

CITY OF UNION CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018
7:00 P.M.

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

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

Absent: Rhonda Galloway – Human Resource Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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.)

Public Comments were made by the following:

- Odeda Taylor, 5095 Southwood Road, spoke on behalf of Senior Citizens regarding police protection.
- Tonya Isles, 5147 Rapahoe Trail, spoke regarding people shooting guns near Parkway Village and the dead end section of Scarborough Road. Ms. Isles also spoke about having nice restaurants and another grocery store choice in Union City.
- Hezekiah Williams, 4579 Bull Court, spoke regarding a sewer spill and drainage problem.
- Keith Brown, 4959 Rapahoe Trail, spoke regarding trees being removed by Coca-Cola Company.
- Cyalen Davis, 9117 Rosewood Place, asked Council to consider an investment of the Southwind Golf Course as a municipal golf course for the City. Bring in First Tea and a work program for the youth.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Cindy Givens was acknowledged for winning the Employee of the Year award for 2017.
- James Fain was selected as Employee of the Month for January 2018.
- Hapeville Charter Hornets were presented with a Certificate of Recognition for winning the GHSA Class AA State Championship.
- Demonta Barrino was presented with a Certificate of Recognition as a Guest Columnist in the January 3, 2018 South Fulton Neighbor's Newspaper.
- Councilmember Angelette Mealing and Shayla Nealy were sworn in by Judge Ronald Freeman.
- Mayor Vince Williams was sworn in by Judge Ronald Freeman.

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. 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.

- B. Approval of the Minutes:
- 12/19/2017 Worksession Meeting
 - 12/19/2017 Regular Council Meeting

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- C. Council to consider appointment of Mayor Pro Tem for 2018.
Councilmember Brian Jones was selected as 2018 Mayor Pro Tem.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- D. Council to consider the reappointment of Department Directors:
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| City Attorney: | McNally, Fox, Grant & Davenport |
| City Engineer: | Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. |
| City Clerk: | Shandrella Jewett |
| Fire Chief: | Chief Joe Maddox |
| Police Chief: | Chief Cassandra Jones |
| Medical Director: | Dr. Kenneth E. Jones |
| Public Services Director: | Lonnie Ferguson |

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- E. Council to consider approval of a request to apply for an Assistance to Firefighter Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00, for computers and mounting accessories.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- F. Council to consider approval of a street name change from Mall Boulevard to Resurrection Boulevard.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- G. Union City's Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit Systems Retirement Plan - Council to re-adopt the amendment that removes a provision relating to Remarriage of Spouse Beneficiary in the current General Addendum. No changes have been made to the Adoption Agreement. However, it must be re-adopted along with the amended General Addendum.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- H. Council to consider a request from the City of Stockbridge concerning a "Request for Resolution in Support of Georgia Municipal Association Legislative Policy Regarding De-annexation Legislation to Create New Municipalities."

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

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

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Council to consider NextSite Economic Development opportunity.

Director Still led the discussion and advised Council that this opportunity provides the City with a study of commercial corridors and detailed background information to help attract restaurants, hotels, and other amenities. Additionally, the resource would be cost-savings to business who may consider coming into the City.

Director Still stated that out of the three quotes provided to the Finance Department, NextSite was the lowest bidder.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council gave approval to move forward with NextSite Economic Development opportunity. Vote was unanimous.

- B. Council to consider moving Municipal Court Judge from contractor to employee position.

City Manager Fillingame advised Mayor and Council that Judge Freeman is currently reviewing the contract and requested the item be tabled for 30-days.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council agreed to table the above item for an additional 30-days. Vote was unanimous.

VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Council to consider approval to enter into an agreement with Benefits Consulting and Brokerage Services for the City of Union City (RFP-HR-18-01).

Mrs. Anna Marie Robinson-Berry (Finance Department) led the discussion and advised Council that a RFP was solicited on October 4, 2017. The Finance Department received eleven proposals, and three of the vendors were selected based on their presentations and interviews. Shaw Hankins Insurance Agency ranked the highest amongst the three vendors. Therefore, on behalf of the Finance Department, Mrs. Robinson-Berry requested approval to enter into contract with Shaw Hankins Insurance Agency.

Mayor Williams asked Mrs. Robinson-Berry to explain the selection process when choosing a vendor. Ms. Robinson-Berry stated that the evaluation team is given score sheets and must grade the proposals based on the items that the vendors were to address. Mrs. Berry-Robinson advised that she interviews the top three vendors that scores the highest.

Councilmember Hobbs asked "How did the winning team distinguish themselves from the others." Mrs. Robinson-Berry stated that the determining factor is based on their scores, presentation, customer service, call center, etc.

Councilmember Jones made a request to review the background information such as all bidders, costs, and scoring. Mrs. Robinson-Berry indicated that she will provide the requested information.

Mayor Williams inquired about postponing this item until the next Council Meeting.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council agreed to table the above item for 30-days. Vote was unanimous.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

None

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Fillingame spoke regarding the internship program and thanked Council for their vision in making the program a reality.

Mayor Williams stated that he would like to do spotlights on the interns to highlight where they are now.

