

UNION CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Vince Williams, Councilmembers Angelette Mealing and Brian Jones; Dennis Davenport – City Attorney, Sonja Fillingame – City Manager, and Shandrella Jewett – City Clerk

Staff Present: Linda Goodman – Finance Director, Ellis Still – Community Development Director, Cassandra Jones – Police Chief, Joe Maddox – Fire Chief, Lee Blitch – Parks and Recreation Director, Trey Bennings – Information Technology Manager, and Rhonda Galloway – Human Resource Manager

Absent: Councilmember Shayla Nealy and Christina Hobbs, Tarsha Calloway – Assistant City Manager, and Lonnie Ferguson – Public Services Director

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

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Minister Lane

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

- DeAndre Alexander, 619 Stream Court – Requested Council to consider placing a dirt bike park in Union City.
- Cheryl McKay, 807 Lake Chase – Spoke regarding illegal dumping
- Juliette Rankins, 3925 Grassy Trace – Spoke regarding warehouses on South Fulton Parkway
- Stephen Cole, 6634 Gresham Street – Spoke regarding Highway 92, warehouses and a water leak
- Keith Browne, 4959 Rapohoe Trail – Spoke regarding property taxes and the millage rate
- John R. Taylor, III – 5512 Rosewood Place – Spoke regarding proposed warehouse/e-commerce distribution facilities
- Tonya Isles, Rapahoe Trail – Spoke regarding Union City taxes and Single Family Homes
- Regina McDowell, 4645 Jones Road - Spoke regarding the stores in Union City
- Kathy Butler, 2216 Jenny Drive – Spoke regarding homestead exemption and millage rate
- Nick Byers, 5675 Highway 92 – Spoke regarding warehouse on Highway 92
- Wanda Mosley, 4689 Creekside Cove – Spoke regarding infrastructure and her displeasure of these types of warehouses in the area
- Chaune Williams, 7298 Parkland Bend – Spoke regarding warehouses in the area

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Announcement and Recognition of Employee of the Month
Jessie Harris was recognized as Employee of the Month for June 2018.
- Introduction of 2018 Interns – Alexander Dukes and Chanika Cole was present and spoke on behalf of the City's Internship Program.

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. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Minutes:

- 05/15/18 - Work Session Meeting
- 05/15/18 - Regular Council Meeting
- 05/31/18 – FY19 City Council Planning Retreat
- 06/01/18 – FY19 City Council Planning Retreat
- 06/02/18 – FY19 City Council Planning Retreat

B. Council to request Development Authority Seed Funding in the amount of \$100,000.00.

C. Council to request an approval of \$12,500.00 for the South Fulton CID Expansion Program.

D. Council to adopt a resolution to approve delegating its authority to the Zoning Administrator to certify where certain plats are not subject to the City’s approval process.

E. Council to request approval of Union City adhering to the effective date of July 1, 2018 as it relates to the Georgia’s “Hands-Free Law” (use of cell phones while driving).

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

V. OLD BUSINESS:

None

VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

A. Council to request approval to become a member of Aerotropolis and to pay the \$10,000.00 membership fee.

The Executive Director, Shannon James spoke on behalf of Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance. He advised Mayor and Council that Aerotropolis is a 501(c)(6). Aerotropolis is also a Public-Private Partnership that specializes in partnership and collaboration around economic development. The Aerotropolis footprint expands within 20 mile radius of the Hartsfield-Jackson Airport and its primary focus is on the South Fulton and Clayton County areas.

Mr. James also spoke regarding some of the following topics:

Key Objectives:

- Marketing assets within Aerotropolis area to accelerate growth and new development.
- Advance Workforce Development initiatives for member communities and businesses.
- Influence cross-jurisdictional communication and partnerships
- Enhance overall perception of the area

Top Five (5) Target Industries:

- Aerospace, Food Agri Business, Multimedia Production, Bio-life Sciences, and Logistics.

FOUR Community Improvement Districts:

- Fulton Industrial CID, South Fulton CID, Airport West CID, and Airport South CID

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council agreed on Union City becoming a member of Aerotropolis and to pay the \$10,000.00 membership fee.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

- A. **Public Hearing** to consider a request for approval to amend the Official Zoning Map for rezoning of 101.79 acres located at the intersection of South Fulton Parkway and Highway 92 from General Commercial (GC) to Town Center Mixed Use (TCMU). *(Planning Commission Recommends Denial and Staff Recommends Approval with Conditions)*

Mr. Doug Dillard thanked Mayor and Council for tabling the item for another 30 days so that he can reach out to the neighbors. He advised Mayor and Council that the applicant would like to have some accord with the neighbors.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council agreed to table the item for 30 days. Councilmember Jones add the following comment “hoping to come back with a resolution instead of deferring the item again.”

- B. **Public Hearing** to consider a request to amend the Official Zoning Map for rezoning of 0.4356 acres of property located at 5013 College Street, Union City, GA 30291. The request is to rezone from M-1 (Light Industrial) to O-I (Office Institutional). *(Planning Commission Recommended Approval with Conditions and the Staff Recommended Denial regarding the original site plan). (Staff changed their recommendations from denial to approval with conditions after the revised site plans were reviewed).*

Director Still advised Mayor and Council that this request is for the purpose of establishing a place of worship. The petitioner is Psalms 23 Ministries and the current facility is a Masonic Lodge located at 5013 College Street.

