

UNION CITY MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Vince Williams, Councilmember Brian Jones, Shayla Nealy, Angelette Mealing, Christina Hobbs (via Video Teleconference); City Attorney, Dennis Davenport; Finance Director, Tarsha Calloway (in absence of City Manager); and Interim City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett

Staff Present: Rhonda Jones – Human Resources, Zach Montgomery – Community Development, Lonnie Ferguson – Public Services, Trey Bennings – Information Technology, Cassandra Jones – Police Chief, and Joe Maddox – Fire Chief

Absent: City Manager, Sonja Fillingame, and Director Lee Blich

The meeting was called to order at 8:14 p.m.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Mayor Vince 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 Ms. Cookie Smoak of the ATL Airport District. Provide update to Mayor and Council.

Ms. Smoak advised Council of the progress made since adding the City of Union City to the Atlanta Airport District. The occupancy rate increased by 2.4% year to date, and the average daily rate increased by 7.4%. Three new employees will be hired if the District is successful in obtaining an additional contract from another city.

An invitation was extended to the District's annual meeting which will occur on August 16, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

- Announcement and recognition of "Employee of the Month" for April 2017.

Ethan Brown was selected as Union City's "Employee of the Month".

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. Council to consider approval of the adoption of Ordinance 2017-07 to amend the Employee Handbook, Chapter 19 – “Travel and Subsistence Allowance Policy” of the Code of Ordinances.
2. Council to consider approval of the adoption of Resolution 2017-04 to amend the travel policy for the elected officials.
3. Approval of the Minutes:
 - 03/21/2017 Worksession Meeting
 - 03/21/2017 Regular Council Meeting
4. Council to consider a resolution authorizing the Issuance of a General Obligation Bond and the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement regarding the Community Center Project.
5. Council to consider approval of the adoption of Ordinance 2017-01 to revise 11-32 of Article III, pertaining to “Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control”, of Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances and to adopt new definitions of “CPESC”, “Design professional” and “Final stabilization”.
6. Council to consider approval of the adoption of Ordinance 2017-05 revising Section 10-25 of the Code of Ordinance – “Loitering for purpose of procuring others to engage in sexual acts for hire”.
7. Council to consider approval of the adoption of Ordinance 2017-06 revising Section 13-14 of the Code of Ordinance – “Cable services and other telecommunications services franchising”.
8. Council to consider approval of a proposed UHS/Talbot Recovery Center.

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

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council to consider a proposed Food Truck Ordinance No. 2017-04 and obtain guidance.

City Attorney Davenport and Council gave guidance regarding to the Food Truck Ordinance. Food trucks will be able to participate in city events on city owned property. A calendar of events will be established.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Food Truck Ordinance No. 2017-04 was unanimously approved.

VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to consider the utility adjustment request for Hiltkeira Childs.

Director Calloway led this discussion during Worksession.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council denied the utility bill adjustment, but waived the late fees in the amount of \$106.63.

Vote was unanimously. Mayor Williams agreed to personally pay \$105.00 towards Ms. Childs' outstanding balance.

2. Council to consider the utility adjustment request for Alberto Hernandez.

Director Calloway led this discussion during Worksession. Mr. Hernandez had a balance that was due and subject to disconnection. Mayor Williams advised the customer to call the utility department to discuss payment arrangements.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council denied Mr. Hernandez's request to adjust his utility bill. Vote was unanimously denied.

3. **Public Hearing** to consider approval to reinstate Alcoholic Beverages License application submitted by Tri Bui for on-premise consumption of malt, vinous and spirituous liquors with Sunday sales for Citizens Lane, LLC, 5100 Goodson Connector Road, Union City, GA.

Britney Horne led this discussion. The on-premise consumption of malt, vinous and spirituous liquors with Sunday sales for Citizens Lane was halted as of December 21, 2016. The license renewal deadline date of January 1, 2017 was not met. Ms. Horne noted that the item served as a request for reinstatement and included the same owner, location and business. All administrative requirements were met and staff recommended approval.

Public Hearing Opened.

No one came forth to speak for or against the matter.

Public Hearing Closed.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy, and carried, Council gave approval to reinstate Tri Bui's Alcoholic Beverage License. Vote was unanimously approved.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. **Public Hearing** to consider a request by Majestic Realty Co. to amend the Official Zoning Map by rezoning of 97.6 acres located at 3650 Flat Shoals Road on the southeast corner of Flat Shoals Road and Buffington Road from OI & RM to the M1 Light Industrial zoning classification. Case No. RZ17-001.

Public Hearing Opened.

