

THE CITY OF UNION CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Vince Williams, Councilmembers Brian Jones, Christina Hobbs, Shayla Nealy, and Angelette Mealing; City Attorney, Dennis Davenport; City Manager, Sonja Fillingame, and City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett

Staff Present: Tarsha Calloway – Finance Director, Rhonda Jones – Human Resource Manager, Lonnie Ferguson – Public Services Director, Ellis Still – Community Development Director, Lee Blitch – Parks and Recreation Director, Trey Bennings – Information Technology Manager, Cassandra Jones – Police Chief, and Joe Maddox – Fire Chief

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The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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:**

- Recognition of Camp 911 participants, and a brief report of the camp was provided by Chief Cassandra Jones and Lieutenant Melvin Echols.
- Recognition of Officers Justin Griffin and Monique Miles for providing excellent service at Southwest Christian Care facility.
- Hogan Construction Group (Robert Cofer, Vice President and Eric Clemente, Design Partner/Project Architect) provided an update regarding the Multipurpose Community Center.

Hazel Blackmon, Minister Gavin Lane, and John Page expressed their excitement for the upcoming Community Center.

- Nelson Attwell, Building Supervisor, was selected “Employee of the Month” for August 2017.

**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:
  - 07/18/2017 Worksession Meeting
  - 07/18/2017 Regular Council Meeting
2. Council to consider approval of Ordinance No. 2017-08, amending Sections 2-26 and 2-41, of the Official Code of Union City with regard to Compensation for Elected Officials.

3. Council to consider a request to submit for approval a Federal Grant Proposal (COPS Hiring Grant).
4. Council to consider a request to submit for approval a Federal Grant Proposal (Bureau of Justice Assistance Non-Matching Grant).
5. Council to consider a request to submit for approval a Cooperation Agreement and Resolution No. 2017-08 between the City of Union City and Fulton County (Community Development Block Grant for Federal FYs 2018-2020).
6. Council to consider a request to submit for approval the adoption of a Safety Program Policy Manual and Resolution No. 2017-09.

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

None

City Manager Report(s):

None

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Moment of Silence for the victims in Charlottesville, NC – Heather Heyer, Lieutenant Pilot Henry John “Jay” Cullen, III, and Trooper Pilot, Berke M. M. Bates
- Hogan Construction Group – Project team spoke regarding the need for improvements on Bryant Street.

The team advised that there was a need to turn Bryant Street into a one-way street from Dixie Lake to the entrance into the Parks and Recreation portion of the facility. A recommendation was made to leave the backside of Bryant Street as a two-way, but renovate, update, and widen it, so that it can be used as a two-way entrance into Parks and Recreation. Additionally, the team noted that a three way stop sign may be necessary as well as improvements to meet City standards.

The estimated price on the above mentioned items totaled \$102,000.00.

*On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Jones and carried, Council agreed to support the project contingent upon identifying an available fund source to address this estimate.*

**IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:**

Councilmember Nealy made comments regarding the following:

- Attended Georgia Association of Water Professionals Annual Conference last month.
- Recognition of Officers Griffin and Miles for providing outstanding service.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Nelson Attwell, “Employee of the Month”.
- Condolences extended to Director Calloway and family.
- Highlighted Events: Movies by Moonlight, National Night Out, Camp 911, and Back to School Rally.
- Special thanks to Parks and Recreation and the Atlanta Food Bank for the Food Service Program.
- Participated in the AIPAC African American Leadership Summit held in July 2017.

- Honored to be listed in the 16<sup>th</sup> Edition of “Who’s Who in Black Atlanta”.
- Honored to be a guest speaker to a group of young ladies in the Capital Women Leadership Program (Women in Politics). Special thanks to Representative Erica Thomas.
- Gratitude and appreciation extended to Hogan Construction Group and partners, staff, and community partners for a successful Community Center Groundbreaking Ceremony.
- Thanks extended to Chief Jones and Lieutenant Echols for a successful Camp 911 Program.
- Prayers extended to the victims in Charlottesville, North Carolina.
- National Coalition of 100 Black Women held a Candidate Forum and was impressed with Union City’s progress.
- Thanks extended to staff.

Councilmember Jones made comments regarding the following:

- Visited C.H. Gullat and Liberty Point Elementary Schools on August 7, 2017.
- Highlighted Events: Movies by Moonlight, National Night Out, Camp 911, and Back to School Rally (1200 backpacks distributed).
- Bulk Collection – Citizens should call the City to schedule a pick up for bulk items.
- Gateways – Request made to add lights to the Gateways into the community.
- Gratitude and appreciation extended to Hogan Construction Group and partners, staff, and community partners for a successful Community Center Groundbreaking Ceremony.
- TSPLOST/GDOT – Roosevelt Highway Project.
- Prayers extended to the victims in Charlottesville, North Carolina.
- Discussed the possibility of Moratorium Town Center Mixed-Use and Zoning Application time-frame.
- Thanks extended to staff.