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Hobbs made the following comments:

- Congratulatory remarks extended to Mayor Williams on his outstanding inauguration that was held on January 15, 2018
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Mealing and Nealy for another four years in office
- Congratulatory remarks extended to James Fain, Employee of the Month
- Expressions of gratitude extended to fellow councilmembers for their support and guidance
- Expressions of gratitude extended to the community for showing support
- Recognition of Mayor Elizabeth Hurst for coming to the meeting
- Looking forward to addressing the tough issues that affect our citizens
- Looking forward to welcoming new opportunities, business partners, and residents to Union City
- Thanks extended to staff

Councilmember Jones made the following comments:

- Congratulatory remarks extended to Hapeville Charter for winning the AA State Championship
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Demonta Barrino for writing the article on Banneker High School
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Dr. Bradley for the awesome work he has done at Banneker High School
- Congratulatory remarks extended to James Fain, Employee of the Month
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Mealing and Nealy for another four years in office
- Spoke regarding Union City looking into making some changes to the zoning ordinance such as increasing the buffer for industrial properties that touch residential to 350 feet
- Thanks extended to staff

Councilmember Mealing made the following comments:

- Recognition of Mayor Elizabeth Hurst for coming to the meeting
- Expression of gratitude was extended to the community for showing support during the election
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Hapeville Charter for winning the AA State Championship

- Congratulatory remarks extended to Union City Eagles for a great season and for winning several competitions
- Congratulatory remarks extended to James Fain, Employee of the Month
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Cindy Givens, Employee of the Year (2017)
- Looking forward to the new Community Center
- Spoke about Council working hard to provide a quality of life for everyone in Union City
- Union City has reached the next level and has surpassed it
- Thanks extended to staff

Councilmember Nealy made the following comments:

- Congratulatory remarks extended to James Fain, Employee of the Month
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Hapeville Charter for winning the AA State Championship
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Demonta Barrino for writing the article on Banneker High School
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Dr. Bradley for the awesome work he has done at Banneker High School
- Congratulatory remarks extended to all of our reappointments and returning Directors
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Mayor Williams on his outstanding inauguration held January 15, 2018
- Thanks extended to Union City residents, family, friends, and Team Shayla for their support during the election. Website: electshaylanealy.com
- Thanks extended to Pastor Q. Gadson and executive church family at The Believers House Church
- Highlighted several accomplishments achieved in Union City
- Thanks extended to staff

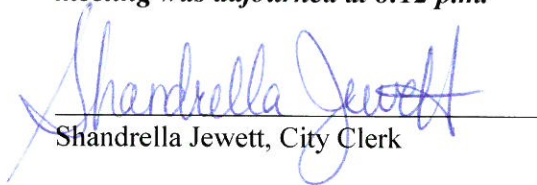
Mayor Vince Williams made the following comments:

- Spoke about the history of the current Council
- Thanks extended to wife, Mrs. Sharon Williams and daughter, Ms. Nia Williams for all of their support
- Thanks extended to everyone for coming to the meeting
- Shared information in regard to building stronger communities
- Spoke about buffers and has shared this interest with Community Development
- Thanked God for being able to lead the community to the next level
- Thanks extended to staff

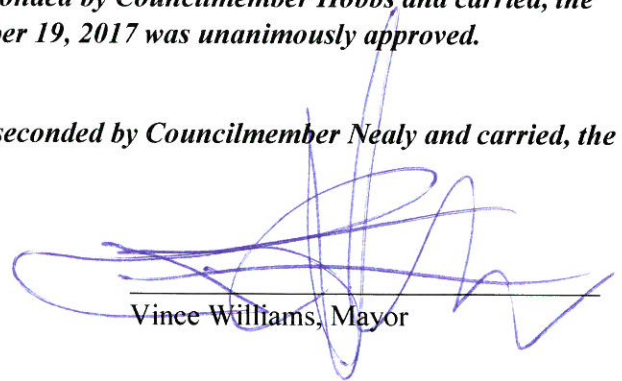
On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from December 19, 2017 was unanimously approved.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



 Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk



 Vince Williams, Mayor

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, Vince Williams, Mayor of the City of Union City, Georgia, who after being duly sworn says:

1.

I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Union City Mayor and City Council held on the 16th day of January, 2018.

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.

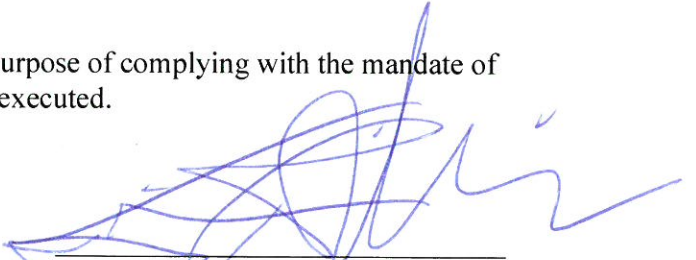
3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 16th day of January, 2018, which was closed for the purpose(s) of three items of threatened litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from December 19, 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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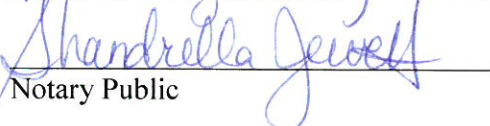
This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4 (b) that such an affidavit is executed.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.



Vince Williams, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
16th day of January, 2018.



Notary Public