

CITY OF UNION CITY  
**REGULAR MINUTES**  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

- Present: Mayor Vince Williams, Councilmembers Brian Jones, Shayla Nealy, and Angelette Mealing; Dennis Davenport - City Attorney, Sonja Fillingame - City Manager, Tarsha Calloway - Assistant City Manager, and Shandrella Jewett - City Clerk
- Staff Present: Rhonda Jones – Human Resource Manager, Lonnie Ferguson – Public Services Director, Joe Maddox – Fire Chief, Cassandra Jones – Police Chief, and Lee Blitch – Parks and Recreation Director
- Absent: Councilmember Christina Hobbs and Trey Bennings – Information Technology Manager
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The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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.)**  
None
- III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:**
- Trey Bennings was selected as “Employee of the Month” for November 2017.
  - Connie Sockwell was selected as “Employee of the Month” for December 2017.
  - Cindy Givens was selected as “Employee of the Year” for 2017.
  - 2017 Mayors’ Christmas Motorcade presentation by Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk.
- 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:
- 10/09/2017 - Budget Workshop
  - 10/17/2017 - Worksession Meeting
  - 10/17/2017 - Regular Council Meeting
  - 10/24/2017 - 1<sup>st</sup> Public Millage Rate Hearing
  - 10/24/2017 - City Council Budget Presentation
  - 10/24/2017 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Millage Rate Hearing & Budget Public Hearing
  - 10/31/2017 - Final Millage Rate Hearing
  - 10/31/2017 - Final Adoption of the Millage Rate and Budget
  - 11/20/2017 – Called Meeting

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- B. Council to consider a request to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Senior Center Services between Fulton County and Union City, Georgia.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- C. Council to consider the reappointment of Councilmember Brian Jones to the Water and Sewer Authority Board. *(His term will expire December 31, 2017).*

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- D. Council to consider the appointment of Councilmember Shayla Nealy to the Water and Sewer Authority Board.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- E. Council to consider approval and adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-09 to amend the Charter for the City of Union City, Georgia and to revise provisions pertaining to the administration of the Municipal Court.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- F. Council to consider a request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Union City and the City of Renaissance regarding the use of Union City's Courtroom.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- G. Council to consider a request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Mutual Aid between Fulton County and Union City.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- H. Council to consider a request regarding the dedication of Oakley Industrial Boulevard extension to the City of Union City.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- I. Council to consider a request for approval for the Right of Way Mowing and Maintenance Agreement Between the City of Union City and Georgia Department of Transportation; and LED Multi-Media Message Board and Landscaping on SR 138 Island.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- J. Council to consider a request to enter into a second extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Animal Control Services Between Fulton County, Georgia and Union City, Georgia.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Council to consider the execution of the Tax Allocation District (TAD).

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved of the execution of the Tax Allocation District Agreement with a cap of \$50,000.00. Vote was unanimous.*

**VI. REGULAR /NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Council to consider approval and adoption of Resolution No. 2017-15 to abandon three remnants of the cul-de-sac section of Oakley Industrial Boulevard that no longer will be useful, convenient, or accessible to the public as a road.

*On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved and adopted Resolution No. 2017-15. Vote was unanimous.*

- B. Council to consider approval and adoption of Resolution No. 2017-16 for the conveyance of certain real property to Airport Center III at Oakley Park, LLC, and the Development Authority of Fulton County in an action to dispose of property abandoned by the City of Union City.

*On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved and adopted Resolution No. 2017-16. Vote was unanimous.*

- C. **Public Hearing** to consider approval for an Alcoholic Beverage License application submitted by Wendy Carter for on premise consumption of malt, vinous, and spirituous liquors with Sunday sales for Carter and Little Investment Group, LLC., d/b/a Fusion Sports Bar and Grill, 5851 Buffington Road, Union City, Georgia.

Public Hearing Opened.

No one came forth to speak.

Public Hearing Closed.

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council gave approval of the Alcoholic Beverage License application submitted by Wendy Carter for Carter and Little Investment Group, LLC., d/b/a Fusion Sports Bar and Grill. Vote was unanimous.*

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

None

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

- A. **Community Center** – Director Lonnie Ferguson updated the Council on Hogan’s proposal to value engineer the Community Center project. Direction was given to Director Ferguson by Mayor Williams to advise the Hogan Team of the importance of meeting funding availability (\$5 million). Additionally, he requested that Hogan meet with staff one more time to determine if Hogan can construct the project within budget.

Councilmember Mealing mentioned that the Community Center project has been discussed for 10-11 year and is long overdue.

- B. **Market Assessment** – A market assessment of the City’s compensation structure was provided to Council by Phil Davis of Flex HR. Direction was given to Human Resources by the Council to move forward with the execution of the assessment.

- C. City Manager Fillingame thanked staff for the work they do on a day-to-day basis.