Glenda Collins, 3740 Morning Creek Drive, spoke against the rezoning.

Mr. Woody Galloway from The Galloway Law Group, LLC made a request to Council for this item to be tabled for 30 days.

Public Hearing Closed.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy, and carried, this item was tabled for 30 days.

2. **Public Hearing** to consider a request by Enon Transportation Services, LLC to amend the Official Zoning map by rezoning of 27.64 acres located in Land Lot 100 of District 09F along Highpoint Road and Roosevelt Hwy. from GC, M1 & RM to TCMU zoning classification. Case No. RZ17-002.

Public Hearing Opened.

Applicant Robert Foster, 1976 Cobblestone Circle, requested a rezoning to create one zoning district with the intent to establish a location for a special effects picture car company.

Mayor Williams said Georgia has embraced the film industry. The industry has presented an opportunity for the State.

Public Hearing Closed.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy, and carried, the request to amend the Official Zoning Map was approved. Vote was three-to-one (3 to 1). Councilmember Jones voted against this matter.

Attorney Davenport asked if the property would be adjacent to every neighboring property that is residentially zoned. Mr. Foster replied "yes". He went on to make recommendations to put conditions on the rezoning. The following conditions were discussed with Mr. Foster and Council: All access off of Highway 29 only; fencing to blend in with the landscape around the perimeter; and a 100 foot buffer between all abutting residentially zoned properties.

On the amended motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy, and carried, Council gave approval to the rezoning of 27.64 acre with conditions. Vote was unanimously approved.

City Manager Report(s):

Director Calloway gave an update on the following:

- Property Tax Payments - Available to be paid online for the first time.
- Property Tax and Utility Bills - Available to be paid via telephone.
- Contract was signed for the Community Center. A kick off meeting is planned next week.
- New police cars were purchased.
- Received a credit rating increase.

Mayor Williams made a comment in regard to the online payment. Make sure we are getting adequate information out to the general public.

Councilmember Mealing said since the City has an upgraded system, customers must re-enter information. Director Calloway advised there were complaints that customers wanted to log in as before. Now, customers can log in with their account and street numbers to do a one-time payment or create a log.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mayor Williams mentioned we need a UC App. Councilmember Jones advised there is an application for cell phones entitled “SeeClickfix”.
- Moment of silence on behalf of Commissioner Vice Chair, Joan Garner’s passing.
- Linda Jones, student at Clayton State University, was present to take a photograph with Mayor and Council on behalf of her American Government Class assignment.
- Attorney Davenport mentioned that Mayor Williams, City Manager Fillingame, and Director Calloway had been talking with Fulton County since December 2016 regarding the lease on the jail that ended in December. A short extension was put in place to try and work out a longer term arrangement. Progress is being made. Attorney Davenport requested Council to consider extending their relationship with Fulton County through May 31, 2017 to provide an opportunity to iron out details for a longer term relationship.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing, and carried, Council gave approval to extend till May 31, 2017. Vote was unanimously approved.

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Hobbs:

- Thanks extended to staff for all their hard work.
- Baseball Opening Day was a delight. All of the banners were very creative. Congratulations to all of the winners. Thanks to Coach Blich and staff for doing a fantastic job on organizing the event.
- Still interested in the staff findings for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) in Union City.
- Best wishes to the new City of South Fulton on a successful voting turnout tonight and a new leadership team.
- Heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the bicyclist that was involved in a bicycle incident.
- Kudos to Ethan Brown for becoming “Employee of the Month” for April 2017.
- Recognition given to Dennis Moore. Public information Officer for the Fire Department; Dennis completed a severe weather interview with 11 Alive.

Councilmember Mealing:

- Thanks extended to staff for all their hard work.
- Reminded department heads to tell staff they are appreciated.
- Would like to see a Thank You Campaign on a larger scale.
- Thanks extended to staff for trying to make Union City a healthier community.
- Thanks extended to the Gym Guys (Boot Camp).
- Easter Egg Hunt was a great success.
- Received welcoming remarks about the Etris Community Center. Looking to add more services for our seniors.
- Baseball Opening Day was great. Thanks extended to Director Lee Blich, staff, police department, fire department, public works, etc. and all those who helped to make it a success.
- Union City Health Day on April 22, 2017.
- Acknowledgments of Mr. Ethan Brown, recipient for “Employee of the Month” award.

- Looking forward to seeing who will become the new leaders for the City of South Fulton.
- Looking forward to the Community Center's ground breaking.

