

CITY OF UNION CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
(Amended Section VI, A)  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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, and Shandrella Jewett – City Clerk

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

Absent: Tarsha Calloway – Assistant City Manager and Trey Bennings – Information Technology Manager

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

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

Invocation by Mayor Williams

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

- Wanda Mosely, 4687 Mason Road – Ms. Mosely spoke regarding the Coca-Cola development project as well as future development. She mentioned the following: The construction phase of the development, the finished product, traffic increase, blasting, truck traffic, quality of life, and environmental issues. Ms. Mosely requested a meeting with elected officials and representatives of Coca-Cola to discuss possible solutions.
- Helen W. North, 4981 Main Street, spoke regarding drainage issues in her back yard.
- Christina Surratt, 8278 East Shore Drive, spoke regarding the pot holes on Highpoint Road and resurfacing of all side streets.
- Keith King, 4306 Ravenwood Drive, shared his gratitude for Director Ferguson and Public Services work in picking up trash in the community, fixing pot holes on Highpoint Road, and replacing street signs within a timely fashion.

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

- Recognition of Paul “Speedy” Cleckler as Employee of the Month for February 2018

*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.*

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council gave approval to enter into agreement with Shaw Hankins. Vote was unanimous.*

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

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council gave approval to enter into an Employment Agreement with Judge Ronald J. Freeman. Vote was unanimous.*

**V. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Approval of the Minutes:
- 01/16/2018 Worksession Meeting
  - 01/16/2018 Regular Council Meeting

*On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council approved the Worksession and Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Vote was unanimous.*

- B. Council to consider adoption and approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement Relating to the South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail.

*On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council adopted and gave approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement Relating to the South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail. Vote was unanimous.*

- C. Council to consider an amendment to the City's Food Truck Ordinance pertaining to City-Sponsored Special Events, Article VI, Sec. 12-154. Locations.

*On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council agreed to table the item for 60-days. Vote was unanimous.*

- D. **Public Hearing** to consider approval for an Alcoholic Beverage License application submitted by Minhas Panjwani for package sales of malt and vinous liquors for Jingles Food Mart, Inc. (3985 Jonesboro Road, Union City, Georgia).

Public Hearing was opened.

No one came forth.

Public Hearing was closed.

*On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved an Alcoholic Beverage License application submitted by Minhas Panjwani. Vote was unanimous.*

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

- A. **Public Hearing** to consider approval of a rezoning request to rezone from GC General Commercial to M1 Light Industrial to allow the development of additional parking space for Universal Forest Products, Inc. on 3.75 acres.

Public Hearing was opened.

No one came forth.

Public Hearing was closed.

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council approved the rezoning request to rezone from General Commercial to M1 Light Industrial to allow the development of additional parking space for Universal Forest Products, Inc. on 3.75 acres. Councilmember Jones added the following conditions to 5200 Highway 138: A total*

*buffer of 150 feet just on the southern boundary as it is adjacent to the residential zoned property and a traffic study. Vote was unanimous.*

**VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

None

**VIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:**

Councilmember Hobbs made the following comments:

- Congratulatory remarks extended to Paul Cleckler, Employee of the Month
- Prayers extended to the nation
- February 8, 2018 - Senior Citizen Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- February 28, 2018 – Home Cooking Buffet Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Thanks extended to staff

Councilmember Mealing made the following comments:

- Congratulatory remarks extended to Paul Cleckler, Employee of the Month
- Congratulatory remarks extended to the new Finance Director, Linda Goodman
- Prayers extended the nation and to all children who attend school.
- Prayers extended to the families of the victims involved in the mass school shooting in Florida
- Prayers extended to the Assistant City Manager, Tarsha Calloway
- Acknowledgement of February being dedicated as “American Heart Month”
- Kudos to the Fire and Police Department for providing excellent service at the scene of an accident on Highpoint Road
- February 8, 2018 - Senior Citizen Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- February 9, 2018 - Father Daughter Dance
- Thanks extended to staff

Councilmember Jones made the following comments:

