

CITY OF UNION CITY  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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, Assistant City Manager, Tarsha Calloway, and City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett

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

Absent: Trey Bennings – Information Technology Manager

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

Minster Gavin Lane

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

Hezekiah Williams, 4579 Bull Court, spoke regarding the alley located in the Old Savannah Subdivision. Mr. Williams would like to know who is responsible for maintenance of the trees and paving of the driveway in the alley.

**III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Officer Donna Baker was recognized for providing outstanding service in the community.
- Phillip Bright was selected as “Employee of the Month” for October 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.*

A. Approval of the Minutes:

- 09/19/2017 Worksession Meeting
- 09/19/2017 Regular Council Meeting

B. Council to consider a request for approval of an amendment to the Introductory Period as defined in the Personnel Policy Manual.

C. Council to consider a request for approval of an amendment in the Eligibility to apply for accrued time off in the Personnel Policy Manual.

D. Council to consider a request to enter into a contract agreement between the City of Union City and Fulton County’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Federal FY 2017.

- E. Council to consider a request to execute the “First Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement” Between the City of Fairburn and the City of Union City regarding Project Number: CSTEE-0009-00(960), TE Phase 2.
- F. Council to consider approval of revising the 911 Emergency Service Contract with Fulton County in the amount of \$465,000.00 and allow the county to collect fees on behalf of the city, contingent upon approval of the Assistant City Manager and City Attorney.
- G. Council to discuss changing the role of the Municipal Court Judge from “contractor” to “contract employee”.
- H. Council to discuss the separation of Court Services from the Police Department.

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

**V. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Public Hearing** to consider approval of a change of ownership for a new Alcoholic Beverage License application submitted by Jake Evans for on-premise consumption of malt and vinous liquors with Sunday sales for The Lucas Company d/b/a Corner Café, 6810 Shannon Parkway, #6, Union City, Georgia.

Public Hearing Opened.

No one came forth to speak.

Public Hearing Closed.

*On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the change of ownership for a new Alcoholic Beverage License submitted by Jake Evans. Vote was unanimous.*

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A. Council to review a sample ordinance to combat blighted properties in Union City.

Council and the City Attorney will get back with Director Still at a later time to review the language in the sample ordinance.

- B. Council to consider South Fulton Community Improvement District Board’s request to replace William “Bill” Davenport (retired).

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council selected Deon Tucker as William Davenport’s replacement. Vote was unanimous.*

- C. Council to consider the City of South Fulton’s request for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the use of Union City’s courtroom space.

*On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council agreed to move forward with a Memorandum of Understanding for the use of Union City’s courtroom space. Vote was unanimous.*

D. The rescinding of the Moratorium on Town Center Mix Use Zoning District held September 19, 2017.

Councilmember Jones rescinded the Moratorium on Town Center Mix Use Zoning District in order to remove any confusion from the September 19, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council rescinded the Moratorium on Town Center Mix Use Zoning District. Vote was unanimous.*

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

None

**VIII. CITY MANAGER REPORT(S):**

A. Council to consider participating in the development of South Fulton's Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Director Ferguson advised Mayor and Council that the original plan completed and adopted by South Fulton Cities in 2013 needs to be updated. Union City will participate (another five years) with the other cities in South Fulton. Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has programmed \$500,000.00 to be implemented for the South Fulton Cities with a match of 20% from the cities (based on population). In order for Union City to move forward with this regional plan, it would cost \$13,074.00. Council decided to move forward, therefore a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is required.

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council gave approval for Union City to participate in the development of South Fulton's Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Vote was unanimous.*

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

Councilmember Nealy made comments regarding the following:

- Congratulatory remarks extended to Phillip Bright, "Employee of the Month".
- October 2017 – Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Union City stands with those impacted.
- Thanks extended to Waste Industries for donating \$10,000.00 to the American Cancer Society.
- Looking forward to the formation of Union City's Development Authority.
- Attended Union City's Water Authority Board Meeting last week.
- October 9, 2017 – Budget Workshop. Thanks extended to the Finance Department and Directors.
- October 14, 2017 – "Pinktober 5K Walk/Run". Thanks extended to Cindy Givens, sponsors, and partners for a successful event. There were 700 people who registered.
- October 16, 2017 - November 3, 2017 - Early Voting for Municipal and County Election.

Councilmember Jones made comments regarding the following:

- Union City's Homecoming Game last month was very exciting and successful.
- Morehouse Homecoming this weekend.
- Time to vote for Fulton County's Commission Chair.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Phillip Bright, "Employee of the Month".
- Attended a Homeowners Association Meeting in the South Wind Community a couple of weeks ago and spoke to the residents.
- October 14, 2017 - Cheer Dad's Pancake Breakfast was successful.

- October 14, 2017 – “Pinktober 5K Walk/Run”. Thanks extended to Cindy Givens for a successful event.
- Thanks extended to staff.

