

UNION CITY MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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, Maurice Ungaro (The Collaborative Firm) – Community Development, Cassandra Jones – Police Chief, Joe Maddox - Fire Chief, Lonnie Ferguson – Public Services, Trey Bennings – Information Technology and Lee Blich – Parks & Recreation

Absent: Rhonda Jones – Human Resources

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:44 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:

Millennial Committee update by Ms. Janelle Jones

The Millennial Committee Members are as follows:

Atuarra McCaslin, Divine McCaslin, Kim Mitchell, Mariah Harrison and Trevor Cason

The Committee shared a PowerPoint presentation focusing on the following:

- Community Farmers Market
- Social Media Development
- Community Beautification in conjunction with public works efforts

The presentation was followed by a photo with the Millennial Committee Members, Ms. Janelle Jones and Mayor and Council.

Certificate of Appreciation presented to Officer Andre McKeitham

This item was held as Officer McKeitham was unable to attend the meeting.

Ms. Jo Croom expressed that it was her privilege and pleasure to honor Officer McKeitham due to his display of professionalism.

2016 Mayors' Christmas Motorcade PowerPoint Presentation

Mayor Williams shared the background of the GMA Mayors' Christmas Motorcade and thanked City Clerk Jacqueline R. Cossey and Assistant City Clerk Shandrella Jewett for an outstanding job with the event this year.

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, 11/15/2016
 Regular Council Meeting, 11/15/2016
2. Council to consider the reappointment of Councilmember Brian Jones to the Water and Sewer Authority Board. *(His term will expire December 31, 2016)*
3. Council to consider the reappointment of Police Chief Cassandra Jones to the Jail Authority Board. *(Her term will expire December 31, 2016)*
4. Council to consider approval of a Lighting Support agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the proposed improvements to the Interstate 85/SR 138 Interchange Bridge Replacement Project.
5. Council to consider approval of Musco Sports as the vendor for the field lighting services at the Highway 29 Ballfield site in the amount of \$120,000.
6. Council to consider approval of an agreement with Safety Signal in the amount of \$143,340 for the purchase and installation of street blade signage and applicable hardware.
7. Council to consider approval of the implementation of an online utility bill payment convenience fee in the amount of 3% per transaction.
8. Council to consider entering into a contract with Municode for printing and mailing utility bills.
9. Request for Council to repeal the language contained in Subsection (c) of Section 15-20 of the City's Code of Ordinances.
10. Request for Council to approve the Finance Director to make all necessary budget adjustments for FY2016 to comply with state requirements.
11. Council to consider approval of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Union City to establish provisions pertaining to entertainment filming.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

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

This item was addressed during the Worksession Meeting.

2. Council to consider changes to the current ordinance regarding the use of vehicle immobilization devices (Section 10-28 of the Code of Ordinances).

This item was addressed during the Worksession Meeting.

REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to consider approval of a resolution for the City of Union City to grant a Freeport Exemption for E-Commerce Fulfillment Centers.

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

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

City Manager Reports:

- City Manager Fillingame expressed, on behalf of herself and all of the directors, City Clerk Cossey will be missed and City Hall will not be the same without her.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

City Attorney Davenport provided an update with regards to the agreement that the City and the Jail Authority has with Fulton County as it relates to leasing the Jail. He concluded that the agreement originally ended December 31st but it has been extended for 90-days.

City Attorney Davenport addressed an item that Mayor Williams brought forward last month as it relates to food trucks. He then asked for direction with regard to their approach, whether general rights-of-way or specific locations within the City designated space for food trucks.

Council agreed that the ordinance should focus on designated spaces for food trucks.

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Nealy made comments regarding the following:

- Recognition was given to community policing and better acceptance of our police
- Recognition was given to more community buy-in and event participation
- Recognition was given to the City's upscale branding and social media presence
- Recognition was given to the Millennial Committee
- Recognition was given to Union City as a pinnacle force in South Fulton
- Gratitude was expressed to staff for their support

- Recognition was given to the movie industry in the City
- Recognition was given to the many projects and improvements in the City due to the approval of the TSPLOST
- Recognition, gratitude and best wishes were extended to City Clerk Cossey for her dedication to the Council and her future endeavor
- Best wishes for a Merry Christmas was extended to all

Councilmember Jones made comments regarding the following:

- Gratitude was expressed to all department heads for all that they do
- Gratitude was expressed to the residents
- Recognition and recommendations were brought forward for better recycling and becoming a “Smart City”
- A recommendation was made to collect email addresses for all residents for emergencies, road closures and City events
- A recommendation was made to create a “tech hub” space to bring high-end technology jobs to the City
- A recommendation was made to partner with the owner of Shannon Square
- Gratitude and best wishes were extended to City Clerk Cossey for her outstanding service and friendship
- Gratitude was expressed to staff for all that they do
- A Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year was extended to all

Councilmember Mealing made comments regarding the following:

- Recognition was given to the Millennial Committee
- Recognition was given to the movie industry in the City
- Recognition was given to the Public Services Department for an outstanding job on Shannon Parkway
- Recognition was given to the approval of the Community Center
- Recognition was given to the 12 Year-old and Under football champions
- Recognition was given to the cheerleaders
- Recognition was given to the implementation of community policing
- A recommendation was made for a partnership with the car dealerships for jobs for the youth
- Recognition was extended to City Clerk Cossey for being a great City Clerk
- A Merry Christmas was extended to all