- Thanks extended to Director Blich for the Senior Center Partnership with Fulton County
- Congratulatory remarks extended to the new Finance Director, Linda Goodman
- Congratulatory remarks extended to the new City Planner, Giavani Smith
- Encouraged residents to enroll in an active shooter’s training class in order to know how to respond in an emergency situation
- Looking forward to the changes of Town Center Mixed Use
- Discussed a meeting held with Coca-Cola
- February 9, 2018 - Father Daughter Dance
- February 23, 2018 - Days Inn & Suites Re-Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Thanks extended to staff

Councilmember Nealy made the following comments:

- Thanks extended to the Mayor of Fairburn, Elizabeth Hurst, for attending the Council Meeting
- Thanks extended to Joyce Robinson and Ms. Helen for attending the Council Meeting
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Paul Cleckler, Employee of the Month
- Congratulatory remarks extended to the new Finance Director, Linda Goodman
- Congratulatory remarks extended to the new City Planner, Giavani Smith
- Spoke regarding e-commerce, retail sale, and attracting business in Georgia and Union City
- Prayers extended to the families of the victims involved in the mass school shooting in Florida
- Kudos to the Police Department for partnering with “The Law And You” Workshop held on February 3, 2018 at Banneker High School
- February 8, 2018 - Senior Citizen Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



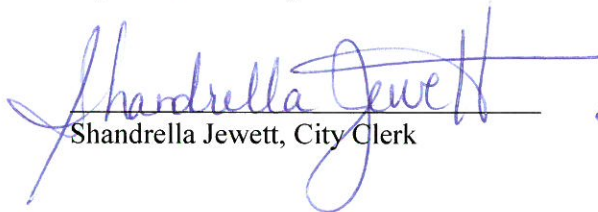
- February 16, 2018 – Black Panther Movie was released. Great movie and kudos to Jay Bailey (Phoenix Foundation) for taking over 750 students
- February 23, 2018 - African American Partnership Luncheon with United Way of Greater Atlanta
- Thanks extended to staff

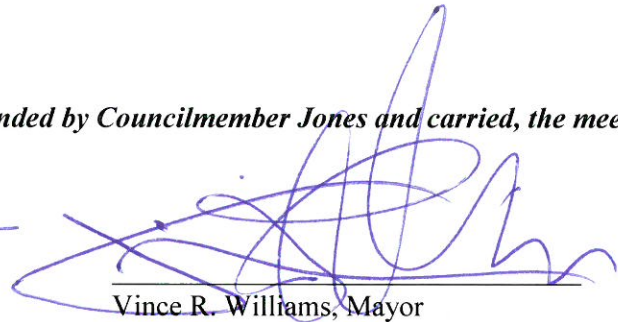
Mayor Vince Williams made the following comments:

- Thanks extended to Joyce Robinson and Roslyn Crider for attending Council Meeting
- Thanks extended to Police Chief Cassandra Jones in regard to Community Policing
- Congratulatory remarks extended to the new Finance Director, Linda Goodman
- Congratulatory remarks extended to the new City Planner, Giavani Smith
- Spoke regarding ambulance service response times
- Prayers extended to the Assistant City Manager, Tarsha Calloway
- Mayor Williams welcomed the Mayor of Fairburn, Elizabeth Hurst
- February 3, 2018 - “The Law And You” Workshop
- February 8, 2018 - Senior Citizen Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Condolences to the family of Mr. Lewis Helvey whom passed away on February 4, 2018
- Spoke about the retail industry being re-purposed. Companies are reshaping how they do business.
- Shared a list of companies that were part of the mass regional growth (on the south-side of Georgia) over the last 15 years: *Costco, GE Energy, Kellogg’s Snack, Newell Rubbermaid, Del Monte Foods, Inc., American Building Products, LLC, Universal Forest Product, Inc., Procter & Gamble, Kraft Foods, Karet Green House Coffee, Duracell, Google, Atlanta Metro Studios (some filming of the Black Panther was done), etc.*
- 1,000 acres of donated land to Union City and a land trust conservation that would be utilized for park space
- Thanks extended to staff

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

*On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.*

  
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 Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk

  
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 Vince R. Williams, Mayor