

UNION CITY MINUTES
WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016
6:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Councilmembers Shayla Nealy and 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 6:34 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:

Presentation by Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)

Allison Duncan of ARC introduced Allison Stewart-Harris of Jacobs Engineering to present the background information on the plan for the South Fulton Parkway Corridor.

Councilmember Shayla Nealy joined the meeting.

Mrs. Stewart-Harris presented findings from a two week charrette that provided a high level view of land use and transportation for South Fulton Parkway. Mrs. Stewart-Harris' findings revealed that everyone agreed that growth is coming, but disagreed on where, how much, what it looks like and the intensity. She concluded that there were three main ideas and the community feedback reflected a positive response to the Green Corridor and the Mega Node, and the idea is to combine those two and develop one concept that works for everyone.

Ms. Duncan concluded that this is the first step of many on this project

Presentation by James Rainer of Kreative Kidz and The Noblemen of South Fulton and Chattahoochee Hills on behalf of the 2016 Mayors' Christmas Motorcade

Mr. James Rainer and Ms. Jane Danko of Kreative Kidz, The Noblemen of South Fulton and Chattahoochee Hills, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and Rev. John T. Moore of J. T. Moore Ministries presented the Mayor

and Council with gifts in honor of the 2016 Mayors' Christmas Motorcade. The presentation was followed by a photo with the Mayor and Council.

Presentation by Director Lonnie Ferguson regarding the ballfields on Highway 29

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

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, 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

The minutes were added to the Consent Agenda as written.

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)

A discussion ensued with Director Ferguson conveying that the project is in three different locations in the City. The first project is a sidewalk improvement and ADA handicap ramp improvement with minor drainage improvements on Lester Road, the second project consists of a median and pedestrian refuge island cut through on Lester Road and the third project is a signal upgrade and intersection improvement project located on State Route 138 and Jonesboro Road and Roosevelt Highway and State Route 114 Intersection. He concluded that the third location is located in two jurisdictions and because Union City is the sole sponsor for this project, the City of Fairburn will reimburse Union City for their portion.

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

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)

A discussion ensued with City Attorney Davenport explaining that this resolution authorizes the Transportation Enhancement Project in item number two.

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

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.

A discussion ensued with Director Ferguson explaining that any landscaping improvements require maintenance agreements that Union City must maintain. He concluded that the agreement is with the Georgia Department of Transportation and Union City is the sole sponsor; therefore, another agreement must be signed with the City of Fairburn to ensure that they maintain their landscaping within their jurisdiction.

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

5. Council to consider approval of entering into an agreement with a contractor for the provision of legal representation to certain indigent defendants.

A discussion ensued with City Attorney Davenport explaining that the City currently has agreements in place for a public defender and a solicitor, item number five and six, and these are cost effective upgrades to these current agreements.

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

6. Council to consider approval of retaining the services of a Solicitor in the Municipal Court of Union City.

This item was discussed above.

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

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.

A discussion ensued with City Attorney Davenport explaining that this item is in recognition of the referendum results and to begin the process to start the general obligation bonds issuance for the community center.

This item was added to the Consent Agenda.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

City Manager Reports:

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

X. ADJOURNMENT:

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