

CITY OF UNION CITY  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 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, Ellis Still – Community Development Director, Linda Goodman – Finance Director, Cassandra Jones – Police Chief, Joe Maddox – Fire Chief, and Trey Bennings – Information Technology Manager

Absent: Tarsha Calloway – Assistant City Manager, Rhonda Galloway – Human Resources Manager, and Lee Blitch – Parks and Recreation Director

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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 Vince Williams

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

- Tonya Isle, 5147 Rapahoe Trail - Thanks extended to Director Ferguson and Public Services for filling the potholes on Mason Road, cleaning up the glass on Mason Road & South Fulton Parkway, and for cutting the grass on South Fulton Parkway.

Ms. Isle also expressed concerns regarding the Public Hearing process and communication with residents. She asked Mayor and Council to consider the Comprehensive Plan and the environment when making decision. Lastly, Ms. Isle spoke regarding Town Center Mixed Use in the area.

- Wanda Mosely, 4687 Mason Road - Spoke in opposition of the proposed rezoning request in regard to the 1.1 million square foot warehouse project at Highway 92 and South Fulton Parkway. She also spoke about environmental and traffic concerns for the area.
- Keith Browne, 4959 Rapahoe Trail - Spoke regarding communications with Councilmembers.

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

- Joyce Lynn, Permit Technician II was recognized as Employee of the Month for May 2018
- Proclamation recognizing “Kids to Park Day” on May 19, 2018
- Proclamation recognizing “National Public Works Week” on May 20-26, 2018
- Proclamation recognizing Dr. Duke Bradley, III as 2018 “Principal of the Year” at Benjamin Banneker High School
- Recognition of Union City’s Fire Department Retirees:  
Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Clark received a plaque for 37 Years of Service  
Battalion Chief, Frank West received a plaque for 36 Years of Service  
Sergeant Roger Ellington both received a plaque for 36 Years of Service

**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 Regular Council Meeting – Amendment 1 (*Conditions added to Section VI, A*)
- 04/17/2018 Work Session Meeting
- 04/17/2018 Regular Council Meeting
- 04/30/2018 Town Hall Meeting

B. Council to consider a request for approval to start a Youth Council Program in Union City.

C. Council to consider a request of approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services with Fulton County, Georgia.

D. Council to consider a request for approval to enter into a three year agreement with Paycom in order to provide payroll services and other Human Resources features.

E. Council to consider approval to enter into an agreement for citywide resurfacing LMIG 2018/TSPLOST Project RFB-PS-18-04.

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Public Hearing** to consider a request for approval of a Stream Buffer Variance for the disturbance of 20 linear feet of stream for a road crossing as well as the construction of a 340 linear feet retaining wall in the 75 feet impervious buffer setback.

Director Still provided background information to Mayor and Council.

Public Hearing Opened

- Scott Martin, 7000 Central Parkway - Spoke in favor of the Stream Buffer Variance
- Michelle Jackson, Foggy Oak Drive - Spoke in opposition of the Stream Buffer Variance
- Toni Bohannon, Parkway Villages - Spoke in opposition of the Stream Buffer Variance
- Tonya Isle, 5147 Rapahoe Trail - Spoke in opposition of the Stream Buffer Variance
- Alvin Jackson, 7282 Parks Trail - Spoke in opposition of the Stream Buffer Variance
- Harold Mitchell, 5114 Rapahoe Trail - Spoke in opposition of the Stream Buffer Variance
- Wanda Mosley, 4687 Mason Road - Spoke in opposition of the Stream Buffer Variance
- Dr. Lethea Williams, Dodson Woods - Spoke in opposition of the Stream Buffer Variance

Rebuttal remarks were made by the petitioner, Scott Martin

Public Hearing Closed

*On motion of Councilmember Jones; seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, the request for a Stream Buffer Variance was denied. (Vote was 2 to 2). Councilmembers Nealy and Mealing voted against the motion.*

*Mayor Williams voted against the motion and the motion failed. (Vote 2 to 3)*

*On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the request for a Stream Buffer Variance with the following EPD and EPA conditions. (Vote was 3 to 2). Councilmembers Jones and Hobbs voted against the motion.*

