

UNION CITY MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Councilmember Angelette Mealing

Dept. Heads: Tarsha Calloway – Finance, Maurice Ungaro (The Collaborative Frim) – Community Development, Cassandra Jones – Police Chief, Joe Maddox - Fire Chief, Lonnie Ferguson – Public Services and Trey Bennings – Information Technology

Absent: Rhonda Jones – Human Resources and Lee Blich – Parks & Recreation

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:15 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.)

No public comments were made.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Presentation by Director Lonnie Ferguson regarding the ballfields on Highway 29

Director Ferguson and City Engineer Chris Kingsbury shared a presentation and photos regarding the current status of the ballfields on Highway 29. Mr. Kingsbury concluded that he is excited and this is another opportunity to re-energize downtown Union City.

A Proclamation presented to Director Lamont Gant in recognition of the film, “RETURNED”

Mayor Williams presented Director Lamont Gant and Co-writer Marlon McCaulsky with the aforementioned proclamation followed by a photo with the 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, 10/18/2016
Regular Council Meeting, 10/18/2016
FY 2017 Budget Presentation, 10/25/2016
FY 2017 Budget Hearing &
1st FY 2017 Millage Rate Hearing, 10/25/2016
FY 2017 Final Millage Rate Hearing, 11/01/2016
FY 2017 Final Budget Adoption &
Final Millage Rate Adoption, 11/01/2016
2. Council to consider approval of a request to enter into a Transportation Enhancement (TE) Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the construction of the Union City Pedestrian System Phase II in the amount of \$157,492.20. (P.I. No. 0009060)
3. Council to consider approval of a Resolution authorizing the Georgia Department of Transportation to contract for funding under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (“TEA-21”). (P.I. No. 0009060)
4. Council to consider approval of a request to enter into a right-of-way Mowing and Maintenance Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to begin after the completion of the construction of the Union City Pedestrian System Phase II.
5. Council to consider approval of entering into an agreement with a contractor for the provision of legal representation to certain indigent defendants.
6. Council to consider approval of retaining the services of a Solicitor in the Municipal Court of Union City.
7. Council to consider approval of a Resolution declaring the results of the November 8, 2016 Election determining the issuance of general obligation bonds by an affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified voters voting in the Election and that the issuance of the Bonds has been authorized as required by law.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

City Manager Reports:

City Manager Fillingame provided an update on the following events:

- Union City Holiday Tree Lighting – December 5th

- Gateway Project

Director Ferguson shared a photo of the new gateway signs for the City

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Nealy made comments regarding the following:

- Thanks were extended to everyone for coming out to the meeting
- Recognition was given to the events held in the City last month
- Recognition was given to the adoption of the 2017 budget with no increase to the millage rate
- Many thanks were given to the Finance team, City Manager and Directors for keeping the City fiscally sound
- Recognition was given for a great Veterans Day Program
- Many thanks were extended to the residents of the City for voting in favor of the community center and TSPLOST
- Acknowledgement was extended to colleagues and friends for noticing the growth in Union City
- Thanks were extended to staff for all that they do to ensure that Union City continues to be a place to live, work, play and stay
- Congratulations were extended to Don Collins on his recent nuptials
- Congratulations were extended to Mayor Williams regarding his anniversary

Councilmember Jones made comments regarding the following:

- Recognition was given to the favorable vote regarding the community center and TSPLOST
- A plea was made for the residents to stay engaged with the community center project and the TSPLOST project
- He noted that President-Elect Trump won the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election
- Councilmember Jones committed to continue going to Washington, D.C. in the best interest of Union City
- Recognition was given to the ARC study
- Recognition was given to the ballfields presentation
- Recognition was given to the Music and Arts Festival
- Recognition was given to “No-Shave November” in recognition of cancer awareness among men
- Recognition was given to the Union City Team for great events held over the past month

Councilmember Hobbs made comments regarding the following:

- Thanks were extended to everyone for attending the meeting
- Many thanks were extended to staff and Department Heads
- Recognition was given to a great Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and Arts Festival
- A special thanks was extended to Cindy Givens for a job well done during the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and Arts Festival