Councilmember Mealing made comments regarding the following:

- Thanks extended to the following sponsors for the Back to School Rally: Amazon, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and Union City staff.
- Highlighted Events: Movies by Moonlight, National Night Out, Camp 911, and Back to School Rally.
- Gratitude and appreciation extended to Hogan Construction Group and partners, staff, and community partners for a successful Community Center Groundbreaking Ceremony.
- Visited C.H. Gullat and Liberty Point Elementary Schools on August 7, 2017.
- Condolences extended to Director Calloway and family.
- Recognition of Officers Griffin and Miles for providing outstanding service.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Nelson Attwell, “Employee of the Month”.
- Thanks extended to staff.

Councilmember Hobbs made comments regarding the following:

- Prayers extended to the victims in Charlottesville, North Carolina.
- Condolences extended to Director Calloway and family.
- Recognition of Officers Griffin and Miles for providing outstanding service.
- Highlighted Events: Movies by Moonlight, National Night Out, Camp 911, and Back to School Rally.
- Gratitude and appreciation extended to Hogan Construction Group and partners, staff, and community partners for a successful Community Center Groundbreaking Ceremony.
- August 16, 2017 - Subcontractor Outreach event at 10:00 a.m. at Etris Community Center.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Nelson Attwell, “Employee of the Month”.
- Thanks extended to staff

Mayor Williams made comments regarding the following:

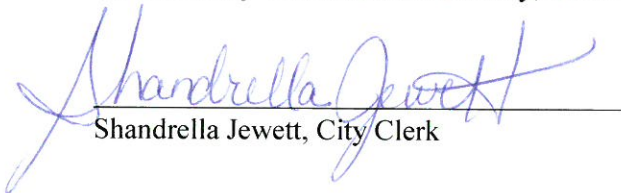
- Expressed concerns with blight in the area. The possibility of creating a blight tax ordinance for property owners not maintaining the property and not being responsible for its upkeep.
- Park System – Present recreational opportunities throughout the City.

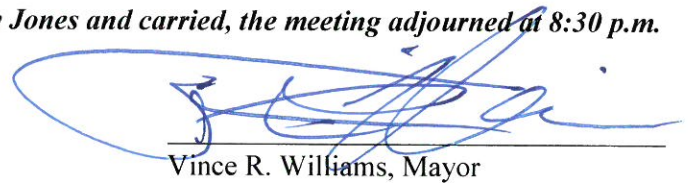
- Acknowledgement of the Community Center Groundbreaking Ceremony mentioned in the South Fulton Neighbor Newspaper.
- TCMU Moratorium discussion will be discussed soon.
- Visited the City of South Fulton to share information about Connect South Fulton.
- Recognition extended to Councilmember Nealy for being listed in the 16<sup>th</sup> Edition of “Who’s Who in Black Atlanta”.
- Recognition extended to Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs for becoming the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up of the 2017 Michael Lynch Memorial Foundation Scholarship.
- Thanks extended to Councilmember Jones for challenging our business partners to be a part of the things we do in the community, especially the Back to School Rally.
- Visited C.H. Gullat and Liberty Point Elementary Schools on August 7, 2017.
- City Depot restoration process.
- Embracing a Brick Campaign for upcoming Multipurpose Community Center.
- Boards, Commissions, and Authority – Consider recommendations as it relates to membership.
- August 16, 2017 – Subcontractor’s Outreach Event at 10:00 a.m. at Etris Community Center.
- City Manager to advise Council once the Assistant City Manager’s position is filled.

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Nealy and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from July 18, 2017 was unanimously approved.*

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

*On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Jones and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*

  
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Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk

  
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Vince R. Williams, Mayor

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF FULTON

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT**

Personally appeared before me, Vince Williams, Mayor 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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.

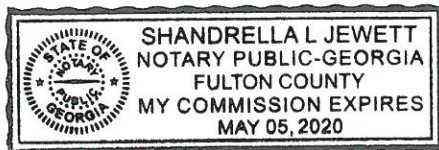
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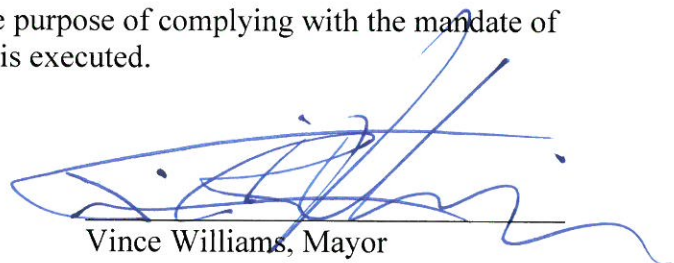
The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, which was closed for the purpose(s) of two items regarding pending litigation and review of the July 18, 2017 Executive Session Minutes as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

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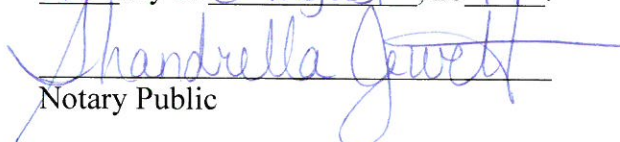
This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4 (b) that such an affidavit is executed.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.



  
Vince Williams, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

  
Notary Public