Councilmember Nealy:

- Acknowledgment of Representative Virgil Fludd for attending meeting.
- Spoke about the recent events that took place in Cleveland, OH.
- Condolences extended to the family of Mr. Godwin.
- Thanks extended to Cookie Smoak for providing an update. Good to hear that the city is advancing hotel resources.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Ethan Brown for receiving the "Employee of the Month" award.
- Recognition given to Human Resource Department for rolling out "Employee of the Month".
- Health Fair is this Saturday, April 22, 2017.
- Thanks to Chief Jones for email updates.
- Spoke about Fulton County Elections and Congressional District 6 which is something major going on in our State.
- Remarks regarding a reality TV show on OWN Network called The Book of John Gray.
- Will be traveling to Israel on Saturday, and asking for everyone to pray for safe travel.
- Looking forward to the Community Center. Thanks to everyone for their hard work on the bonds.

Councilmember Jones:

- Easter Egg Hunt was very successful. Suggestion made regarding the possibility of commemorative eggs next year.
- Baseball Opening Day was fun outside of having the tough task of judging the banners. Thanks extended to the dealerships for their assistance.
- New ballfield looks great. It is being used quite a bit. The lighting is great.
- Union City's Health Fair is next week, April 22, 2017.
- New City of South Fulton elected body will be selected soon.
- Acknowledgment of meeting participant, Former Representative Virgil Fludd.
- The grass is growing up on the hill at Flat Shoals and Shannon Parkway. Would like to beautify the area during our Spring Clean Up.
- Pray for the family of Commissioner Gardner in her passing.
- Thanks to Director Calloway for all of her hard work in coordinating with all of the other agencies and assistance we get from our friends to make sure we do have a positive bond rating.
- Thanks extended to Team UC.

Mayor Vince Williams spoke regarding:

- Moody's Rating Upgrade. Thanks to Director Calloway and the Finance Department.
- Baseball Opening Day was great.
- Easter Egg Hunt was awesome.
- Embracing a Brick Campaign for residents and businesses as it relates to the multi-use facility that is coming on board. The bricks would go in front of the facility.
- Excited about Union City's upcoming Community Health Day on Saturday, April 20, 2017.
- On March 23, 2017, the Council had the pleasure of attending the South Fulton Municipal Association gathering in East Point.
- The next South Fulton Municipal Association Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 in Fairburn, GA at 7:00 p.m. Newly elected officials from our new city have been invited.

- Union City to start thinking about owning more real estate. It will give us an opportunity to chart our course.
- Thanks to former Representative Virgil Fludd for coming to the Council meeting.
- Reflections regarding the passing of Commissioner Vice Chair, Joan Garner.
- Spoke with Marta regarding trash pick-up at our bus shelters and bus stops. Their third party person/contractor, Out Front Media is responsible for picking up trash at the bus shelters and the bus stops. We are awaiting a schedule so that we will know when they are scheduled to pick up trash.
- Grass Cutting Season - Improve the look of the community/city. Director Ferguson spoke in regard to this early grass cutting season. Moving forward with hiring a contractor for the summer season (three months). Contractor can start as early as May 2017.
- City Manager is doing quite well.
- Director Calloway has been doing a phenomenal job.
- Thanks extended to staff and all of their hard work.

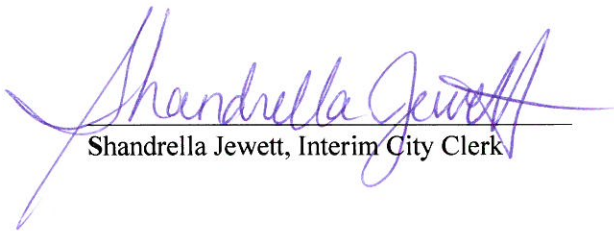
On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss one item regarding threatened litigation and to review the Executive Session Minutes from March 21, 2017. Vote was unanimous.

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

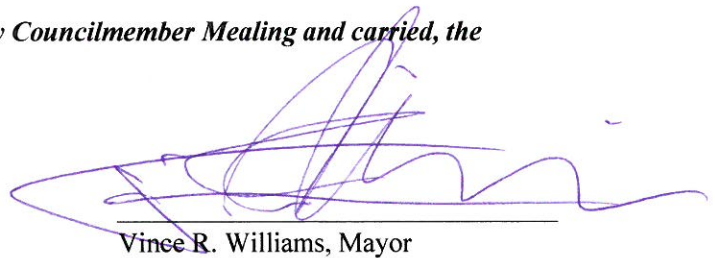
On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from March 21, 2017 were unanimously approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



 Shandrella Jewett, Interim City Clerk



 Vince R. Williams, Mayor