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

Councilmember Mealing made the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for attending the Council Meeting

- Thanks extended to Union City's Eagles Cheerleaders and Football Team
- Thanks extended to Fulton County regarding the Senior Center
- Meeting with Senator James and other cities was successful
- 2017 was a great year for Union City
- December 11, 2017 - Holiday Tree Lighting event was successful
- Thanks extended to staff

Councilmember Nealy made the following comments:

- Congratulatory remarks extended to all of the 2017 Employee of the Month winners
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Cindy Givens for winning the 2017 Employee of the Year Award
- Keynote speaker for "Hats and Heels" event
- Hurricane Harvey Relief Drive – Delivered items to John Gray's Ministries in Houston, TX
- Thanks extended to City Clerk Jewett for spearheading the 2017 Mayors' Christmas Motorcade
- November 15-18, 2017 - NLC Annual City Summit in Charlotte, NC
- December 11, 2017 - Holiday Tree Lighting event was successful
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Councilmember Jones made the following comments:

- Well wishes extended to those retiring from Union City
- Senior Services - Looking forward to a partnership with Fulton County
- Things for staff to consider:
  - Transportation – Mac I site on the Parkway; Trucks jumping out early in the morning/ afternoon is a potential for danger. A possible solution might be to close the intersections and have truckers use the access roads.
  - Changes to the zoning code that would increase the buffer with industrial touching residential to approximate 350 feet buffer
- Rezoning of the Warehouse on Highway 92 and the Parkway. Item has not gone to the Planning Commission
- October 27, 2017 – Fall Festival. Thanks extended to Director Blitch for a successful event
- November 15-18, 2017 – NLC Annual City Summit in Charlotte, NC
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Mayor Williams made the following comments:

- Thanks extended to Michael Davis, Dr. Pamela Roshell, and Kendra Clayton
- Spoke about the Senior Center and its programs and services. Lunch will be served five days per week
- Thanks extended to colleagues, City Clerk Jewett, Director Blitch, and City Attorney Davenport
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Hapeville Charter Hornets for winning the AA State Championship
- Thanks extended to Minister Lane and Resurrection House of All Nations for partnering with Union City
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Darryl Byrd on his retirement from working as a firefighter for 36 years
- Memoriam: Robert Crutchfield and Kenneth Johnson passed away earlier this year
- Spoke about renovating the City Depot and changing the name to "Kenneth Johnson City Depot"
- South Fulton Chamber celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

- 2017 Election – Mayor Williams, Councilmember Mealing, and Councilmember Nealy were all unopposed and will be serving another four years
- Thanks extended to staff

At this time, Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session for two items: one pending litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from October 17, 2017.

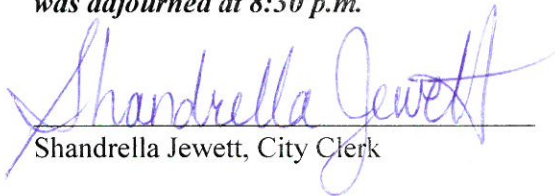
*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss the following: one item regarding pending litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from October 17, 2017. Vote was unanimous.*

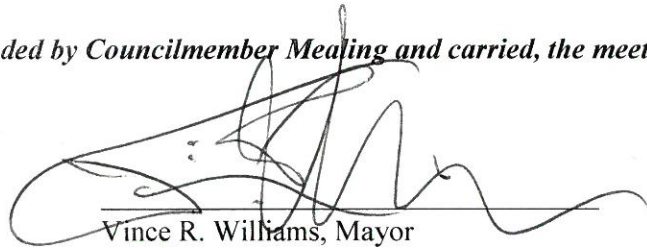
*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council reconvened to Regular Session. Vote was unanimous.*

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from October 17, 2017 were unanimously approved.*

X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

*On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the meeting was 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 19 day of December 20 17.

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.

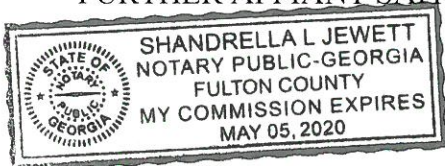
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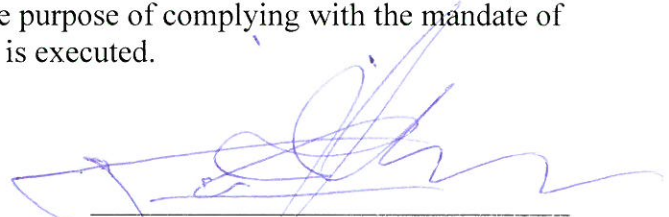
The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 20 17, which was closed for the purpose(s) of 1 pending litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from October 17, 2017 as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

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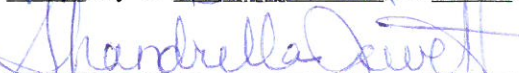
This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4 (b) that such an affidavit is executed.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.



  
Vince Williams, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of December, 20 17.

  
Notary Public