1. All graded slopes 3:1 or greater must be hydro seeded and covered with Georgia DOT approved wood fiber matting or coconut fiber matting. If not hydro seeded, Georgia DOT approved matting that has been incorporated with seed and fertilizer must be used. All slopes must be properly protected until a permanent vegetative stand is established;
2. The amount of land cleared during construction must be kept to a minimum;
3. All disturbed areas must be seeded, fertilized and mulched as soon as the final grade is achieved. Also, these disturbed areas must 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 must be installed between the land disturbing activities and State waters where appropriate;
5. Buffer variance conditions must be incorporated into any Land Disturbing Activity Permit issued by Union City for this project;
6. The project must be conducted in strict adherence to the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan and any Land Disturbing Activity Permit issued by Union City; and
7. Post-construction storm water management systems must be maintained to ensure pollutant removal efficiencies for water quality protection.

**Conditions by the Department of the Army:**

1. The activity is conducted in accordance with the information submitted and meets the conditions applicable to the NWP, as described at Part C of the NWP Program and the Savannah District's Regional Conditions for NWPs.
2. Prior to commencement of any permitted work in aquatic resources, the permittee shall purchase 1.56 wetland mitigation credits from an approved U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) mitigation bank within the primary service area and submit documentation of this credit purchase to the Corps.
3. Prior to commencement of any permitted work in aquatic resources, the permittee shall purchase 1.293.6 stream mitigation bank from an approved U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) mitigation bank within the primary service area and submit documentation of this credit purchase to the Corps.
4. Shall obtain and comply with all appropriate federal, state, and local authorizations required for this type of activity. A stream buffer variance may be required from the Georgia EPD.
5. All work conducted under this permit shall be located, outlined, designed, constructed and operated in accordance with the minimal requirements of the GA Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act of 1975, as amended.
6. Shall install and maintain erosion and sediment control measures in upland areas of the project site, in accordance with the GA Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act of 1975, as amended, to minimize the introduction of sediment into and the erosion of streams, wetlands and other waters of the United States. This permit does not authorize installation of check-damns, weirs, riprap, bulkheads or other erosion control measures in streams, wetlands or other waters of the United States. Authorization would be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to installing any erosion control measure in waters of the United States.
7. Shall install and maintain erosion and sediment control measures for all fill material that is authorized to be discharged in streams, wetlands and other waters of the United States, in

accordance with the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act of 1975, as amended, and permanently stabilize fill areas at the earliest practicable date.

8. Shall notify the Corps, in writing, at least 10 days in advance of commencement of work authorized by this permit.
9. Fill out and sign the certification by the U.S Department of the Army and return it to their office within 30 days of completion of the activity authorized in the permit.

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

None

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

**A. Community Garden Project - Giavani Smith, City Planner**

City Manager Fillingame commended Ms. Smith for submitting an application to Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to assist Union City with the development of a community garden.

Ms. Smith advised Council that Union City has been chosen for technical assistance through ARC's Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) to develop a community garden. Community Development is currently working on a detail scope with expectations of the project with ARC. ARC will be committing \$2,700.00 for the one year of technical assistance and there is a local commitment match (up to \$2,700.00) for the project which will total \$5,400.00.

The project will consist of the following task:

- Project Management
- Research on Best Practices and Case Studies
- Field Trips to Model Community Gardens
- Public Presentations
- Report Writing

Ms. Smith shared with Council that by the end of the technical assistance, Union City will have a vision, best practices, and a start date established for the community garden.

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

**Comments made by Councilmember Nealy**

Thanks and congratulatory remarks were extended to:

- Councilmember, Khalid Kamau (City of South Fulton) for being present at the Council Meeting
- Nydia Akins and Shandrella Jewett for taking on the Youth Leadership Council Program
- Residents for voicing their concerns
- Joyce Lynn, Employee of the Month
- Dr. Duke Bradley, Principal of the Year 2018
- Congratulatory remarks extended to City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett and all other municipal clerks Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Clark, Battalion Frank West, and Sergeant Roger Ellington's retirement
- Tristan Crum, Marketing Specialist regarding updates to UC News
- Staff

Important Dates and Meetings Attended:

- April 30, 2018 - Town Hall Meeting was successful and looking forward to having many more
- May 6-12, 2018 - Municipal Clerks Week
- May 10, 2018 - Met with some of the residents from Dodson Woods and Parkway Villages
- May 19, 2018 - Home Owners Association Meeting

### **Comments made by Councilmember Hobbs**

Thanks and congratulatory remarks were extended to:

