

THE CITY OF UNION CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Christina Hobbs; Councilmembers Brian Jones, Shayla Nealy, and Angelette Mealing; City Attorney, Patrick Stough; City Manager, Sonja Fillingame; and Interim City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett

Staff Present: Tarsha Calloway – Finance Director, Rhonda Jones – Human Resource Manager, Lonnie Ferguson - Public Services Director, Maurice Unger (The Collaborative Firm) – Community Development, Lee Blitch – Parks and Recreation Director, Cassandra Jones – Police Chief, and Joe Maddox – Fire Chief

Absent: Mayor Vince Williams (Video Teleconference) and Trey Bennings – Information Technology Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Minister Gavin Lane.

II. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: (2 MIN.)

None.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Paula Clark, Accounting Technician, was selected as “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. Approval of the Minutes:
 - 05/16/2017 Worksession Meeting
 - 05/16/2017 Regular Council Meeting
2. Council to consider approval to enter into an agreement with Sutphen Corporation/Williams Bros. in the amount of \$398,163.00 for Design Build of Rescue Pumper (RFB-FD-17-05).
3. Council to consider approval of Resolution 2017-07 pertaining to a Service Delivery Strategy Agreement.
4. Council to consider approval of the COPS Development Program Grant.

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

V. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS:

None.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

None.

City Manager Report(s):

- Community Development Director position

Candidate Ellis Still was presented before Council as a recommendation for the Community Development Director position.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, the Council approved Mr. Ellis Still as Union City's Director of Community Development.

- Transit Study in Fulton County – Fulton County has contracted with Kimberly Horn, Project Consultant, in terms of developing a possible transit policy recommendation for the 2018 Legislative Session. A public meeting will be held on July 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Etris Community Center.
- July 15, 2017 - 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- July 19, 2017 – Parks and Recreation Department will have a Summer Food Service Program that will provide healthy meals for the youth in the community during the summer.
- July 25, 2017 - Open Enrollment. Rhonda Jones and her team are working diligently to execute the open enrollment process.
- July 29, 2017 – Movies by Moonlight and Canvas By U
- June 10, 2017 - Movies/Block Party. Congratulatory remarks were given to Director Blitch, staff and everyone who played a role in making the event successful.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

Renaming of the City Depot building to the Kenneth Johnson City Depot.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Council agreed to rename the City Depot building as the Kenneth Johnson City Depot.

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Mayor Vince Williams made comments regarding the following:

- Thanks extended to Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs for presiding over the June 2017 Council Meeting during his attendance at the National League of Cities.
- Shared information regarding the President of the United States proposed budget and federal funding.
- Thanks extended to Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs, Director Blitch, and staff for partnering with Atlanta Food Bank and Bright Star. Union City will be serving free lunches Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages 1-17 years old.
- Kids to Park Day and Hometown Connection were successful events.
- Attended a Retirement Roast for William Davenport. Mr. Davenport gave over 40 years of service to Georgia Power and served the City of Union City for many years.
- Mayor and Council Retreat was extremely rewarding.
- Congratulations extended to Paula Clark for becoming the “Employee of the Month”.
- Welcoming remarks extended to Ellis Still on his position as the Director of Community Development.
- Presentation of street blades to each Councilmember.

- Renaming of the City Depot building to the Kenneth Johnson City Depot.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Councilmember Jones for becoming 2017-2018 GMA Southwest District President.
- Nominated and voted by the past presidents as the incoming GMA 3rd Vice President.
- Acknowledgment of Councilmember Nealy for all the great work being done internationally.
- Thanks extended to staff.

Councilmember Nealy made comments regarding the following:

- Gratitude and appreciation extended to Mayor Williams for keeping Union City a progressive city.
- Thanks extended to Mayor Pro Tem for a job well done in presiding over the Council Meeting.
- Mayor and Council Retreat was insightful and great.
- Kiss at the Movies – Great turnout and a successful event.
- Welcoming remarks extended to Ellis Still on his position as the Director of Community Development.
- Summer Food Service Program - Fulton County and Banneker will be proving meals for children.
- Looking forward to the elections results this evening.
- Thanks extended to staff.