Councilmember Mealing made comments regarding the following:

- Prayers extended to the families that were impacted by the hurricanes.
- Prayers extended to the victims of the Las Vegas Music Festival Shooting on October 1, 2017.
- Prayers extended to Union City’s Public Safety Team as they continue to protect the community.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Phillip Bright, “Employee of the Month”.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Officer Donna Baker for providing excellent service.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Tarsha Calloway for becoming the Assistant City Manager.
- Excited about Union City’s Development Authority Board.
- October 9, 2017 – Budget Workshop. Thanks extended to the Finance Department and Directors.
- October 14, 2017 - Cheer Dad’s Pancake Breakfast was outstanding.
- October 14, 2017 – “Pinktober 5K Walk/Run”. Thanks extended to Cindy Givens for a successful event.
- October 16, 2017 - Early Voting.
- October 27, 2017 – Fall Festival at Ronald Bridges Park.
- October 28, 2017 – Music & Arts Festival.
- Thanks extended to staff.

Councilmember Hobbs made comments regarding the following:

- Special thanks to Officer Donna Baker for providing excellent service.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Phillip Bright, “Employee of the Month”.
- Prayers extended to the victims of the hurricanes and fires.
- October 2017 – Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- October 14, 2017 – “Pinktober 5K Walk/Run”. Thanks extended to Cindy Givens for a successful event.
- October 24, 2017 - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual University System of Georgia Procurement Expo in Savannah, GA. The event targets small minority and women-owned businesses. All suppliers are welcome to attend. The event focuses on General Procurement and Construction Projects.
- October 28, 2017 – Music & Arts Festival.
- Thanks extended to staff.

Mayor Vince Williams made comments regarding the following:

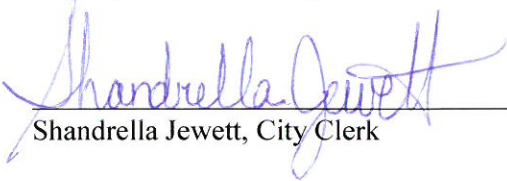
- Prayers extended to the victims of the Las Vegas Music Festival Shooting on October 1, 2017.
- Thanks extended to Councilmember Jones, Nealy, Mealing, and Hobbs for continued support.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Garlin Davenport.
- Thanks extended to Councilmember Nealy for attending the Water Authority Board Meeting.
- Thanks extended to the businesses and citizen that attended the Council Meeting.
- October 9, 2017 – Budget Workshop. Thanks extended to the Finance Department and Directors.
- October 14, 2017 - Cheer Dad’s Pancake Breakfast was outstanding.
- October 14, 2017 – “Pinktober 5K Walk/Run”. Thanks extended to Cindy Givens for a successful event.
- October 19, 2017 – South Fulton Municipal Association Meeting will be hosted by Union City.
- October 21-22, 2017 – Fall Clean-up.
- October 28, 2017 – Music & Arts Festival.
- Thanks extended to staff.

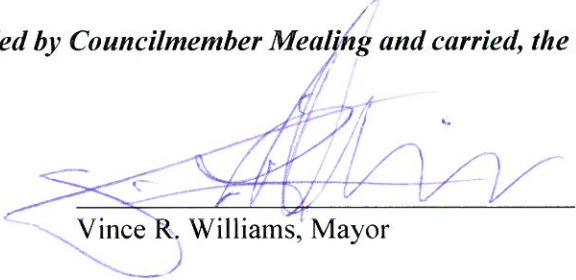
*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss two items regarding pending litigation and one item regarding real estate. Vote was unanimous.*

*On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council reconvened to regular session. Vote was unanimous.*

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

*On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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.

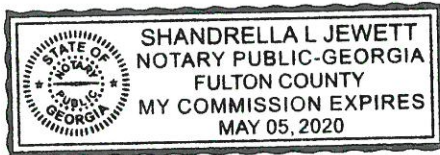
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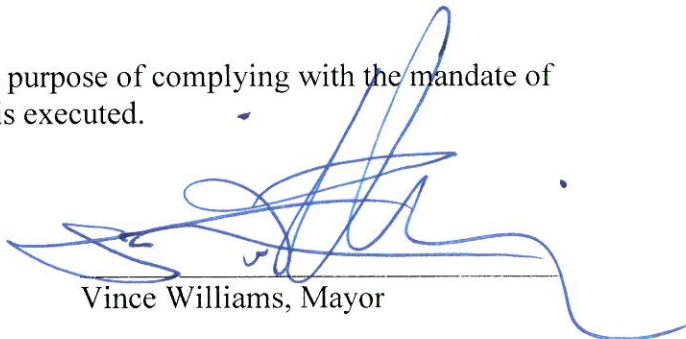
The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017, which was closed for the purpose(s) of two pending litigations and one real estate item as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

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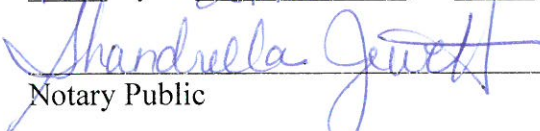
This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4 (b) that such an affidavit is executed.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.



  
Vince Williams, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

  
Notary Public