- Recognition was given for a successful Veterans Day Ceremony
- Recognition was given to Lamont Gant for the successful film, “RETURNED”
- Recognition was given to the favorable vote for the community center and TSPLOST

Mayor Williams made comments regarding the following:

- Recognition was given to Councilmember Angelette Mealing for attending the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference in Pittsburgh, PA
- Recognition was brought to the City’s food truck ordinance
- Acknowledgment was brought to a successful car explosion at Atlanta Metro Studios
- Acknowledgement was brought to, “24 Legacy”, a weekly television series filmed at Atlanta Metro Studios
- Recognition was given to the ballfields and all who made it possible
- Recognition was given to the favorable vote to the community center, a possible brick campaign and a name contest
- Recognition was given to the passage of TSPLOST
- Recognition was given to the passage of the City of South Fulton
- Recognition was given to the Get Ready for Transportation held in College Park
- Many thanks were extended to Director Calloway, her team and all directors for their efforts with getting the FY 2017 budget adopted with no millage rate increase
- Recognition was given to a great Veterans Day Ceremony
- Recognition was given to Director Blich and Dustin Nash for their efforts in the possibility of a skate/bike pump track
- Recognition was given to the Etris Center for an expected completion timeframe, approximately the first week of December, for kitchen equipment, thanks to Commissioner Emma Darnell and Fulton County
- Recognition was given to the ARC State of the Region Breakfast
- Recognition was given to a successful Fall Festival
- Recognition was given to a successful Breast Cancer Walk
- Many thanks were extended to all Department Heads and staff members
- Thanks were extended to Minister Lane
- Congratulations were extended to Don Collins on his recent nuptials

City Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session to review the Executive Session Minutes from September 20, 2016.

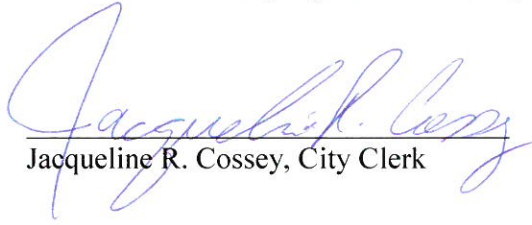
On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to review the Executive Session Minutes from September 20, 2016. Vote was unanimous.

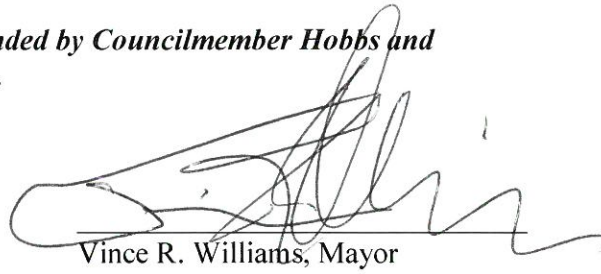
On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council reconvened to Regular Session. Vote was unanimous.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from September 20, 2016 were unanimously approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


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 November, 2016.

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.

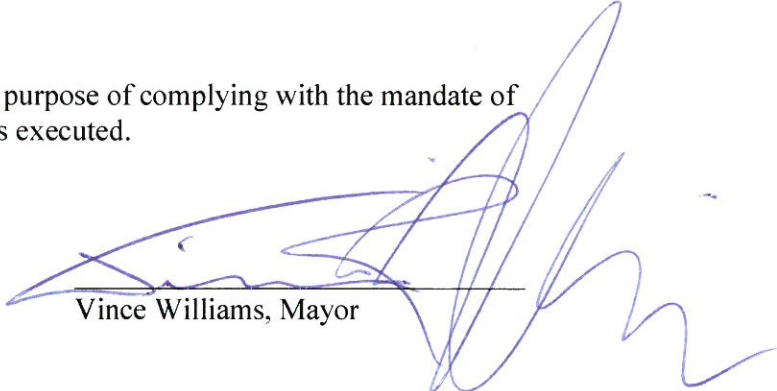
3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 15 day of November, 2016, which was closed for the purpose(s) of reviewing the Executive Session Minutes from September 20, 2016 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 15 day of November, 2016.


Notary Public

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