

CITY OF UNION CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018
7:00 P.M.

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

Staff Present: Lonnie Ferguson – Public Services Director, Linda Goodman – Finance Director, Ellis Still – Community Development Director, Cassandra Jones – Police Chief, and Joe Maddox – Fire Chief

Absent: Rhonda Galloway – Human Resources Manager, and Lee Blich – Parks and Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Minister Donna Franklin

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

- Wanda Mosley, 4687 Mason Road: spoke in follow-up to the February 20, 2018 Council Meeting concerning South Fulton Parkway: Coca-Cola project, warehouse structures, environmental concerns, removal of trees, displacement of wildlife, and commercial development near residential homes.
- Tonya Isles, 5147 Rapahoe Trail: spoke regarding “Coffee with Council” meeting held at Dunkin Donuts, staffing needs for public safety, high millage rate, and the need for modification of the infrastructure to support current and future construction.
- Dwight Parker, 7955 Snapwell Drive: commented on leadership and partnership between the City of South Fulton and Union City. Expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Jones for attending the “Coffee with Council” meeting held at Dunkin Donuts last week.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Announcement and Recognition of Officer Damani Williams as Employee of the Month for April 2018

Mayor Williams read a letter from Lieutenant Walker to Police Chief, Cassandra Jones, concerning an accident where Officer Williams went above and beyond the call of duty. Officer Williams provided assistance to a driver that was trapped in a vehicle.

- Resolution recognizing April 22-28, 2018 as Georgia Cities Week in Union City, GA
- Proclamation recognizing May 6-12, 2018 as Municipal Clerks Week
- Swearing-in of Union City’s Development Authority Board of Directors: Bettye Ludd, Linda Suzette Nunnely, Brandon Banks, and Robert Pauley were 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. Approval of the Minutes:
 - 02/20/2018 Work Session Meeting
 - 02/20/2018 Regular Council Meeting
 - 03/20/2018 State of the City Address
- B. Council to consider an Inmate Intergovernmental Service Agreement between the City of Union City, Georgia, Palmetto, Georgia, and Fulton County, Georgia.
- C. Council to consider a request for approval of a renewal agreement (ATL Airport District Marketing Services) for the promotion of hospitality and tourism.
- D. Council to consider a request for approval of a renewal agreement (Fulton County Schools Memorandum of Understanding) to review building plans and inspection of capital and facilities improvement.
- E. Council to consider a request to approve the submission of an application for funding of a SAFER GRANT (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response).
- F. Council to consider approval of a request to grant the Housing Authority a waiver of its Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for 2017-2018.
- G. Council to discuss and consider a resolution for recertification as a Georgia Certified City of Ethics.
- H. Council to consider a resolution consenting to the expansion of the South Fulton Community Improvement District.
- I. Council to consider approval to enter into an agreement for Project Management Services for Flat Shoals Resurfacing and Sidewalk Project for the City of Union City, Georgia (RFB-PS-18-02).
- J. Council to consider a request for approval to enter into an agreement for Highpoint Road streetscape and Littleton Subdivision water service line replacement CDBG/LMIG (RFB-PS-18-03).
- K. Council to consider approval and adoption of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for Union City, Georgia; To update the regulatory framework by specifying the City Sponsored special events at which food truck vending operations are permitted to occur.
- L. Council to consider approval of a resolution updating the regulatory framework within which food truck vending operations are permitted to take place by adopting a schedule of City Sponsored special events, in accordance with the provisions of sub-section 12-154 of Article VI of Chapter 12 of the Union City Code of Ordinances.

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

V. OLD BUSINESS:

None

VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Council to consider approval of a resolution to abandon a section of the municipal street system that has ceased to be used by the public (0.49956-acre, parcel of land that is currently or formerly known as Scarborough Road).

The portion of Scarborough Road, as shown on the referenced plat has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial purpose is served by it and as such, its removal from the municipal street system is in the best interest of the public.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy; seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council declared that a section of Scarborough Road, as shown on the plat, be abandoned. Councilmember Jones opposed. Vote was 3 to 1.

- B. Council to consider approval of a resolution for the conveyance of certain real property to Southern Parkway, Inc., in order to dispose of property that has been abandoned from the municipal road system by the City of Union City (roadbed formerly known as Scarborough Road).

Assistant Attorney Stough advised Council that an Opinion of Value was received from the appraiser in the amount of \$4,500.00.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy; seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the resolution for the conveyance of certain real property to Southern Parkway, Inc. Councilmember Jones opposed. Vote was 3 to 1.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

- A. **Public Hearing** to consider the rezoning request (PDC Atlanta, LLC) to rezone 101.79 acres of land at the intersection of South Fulton Parkway and Highway 92 from General Commercial to Town Center Mixed Use.

PDC Atlanta, LLC submitted a letter requesting Council to defer the Public Hearing until June 19, 2018, in order to work on alternatives. Mayor Williams read the letter (during the Work Session) that he received from the petitioner requesting additional time to further explore the feedback received as it relates to the size of the building and the desire for additional restaurant, and/or retail uses on the property.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing; seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council agreed to table the item till June 19, 2018. Vote was unanimous.