Councilmember Hobbs made comments regarding the following:

- Gratitude was expressed to everyone for attending the meeting
- Gratitude was expressed to staff and department heads for all that they do
- Congratulatory remarks were made on behalf of the new City of South Fulton
- Congratulatory remarks were made on behalf of the City of College Park on the ribbon cutting of their new modern luxury apartment community
- Reflections were made over her first year in office and gratitude was expressed to the citizens and her colleagues
- Gratitude was expressed to staff that organize events
- Recognition was given regarding the approval of the community center
- Gratitude was expressed to Attorney Davenport for his wisdom and guidance

- Gratitude was expressed and blessings were extended to City Clerk Cossey for her guidance
- Gratitude was expressed to Mayor Williams for all that he does behind the scenes on behalf of the City
- Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year was extended to all

Mayor Williams made comments regarding the following:

- Recognition was given to staff for all that they do
- Recognition was given to Connect South Fulton
- Recognition was given to the City of South Fulton
- Recognition was given to a land donation to the City
- Recognition was given to the approval of the Multi-purpose facility
- A reminder was made that all facilities and parks in the City are smoke free
- A recommendation was made to move the Christmas Tree Lighting closer to Thanksgiving
- A recommendation was made to begin purchasing local real estate
- A congratulatory letter from Georgia Initiative for Community Housing was read aloud
- Recognition was given to Active Georgia and Cindy Givens for playing an intricate part
- Recognition was given to the 2017 State of the City Address, February 21st
- Gratitude was expressed to Attorney Davenport
- Gratitude was expressed to City Manager Fillingame
- Brian Brown was introduced as a new member of the staff, Marketing Specialist
- Gratitude was expressed to Director Calloway, Chandra Lewis, Rhonda Jones, Maurice Ungaro, Michael Hightower, Chris Kingsbury, Moreland Altobelli, Director Ferguson, Director Blitch, Trey Bennings, Shandrella Jewett, Police Chief Jones, Fire Chief Maddox
- Gratitude was expressed to Ms. Jo Croom
- A special thank you was extended to Minister Lane and the Resurrection House for all Nations
- Appreciation was expressed to his wife and daughter
- Recognition was given to each of his colleagues
- A Merry Christmas was extended to all

Mayor Williams recognized City Clerk Jacqueline R. Cossey for a job well done and expressed his appreciation for her spirit to be the best whereby he presented her with a plaque for 10 years of dedicated service and outstanding leadership. The presentation was followed by a photo with the Mayor and Council.

City Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session to discuss one item regarding threatened litigation and to review the Executive Session Minutes from November 15, 2016.

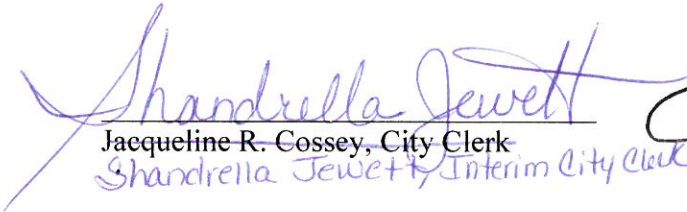
On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss one item regarding threatened litigation and to review the Executive Session Minutes from November 15, 2016. Vote was unanimous.

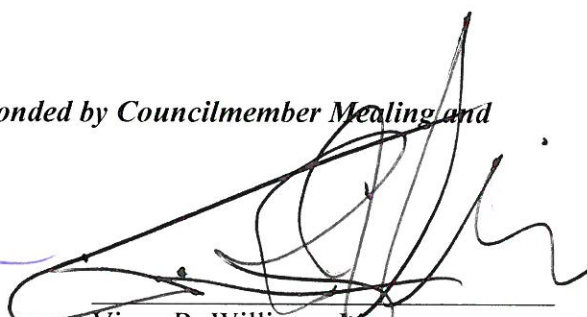
On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council reconvened to Regular Session. Vote was unanimous.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from November 15, 2016 were unanimously approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

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


Jacqueline R. Cossey, City Clerk
Shandrella Jewett, Interim 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 20 day of December, 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.

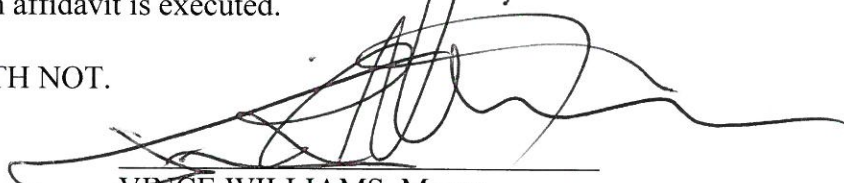
3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 20 day of December, 20 16, which was closed for the purpose(s) of 1 (one) item of threatened litigation & review Executive ^{session minutes from November 15, 2016} as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

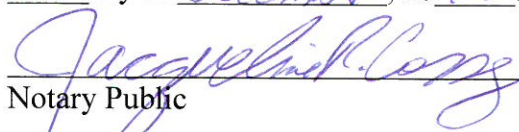
4.

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 20 day of December, 20 16.


Notary Public