

UNION CITY  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018  
6:15 P.M.

Mayor Vince Williams  
Mayor Pro Tem Brian Jones  
Councilmember Angelette Mealing  
Councilmember Shayla Nealy  
Councilmember Christina Hobbs  
City Attorney – Dennis Davenport  
City Manager - Sonja Fillingame  
Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway  
City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett

Linda Goodman – Finance Director  
Ellis Still – Community Development Director  
Lonnie Ferguson – Public Services Director  
Lee Blicht – Parks and Recreation Director  
Cassandra Jones – Police Chief  
Joe Maddox – Fire Chief  
Trey Bennings – Information Technology Manager

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The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m.

*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.*

**I. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

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

- Kip Carr to discuss 2019 Legislative Session and Lobbying desires of the City

**III. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Approval of the Minutes:

- 11/15/18 - Town Hall Meeting
- 11/20/18 - Work Session Meeting
- 11/20/18 - Regular Council Meeting

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

B. Council to consider a request for approval to amend the ordinance pertaining to truck routes regulation.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

C. Council to consider approval of a letter of support to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the I-85 at SR 138/Jonesboro Road Interchange Reconstruction and Widening Project.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

D. Council to consider the reappointment of City Manager, Sonja Fillingame to the Water/Sewer Authority.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

E. Council to consider the reappointment of Councilmember Angelette Mealing to the Jail Authority.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- F. Council to consider a request for approval to enter into a project fund agreement with BB&T, in the amount of \$500,000.00, and simultaneously a supplemental lease with GMA to finance City equipment. Also, to move forward with the purchase of vehicles from Brandon Ford.

Assistant City Manager Calloway advised Council that during the budget process \$296,000.00 was identified to purchase police vehicles. Mrs. Calloway requested to enter into a lease with GMA and get \$500,000.00 to purchase more vehicles (10 police cars, 4 or 5 trucks for Public Services, and one additional car).

Councilmember Mealing asked Ms. Calloway “how close are we to having all of the vehicles replaced or by what percentage?” Ms. Calloway advised that she will get back with Councilmember Mealing and provide an actual number.

Councilmember Hobbs asked if the vehicles were new and Ms. Calloway replied “yes.”

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- G. Council to consider a request for approval to adopt an ordinance revising the provisions of the Union City Code of Ordinances that address the hours of Sunday on-premises alcohol sales.

Assistant City Manager Calloway advised that back in July 2018, Mayor and Council had approved a resolution for a special referendum to vote to change the time of Sunday alcohol sales from 12:30 p.m. to 11 a.m., which was voted on and approved. Now, the ordinance just needed to be updated.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- H. Council to consider a request for approval to renew the Gas South Alliance Partner Agreement.

Assistant City Manager advised Mayor and Council that Union City has been with Gas South Alliance for 8 years and that Gas South is a program and provider that offers the residents a discount if they sign up. Mayor Williams wanted clarification that the residents can obtain a discount even though the City is not utilizing Gas South. City Manager Fillingame clarified that there is a list of several other gas providers. She stated that “Although, Union City has a partnership with Gas South, we have to promote them all.”

Mayor Williams explained that the agreement between Georgia Cities, through GMA, is how the new agreement came into play 10+ years ago (via the bid process). Councilmember Hobbs asked what type of discount the residents will get with Gas South. City Manager Fillingame said that Gas South uses a Cents-Per-Therm Criteria. Assistant City Manager Calloway said she will get back with Councilmember Hobbs regarding this matter.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

#### IV. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

*On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Work Session was adjourned.*