

UNION CITY MINUTES
WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016
6:00 P.M.

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

Dept. Heads: Tarsha Calloway – Finance, Maurice Ungaro (The Collaborative Frim) – Community Development, Lee Brown – Assistant Police Chief, Joe Maddox - Fire Chief, Rhonda Jones – Human Resources, Lonnie Ferguson – Public Services, Lee Blitch – Parks & Recreation and Trey Bennings – Information Technology

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Williams.

- I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
- II. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: (2 MIN.)
- III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

A Proclamation presented to Shamika Jones on behalf of Color The World Orange and bringing awareness to Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS)

- 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.

- V. OLD BUSINESS: None.

- VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Approval of the Minutes: Worksession Meeting, 09/20/2016
Regular Council Meeting, 09/20/2016

At this time Mayor Williams requested to reinstate the Mayor and Council’s comments back into the Regular Council Meeting Minutes. During a discussion on August 16, 2016 the clerk was directed to remove all individual statements and include brief summary minutes. Mayor Williams explained there was a misunderstanding because it was not meant to exclude comments made by the Mayor and Council during their report and announcements.

The City Clerk clarified that Mayor and Council were satisfied with the way that the minutes were prepared, but would like to reinstate the comments and announcements made by the Mayor and Council to the Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Williams responded, "Yes".

The minutes were added to the Consent Agenda with three corrections.

The City Clerk's office received thanks for their third quarterly report.

2. Council to consider approval of a resolution as a part of the agreement with the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) for cable and telecommunications management services.

A discussion ensued with Director Ferguson conveying that the Council approved an agreement last month with the Georgia Municipal Association for cable and telecommunications management services and this resolution should have been approved as well.

Councilmember Mealing requested a status report from GMA regarding the services.

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

3. Council to consider the reappointment of Annie Barlow to the Housing Authority Board. (*Her term expires October 31, 2016*)

A discussion ensued with regards to filling the position. The Council agreed to allow Ms. Barlow to continue to serve until a new resident is appointed.

This item was added to the Regular Agenda.

4. Council to consider approval of a request for a transmittal draft of the 2016 Union City Comprehensive Plan 2010-2020 Update.

Sydney Douse of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) shared a PowerPoint presentation of a transmittal draft of the 2016 Union City Comprehensive Plan 2010-2020 for the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Review. Mr. Douse covered the review process, the elements of the plan, DCA rules changes, document summary, community engagement, report of accomplishments, community work program and what the next steps should be. Mr. Douse noted that edits and input to the plan would be accepted from the Mayor and Council. He concluded that the plan would come back before the Council for final approval.

This item was added to the Consent Agenda with edits.

5. Council to consider approval of a resolution to adopt the 2016 Fulton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

A discussion ensued with Fire Chief Maddox explaining that the 2016 Fulton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been revised by Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency (AFCEMA) and approved by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and in order to claim any of the grant funds, the City must adopt the plan as it was written and approved.

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

6. Council to consider approval of a request to apply for a federal grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Program in the amount of \$40,000 which includes \$38,000 in federal funding and \$2,000 in the City's matching funds.

A discussion ensued with Assistant Fire Chief Clark conveying that the Assistance to Firefighters Grant has been applied for and received many years and if approved and received this year, the Fire Department will be utilizing the funds to purchase computers for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD).

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

7. Council to consider a request to review Union City Ordinance Number 2014-04 pertaining to the use of vehicle immobilization devices.

A discussion ensued with Councilmember Mealing expressing her concerns with several complaints received from residents being booted for parking in Kroger's parking lot and the possibility of revisiting the City's ordinance with regards to the size of the signs posted in all parking lots pertaining to the use of vehicle immobilization devices.

Following the discussion the Council directed staff to return with a revised proposed amendment to the booting ordinance focusing on signage. No timeframe was set to return.

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

8. Council to consider approval of a request to change the Worksession Meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A discussion ensued with Mayor Williams expressing his concerns with the Council spending ample time on each agenda item and presentation during the Worksession without running over into the 7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting.

This item was placed on the Regular Agenda.

9. Council to consider approval of a request to participate in Connect South Fulton.

A discussion ensued with Mayor Williams explaining that South Fulton Connect is an organization that all of the cities in South Fulton are participating in that focuses on government relations, business marketing and economic development. Each city's participation rate is based on their population and Union City's participation amount is \$20,000.00. The funding has been identified.

This item was added to the Regular Agenda.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

City Manager Reports:

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.