Councilmember Mealing made comments regarding the following:

- Thanks extended to Mayor Pro Tem for a job well done in presiding over the Council Meeting.
- Mayor and Council Retreat were informative and rewarding.
- Kiss at the Movies was outstanding. Kudos to staff for a great turnout and successful event.
- Continue to keep Kenneth Johnson in prayer.
- Union City's Eagle Cheer and Football Training Camp was a success.
- Nutritional meals for the youth in the community.
- Welcoming remarks extended to Ellis Still on his position as the Director of Community Development.
- Congratulations extended to Mr. Mealing for celebrating his 72nd birthday.
- Looking forward to seeing the implementation of Camp 911.
- Employee Wages.
- Thanks extended to staff.

Councilmember Jones made comments regarding the following:

- Summer Food Service Program.
- Recognition and acknowledgment on the appearance of the new school, C.H. Gullatt.
- Millage Rate.
- Mayor and Council Retreat was encouraging and successful.
- Kiss at the Movies – Great turnout and a successful event.
- Welcoming remarks extended to Ellis Still on his position as the Director of Community Development.
- Gratitude and appreciation extended to Mayor Williams for keeping Union City a progressive city.
- Concerned about the healthcare cost for employees.
- Thanks extended to staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs made comments regarding the following:

- Mayor and Council Retreat was great.
- Thanks extended to staff.
- Kiss at the Movies – Great turnout and a successful event.
- July 29, 2017 – Movies by Moonlight.
- Hometown Connection was a successful event which was held at Atlanta Metro Studio. Actor Michael Rooker was present.
- Kids in the Park Day was successful.

- Congratulations extended to Paula Clark for becoming the “Employee of the Month”.
- Welcoming remarks extended to Ellis Still on his position as the Director of Community Development.
- Thanks extended to family for coming to the Council Meeting and for their support.
- Summer Food Service Program. Thanks extended to Atlanta Community Food Bank and Bright Star.

At this time, Attorney Stough stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session for review of the Executive Session Minutes from May 16, 2017.

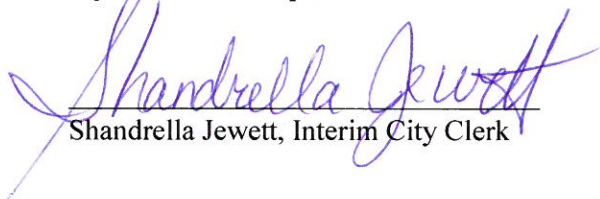
On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to review the minutes from May 16, 2017 Executive Session. Vote was unanimous.

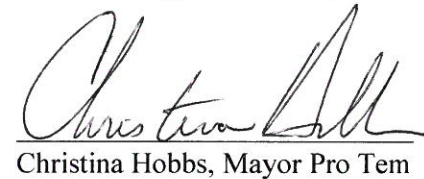
On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council reconvened to Regular Session. Vote was unanimous.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from May 16, 2017 was unanimously approved.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Shandrella Jewett, Interim City Clerk


Christina Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, Christina Hobbs, Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Union City, Georgia, who after being duly sworn says:

1.

I was the presiding officer of a meeting for the Union City Mayor and City Council held on the 20th day of June, 2017.

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.

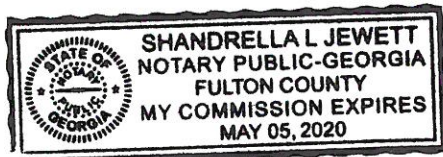
3.


The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 20th day of June, 2017, which was closed for the purpose(s) of Review of the Executive Session Meeting dated May 16, 2017. as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

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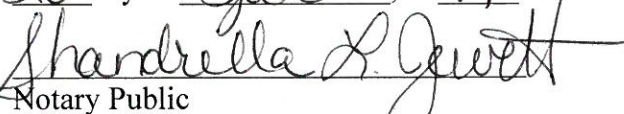
This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4 (b) that such an affidavit is executed.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.




Christina Hobbs, Mayor Pro-Tem

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of June, 2017.


Notary Public