- Staff for their innovation with the Community Garden, Youth Council, etc.
- Joyce Lynn, Employee of the Month
- Duke Bradley, III, Principal of the Year 2018
- Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Clark, Battalion Frank West, and Sergeant Roger Ellington's retirement

Important Dates and Meetings Attended:

- April 30, 2018 - Town Hall Meeting was successful
- May 4, 2018 - Push-in Ceremony regarding the new Fire Truck Engine
- May 19, 2018 - Kids to Park Day
- May 20-26, 2018 - National Public Works Week. Congratulatory remarks extended to Director Ferguson and staff
- May 22, 2018 – Election Day

### **Comments made by Councilmember Jones**

Thanks and congratulatory remarks were extended to:

- The families of the retiring firefighters
- Giavani Smith for the Community Garden
- Residents for coming to the Council Meeting
- Tristan Crum, Marketing Specialist on an awesome job regarding Social Media and the Newsletters
- Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Clark, Battalion Frank West, and Sergeant Roger Ellington's retirement
- All 2018 Graduates
- Joyce Lynn, Employee of the Month
- Dr. Duke Bradley, III, Principal of the Year 2018
- Staff

### **Comments made by Councilmember Mealing**

Thanks and congratulatory remarks were extended to:

- Councilmember, Khalid Kamau (City of South Fulton) for being present at the Council Meeting
- Giavani Smith for the Community Garden
- Public Works for keeping the City clean
- Nydia Akins and Shandrella Jewett for taking on the Youth Leadership Council Program
- Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Clark, Battalion Frank West, and Sergeant Roger Ellington's retirement
- Joyce Lynn, Employee of the Month
- Dr. Duke Bradley, III, Principal of the Year 2018
- Congratulatory remarks to Director Ferguson and staff in regard to National Public Work Week
- Staff

Important Dates and Meetings Attended:

- April 30, 2018 - Town Hall Meeting was successful
- May 2018 - "Older American's Month"
- May 4, 2018 - Grand Opening of Kadwell Farms by Retina Dawson-Young
- May 4, 2018 - Push-in Ceremony for the new Fire Truck Engine
- May 8, 2018 to June 21, 2018 - Boot Camp
- May 10, 2018 – Met with some of the residents from Dodson Woods and Parkway Villages
- May 20-26, 2018 - National Public Works Week
- May 22, 2018 – Election Day

**Comments made by Mayor Vince Williams**

Thanks and congratulatory remarks were extended to:

- Nia Williams for receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Broadcast Journalism with a minor in French
- Retina Dawson-Young and the launch of Kadwell Farms
- Staff

Important Dates and Meetings Attended:

- Attended two Georgia Municipal District Meetings (Roswell, GA and Riverdale, GA)
- South Fulton Municipal Association in Hapeville, GA
- Fulton County Mayor and Board of Commission Meeting - Transit and the passage of HB930
- Board of Directors and the Legislative Policy Council Meeting held in Albany, GA
- Town Hall Meeting held April 30, 2018
- Meeting with members of GDOT and Director Still regarding the maintenance of South Fulton Parkway, Highway 92, State Route 138 and US 29
- Attended the funeral service of Evelyn "Nona" Long, a resident of Union City for 30+ years
- Liberty Point Elementary Career Day
- Banneker High School Senior Breakfast
- May 4, 2018 - Push-in Ceremony for the new Fire Truck Engine
- National Day of Prayer held on May 3, 2018
- Street blades have been placed on Resurrection Way
- Met with a group of Union City seniors in regard to senior services
- 2018 Annual Golf Tournament – South Fulton Chamber of Commerce was successful
- Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Clark, Battalion Frank West, and Sergeant Roger Ellington's retirement
- ARC LINK Trip held in San Diego (transportation, homelessness, economic, education, workforce)

At this time, Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session for the following three items: threatened litigation, real estate, and review of the Executive Session Minutes from April 17, 2018.

