

UNION CITY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019
6:15 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Vince Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Angelette Mealing
Councilmember Brian Jones
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 – Human Resources Director
Ellis Still – Community Development Director
Lonnie Ferguson – Public Services Director
Trey Bennings – Information Technology
Cassandra Jones – Police Chief
Joe Maddox – Fire Chief
Kristie Collier, Court Services Administrator

ABSENT:

Lee Blitch – Parks and Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 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. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval of the Minutes:

- 12/18/18 - Work Session Meeting
- 12/18/18 - Regular Council Meeting

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

B. Council to consider Councilmember Mealing as the Mayor Pro Tem for 2019.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

C. Council to consider approval of a request (via resolution) to fix and publish the qualifying fee for two Councilmembers for the 2019 Municipal Election. Qualifying fee for Councilmembers is \$475.50. (3% of the Total Gross Salary – Fee must be published no later than February 1, 2019.)

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

D. Council to consider a request for the Union City Municipal Court to hold an Amnesty Program from March 4, 2019 to March 29, 2019.

Ms. Collier, Court Administrator, advised Council that the purpose of the program is to allow defendants that have not shown up to court an opportunity to pay their fines. The “Failure to Appear” fee (\$50) would be waived and the defendant would be able to have his/her license reinstated with the Department of Driver Services. The program only applies to traffic citations and not criminal cases.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- E. Council to consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Georgia's Tax Refund Intercept Program.

Ms. Collier shared with Council that the program started four years ago (PILOT program) in the City of East Point and the City of Atlanta. Currently, there are 32 cities participating in the program. The program was instituted by the Administrative Office of the Courts and is for defendants that were put on probation because they were unable to pay their fines and fees. Ms. Collier advised probation only lasts for six or twelve months, depending on the type of citation the defendant receive. Traffic or criminal citations are for twelve months and violation of a local or city ordinance is for six months. Since the cases only have a six or twelve month time period, the money owed is still outstanding. The probation company can issue a warrant but the warrant will expire after a certain period of time. The program allows for the collection of monies owed after the total expiration of probation cases. Union City has \$400,000.00 (estimated) in outstanding fees. The courts will be able to go back a total of six years to collect monies owed.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- F. Council to consider approval and adoption of a resolution for acquisition of property located at 5041 Union Street, Union City, GA 30291 (Land Lot 77 in the 9th Land District of Fulton County).

Mayor Williams advised that the closing will be on Friday, January 18, 2019.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- G. Council to consider a request for approval to enter into an agreement for Union City Mayors' Park Storm Sewer Rehabilitation (RFB-PS-19-02).

The item was added to the Consent Agenda

- H. Council to consider a request for approval of Union City's proposed fee schedule for 2019.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- I. Council to consider a request for approval to purchase City vehicles using an alternate method.

Assistant City Manager Calloway advised Council that the police vehicles Union City was scheduled to purchase were sold. Therefore, Mrs. Calloway asked Council for permission to use different vendors to purchase City vehicles. Also, Mrs. Calloway asked for approval to purchase trucks as well as another administrative vehicle.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

- J. Council to consider a request to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of 800 MHz Radio System Access between Fulton County, Georgia and Union City, Georgia.

The item was added to the Consent Agenda.

II. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.