- B. **Public Hearing** to consider the request of a stream buffer variance in regard to a proposal to develop a 350,000 sq. ft. logistical warehouse on Goodson Road. (Staff Recommends Approval)

Councilmember Nealy asked whether the proposed development will cover the spring head. The petitioner, Adam Richards of Reliance Real Estate Partners, stated that it will not.

Councilmember Mealing requested a copy of the mitigation plan. Director Still will give Council a copy.

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth to speak

Public Hearing Closed

On motion of Councilmember Nealy; seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the request of a stream buffer variance in regard to a proposal to develop a 350,000 sq. ft. logistical warehouse on Goodson Road. Councilmember Jones opposed. Vote 3 to 1.

The following conditions to encroach within the 25-foot buffer adjacent to State waters, as required by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division, will be met:

1. All graded slopes 3:1 or greater will be hydroseeded and covered with Georgia DOT approved wood fiber matting or coconut fiber matting. If not hydroseeded, Georgia DOT approved matting that has been incorporated with seed and fertilizer will be used. All slopes will be properly protected until a permanent vegetative stand is established.
2. The amount of land cleared during construction will be kept to a minimum.

3. All disturbed areas will be seeded, fertilized and mulched as soon as the final grade is achieved. Also, these disturbed areas will be protected until permanent vegetation is established.
4. A double row of Georgia DOT type "C" silt fence or an approved high performance silt fence will be installed between the land disturbing activities and State waters where appropriate.
5. Buffer variance conditions will be incorporated into any Land Disturbance Activity Permit issued by Union City for this project.
6. The project will be conducted in strict adherence to the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan and any Land Disturbance Activity Permit issued by Union City.
7. Post-construction stormwater management system (i.e., micropool extended detention pond and a CrystalStream Technologies (CST) CrystalClean separator) will be maintained to ensure pollutant removal efficiencies for water quality protection.

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Animal Control Services:

City Manager Fillingame shared with Council that Fulton County did a RFP (Request for Proposal) for Animal Control Service. The options were "Baseline Level of Services" or "Best in Class". The consensus received was for Baseline Services. Fulton County provided estimated costs for services in the amount of \$192,391.00. City Manager Fillingame spoke with Todd Long, Chief Operating Officer last week and there may be an extended agreement as Fulton County continue to sort through this. Last year Union City spent \$107,589.00.

Mayor Williams advised that he will be meeting with all of the Mayors of Fulton County and the Board of Commissioners to discuss the Animal Control Service issue.

B. Website Update:

City Manager Fillingame thanked Trey Bennings (IT Manager) for providing assistance prior to fulfilling the Marketing Specialist position. City Manager Fillingame introduced Tristan Crum as Union City's Marketing Specialist and extended congratulatory remarks to Mr. Crum for doing an excellent job.

Mr. Crum briefed Council on his approach to updating the website and shared a Powerpoint presentation on four different design layouts. He stated that his goal was "to make sure that the website and brand created would exemplify who we are in Union City". Each design focused on a color scheme that represented wisdom, creativity, and productivity. He requested Council's feedback and the consensus received was for design #1. Mayor Williams asked Mr. Crum to share the design layouts with the community on April 30, 2018 at the Town Hall Meeting.

C. Community Development Department introduction of new staff member:

Director Still introduced Mr. Kalanos Johnson as Union City's Senior Planner. Mr. Johnson has a Master's Degree in Planning and looks forward to working in Economic Development, CID's and Planning. He has worked with numerous jurisdictions both in the public and private sector and is very excited to be on board.

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Hobbs made the following comments:

- Thanks extended to those who were present at the State of the City Address on March 20, 2018
- Thanks extended to Cindy Givens and staff for coordinating a successful Community Health Day held April 17, 2018
- Thanks extended to State Representative, Derrick Jackson for coming to the meeting
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Officer Damani Williams, Employee of the Month

- Congratulatory remarks extended to Giavani Smith, Kalanos Johnson, and Tristan Crum for joining the team
- Kudos to City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett, on the upcoming Municipal Clerks Week May 6-12, 2018
- Welcome remarks extended to the Directors of the Development Authority Board
- April 22-28, 2018 - Georgia Cities Week
- April 30, 2018 - Town Hall Meeting
- Spoke about e-commerce and that \$435 billion dollars were generated in online sales last year
- Thanks extended to everyone for coming to the Council Meeting

Councilmember Mealing made the following comments:

- Welcome remarks extended to Union City and the City of South Fulton's residents for being present
- Expressed how the State of the City Address highlighted some of things that Union City is currently working on, some of the accomplishments, and the future of Union City.
- April 30, 2018 - Town Hall Meeting
- Kudos to Director Blitch, Cindy Givens, and Resurrection House of All Nations for their collaboration with the parade, Opening Baseball Day, and Community Health Fair. The entire event was successful and would like for it to continue being held on the same day, if possible
- Prayers extended to the family of 17 year-old, Chevelle Thompson
- Kudos to Public Safety, Fire Department, and the Police Department
- Acknowledgement of Councilmembers from the City of South Fulton
- Welcomed the new Directors of the Development Authority Board
- Spoke about the new Senior Center being open and the upcoming Community Garden
- Thanks extended to staff and colleagues