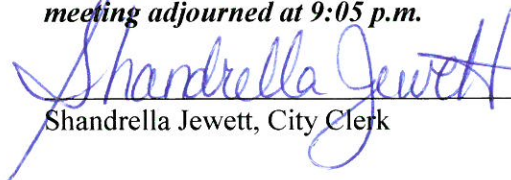
*On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to consider the following three items: threatened litigation, real estate, and review of the Executive Session Minutes from April 17, 2018. Vote was unanimous.*

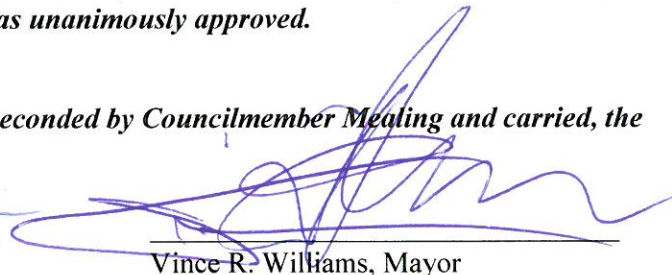
*On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council reconvened to Regular Session. Vote was unanimous.*

*On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from April 17, 2018 was unanimously approved.*

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

*On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 20 18.

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.

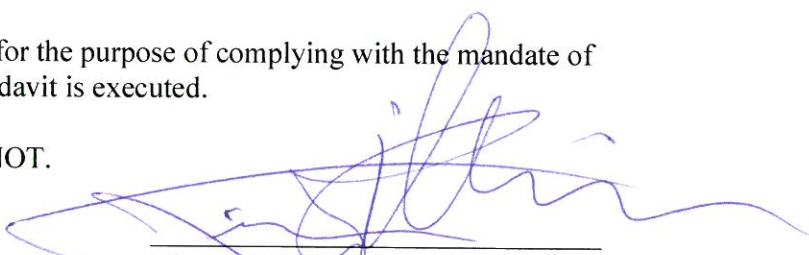
3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 20 18, which was closed for the purpose(s) of one real estate item, one threatened litigation, and review of the Executive Session Minutes from April 17, 2018. 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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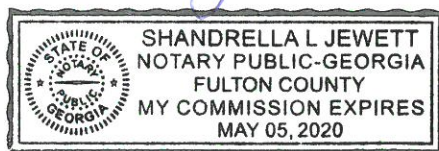
This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4 (b) that such an affidavit is executed.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

  
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Vince Williams, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 20 18.

  
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Notary Public



**CITY OF UNION CITY  
FY19 PLANNING SESSION  
THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2018  
6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Vince Williams, Councilmembers Brian Jones, Shayla Nealy, Christina Hobbs, Dennis Davenport - City Attorney, Sonja Fillingame – City Manager, and Shandrella Jewett – City Clerk

**STAFF PRESENT:** Linda Goodman – Finance Director, Ellis Still – Community Development Director, Lee Blitch – Parks and Recreation Director, Lonnie Ferguson – Public Service Director, Rhonda Galloway – Human Resource Manager, and Trey Bennings – Information Technology

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Angelette Mealing and Tarsha Calloway - Assistant City Manager

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The meeting started at 6:05 p.m.

**I. Introduction by Mayor Vince Williams**

- Purpose of the Planning Session
- Introduction of Attendees

**II. Welcome by Sonja Fillingame**

Purpose of the Retreat by Sonja Fillingame:

- Strategic Direction of the City
- Assess Where We Are As A City. Challenges/New Opportunities
- Strengthen our Partnerships – Current or New Initiatives on the Horizon

**III. Presentations**

**I.T. Presentations:**

- Josh Cox, VC3 – Discussed Cyber Security, Trends and Opportunities
- Trey Bennings – Discussed Public Safety, Inoperability, and Smart Cities Initiatives

Councilmember Hobbs entered at 6:27 p.m.

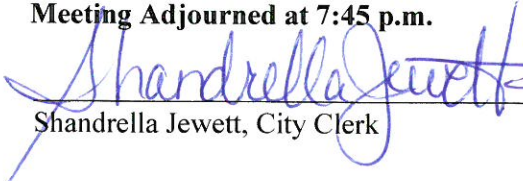
**Park Security Initiative:**

- Sabre Meddlin, The World Center  
Shared information regarding “Building a Smart City”

**Assessment of FY18 Retreat Priorities**

- Director Ferguson – Gateway & Corridor Improvements
- Director Blitch – Update on the Community Center and Various Programs
- Director Still – Land Use and Developmental Codes
- Rhonda Galloway, HR Manager – Benefit Analysis, Policies, and Plans

**IV. Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

  
Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk

  
Vince R. Williams, Mayor