
- An announcement was made regarding the Buffington and 138 Development and the possibility of a Planet Smoothie, a Cold Stone Ice Cream, a hotel and restaurant

- A plea was made to pray for our nation
- Condolences were extended to Roslyn Crider on the loss of her husband

City Attorney Davenport explained that Union City currently has a Freeport Exemption that offers businesses that qualify. He added that the 2016 General Assembly amended the Freeport Law to include e-commerce transactions which are not included in our current Freeport Exemption. He further added that Fulton County and some cities have taken it upon themselves to offer up a Freeport question on the November 8th ballot to include e-commerce Freeport in their jurisdiction and the question becomes to Union City, do we want to put the question on our ballot. City Attorney Davenport stated that in order to put the question on the ballot, everything would have to be to Fulton County on or before August 10th and if the Council decides to do so, it would necessitate a Called Meeting to adopt a resolution to call for an election to put that question on the ballot. He urged the Council to get back to him in the very near future.

At this time City Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session for two items regarding pending litigation and to review the Executive Session Minutes from June 21, 2016.

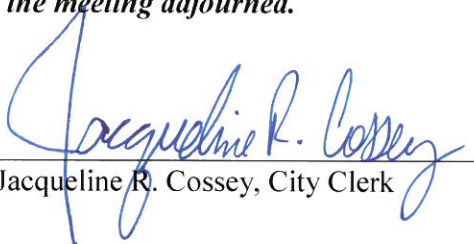
On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council entered into Executive Session for two items regarding pending litigation and to review the Executive Session Minutes from June 21, 2016. Vote was unanimous.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council reconvened to regular session. Vote was unanimous.

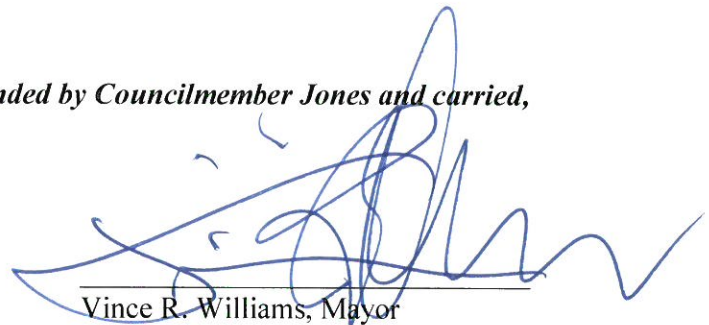
On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from June 21, 2016 were unanimously approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, 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 19 day of July, 20 16.

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.

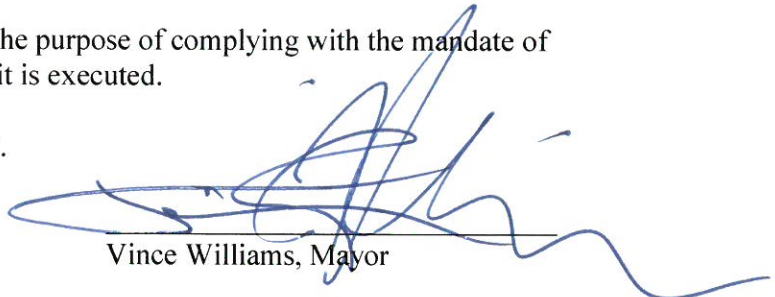
3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 19 day of July, 20 16, which was closed for the purpose(s) of Two (2) items regarding pending litigation as allowed Review of Executive Session Minutes from June 21, 2016 by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

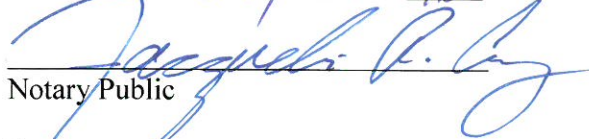
4.

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 July, 20 16.


Notary Public

Notary Public, Fulton County, Georgia
My Commission Expire Feb. 13, 2017