Councilmember Jones made the following comments:

- Congratulatory remarks extended to the new Development Authority Board and to the Directors
- Kudos to Director Blitch, Cindy Givens, and Resurrection House of All Nations for their collaboration with the parade, Opening Baseball Day, and Community Health Fair. The entire event was successful and would like for it to continue being held on the same day, if possible
- Congratulatory remarks extended to the Fire Department regarding their new fire truck and to the Police Department regarding their new police cars
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Giavani Smith, Kalanos Johnson, and Tristan Crum for joining the team
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Tristan Crum in regard to the website designs
- Thanked residents and friends for attending the Council Meeting and to stay engaged
- Spoke about e-commerce and the need to petition for restaurants we want in Union City
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Officer Damani Williams, Employee of the Month
- Thanks extended to staff

Councilmember Nealy made the following comments:

- Thanks extended to State Representative, Derrick Jackson for coming to the meeting
- Acknowledgement of Councilmembers from the City of South Fulton
- Thanks extended to Mayor Williams for a great State of the City Address
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Kalanos Johnson, Senior Planner
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk regarding the upcoming Municipal Clerks Week
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Officer Damani Williams, Employee of the Month
- Thanked residents for voicing their concerns
- Thanks extended to the ATL Airport District partnership

- Thanks extended to Chief Maddox for applying for the SAFER Grant so that the residents and neighboring cities can receive emergency services when needed
- Congratulatory remarks extended to the new Directors of the Development Authority Board
- Thanks extended to Coach Blitch for the partnership with Atlanta Braves and Blooper
- Kudos to Director Blitch, Cindy Givens, and Resurrection House of All Nations for their collaboration with the parade, Opening Baseball Day, and Community Health Fair. The entire event was successful and would like for it to continue being held on the same day, if possible
- Thanks extended to staff
- Mentioned quote that Mayor Williams said at the State of the City - “The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm”

Mayor Vince William made the following comments:

- Prayers extended to the family of the former First lady, Barbara Bush, whom has passed away
- Thanks extended to Minister Dona Franklin for being present.
- Prayers extended to the family of Minister Dona Franklin regarding the passing of her mother, Gabriella Reeves. Ms. Reeves passed away on April 10, 2018.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to the Fire Department regarding their new fire truck and to the Police Department regarding their new police cars
- Prayers extended to the family of Mr. Thomas. He was passed away yesterday in Union City, GA
- Thanks extended to Tarsha Calloway for being present
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Giavani Smith, Kalanos Johnson, and Tristan Crum for joining the team
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Officer Damani Williams, Employee of the Month
- Prayers extended to the family of Dr. Karen Tinsley (UGA Facilitator for GICH) whom passed away a couple of weeks ago. She had a passion for community housing in Union City. Union City would like to do something in her honor.
- Thanked the Georgia Minority Business Association for being selected as “Mayor of the Year”
- Thanks extended to State Representative, Derrick Jackson for coming to the meeting
- Thanks extended to Councilmember Rosie Jackson (City of South Fulton), for coming to the meeting

At this time, Attorney Stough stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session for the following: one item regarding pending litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from January 16, 2018.

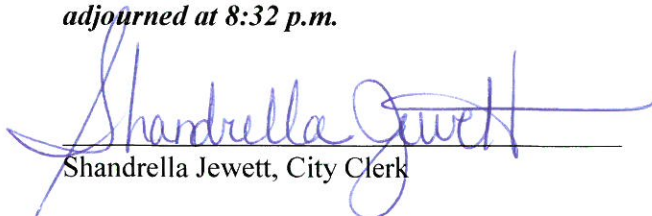
On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to consider the following: one item regarding pending litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from January 16, 2018. Vote was unanimous.

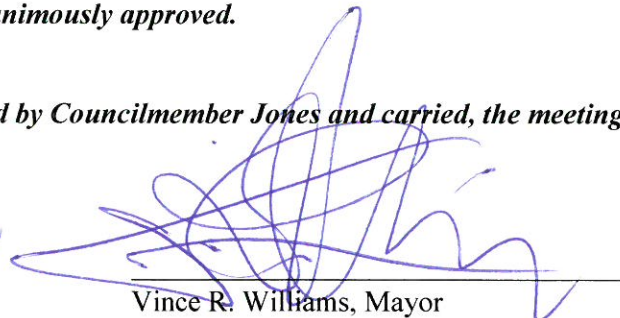
On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council reconvened to Regular Session. Vote was unanimous.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from January 16, 2018 was unanimously approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.


Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk


Vince R. 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 17th day of April, 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.

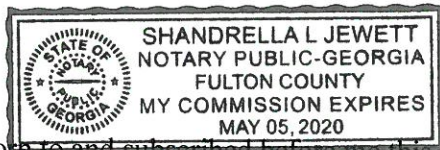
3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 17th day of April, 2018, which was closed for the purpose(s) of one pending litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from January 16, 2018 as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

4.

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.



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of April, 2018.

Shandrella Jewett
Notary Public

Vince Williams
Vince Williams, Mayor