Attorney Roxanne Dailey with Battle Law spoke on behalf of the applicant, Psalms 23 Ministries. She advised Mayor and Council that Psalms 23 Ministries is a small ministry and a starter church with fluctuating membership between 15-20 people. The location will be a starter location in order for the ministry to have a great presence in the Union City community. Ms. Dailey noted that once Psalms 23 Ministries outgrows their capacity, they will either expand with the adjacent property or move.

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth

Public Hearing Closed

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the request to amend the Official Zoning Map for rezoning of 0.4356 acres of property located at 5013 College Street, Union City, GA 30291 with the following conditions.

1. The applicant shall obtain a variance approval within six (6) months from the date of decision of City Council.
2. The project must be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer for stormwater requirements.

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- A. **Jail Transaction** - Attorney Davenport provided an update.

1. The jail transaction was originally postponed to July 31, 2018. However, Attorney Davenport spoke with Fulton County again, they want to postpone the jail transaction to a new closing date of August 31, 2018. Attorney Davenport will send a letter to Fulton County advising that Union City agrees to the new closing date of August 31, 2018.

B. **Paycom (Payroll Service)** - Attorney Davenport provided an update.

1. Paycom handles disputes at their Oklahoma office and arbitrations are governed by the Oklahoma laws. Union City prefers to have venue in the State of Georgia in a competent jurisdiction, but Paycom does not want to use Georgia Law.
2. Paycom want Union City to waive its sovereign immunity and Union City does not agree.

Attorney Davenport will advise Paycom that Union City insist upon the venue being in Georgia, use Georgia Law, and that Union City will not waive its sovereign immunity.

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments made by Councilmember Jones

Spoke regarding:

- Illegal dumping and placing roll-offs around Union City
- Property assessment and for residents to file an appeal if tax amounts are incorrect
- Ideas he would like to discuss with Aerotropolis

Thanks extended to:

- Mr. John and the South Wind Community
- Staff

Comments made by Councilmember Mealing

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Jessie Harris, Employee of the Month for June 2018
- 2018 Interns
- Union City recognized as a Certified City of Ethics

Spoke regarding:

- Issues concerning misinformation placed on Social Media
- Meeting held with the residents of Union City
- Gateways looking great
- Property assessment and for residents to file an appeal if tax amounts are incorrect
- New Community Center
- Master Park Plan – Hope to see various parks in the area to include a Dirt Bike Park, Skateboard Park, Soccer Park, etc.
- June 18-22, 2018 – Camp 911
- June 18-23, 2018 - Football/Cheer Camp

Thanks extended to:

- Mayor Elizabeth Hurst for being present at the Council Meeting
- Staff

Comments made by Mayor Williams

Spoke regarding:

- Summer Lunch Program at Ronald Bridges Park
- Issue concerning misinformation that has been placed on social media
- Super Bowl coming next year to Atlanta - Attended the 32nd Annual Prayer Breakfast (Table of Champions).
- June 23, 2018 - Kiss at the Movies Block Party (Kiss 104.1)

Thanks extended to:

- Residents of Union City for being present at the Council Meeting
- Mayor Elizabeth Hurst for being present at the Council Meeting

At this time, Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session for the following three items: two threatened litigations and review of the Executive Session Minutes from May 15, 2018.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to consider the following three items: two threatened litigations and review of the Executive Session Minutes from May 15, 2018.

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

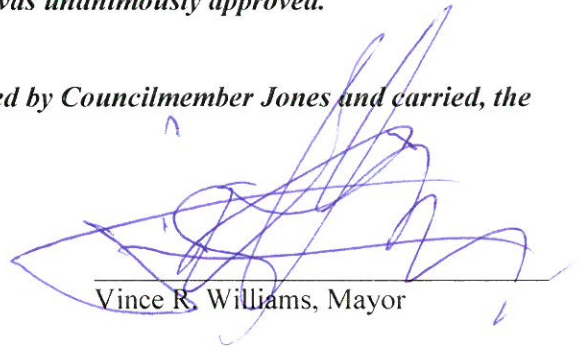
On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from May 15, 2018 was unanimously approved.

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ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones 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 19th day of **June, 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.

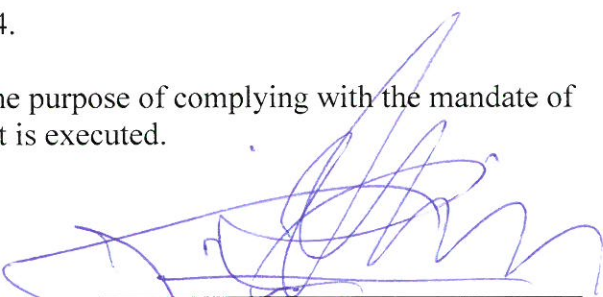
3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 19th day of **June, 2018**, which was closed for the purpose(s) of **two threatened litigations and review of the Executive Session Minutes dated May 15, 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.



Vince Williams, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
19th day of **June, 2018**.



Notary Public

