

UNION CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES – AMENDMENT II
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018
7:00 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 Blich – Parks and Recreation Director
Cassandra Jones – Police Chief
Joe Maddox – Fire Chief
Trey Bennings – Information Technology Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. 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.)

No Public Comments

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Kreative Kids Presentation by the Noblemen of South Fulton

A check in the amount of \$100.00 was present to Union City’s Christmas Toy Drive

- Announcement and Recognition of Employee of the Month (December)

Tristan Crum (Marketing Specialist) was chosen as the Employee of the Month for December 2018.

- Announcement and Recognition of Employee of the Year (2018)

Gloria Hodgson (Captain of the Police Department) was chosen as the Employee of the Year for 2018.

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

Mr. Carr advised that it was a pleasure to have been able to provide legislative services to Union City in the past. Mr. Carr and the Hilliard Starky Law Firm indicated that they are very interested in restarting a relationship with Union City concerning the upcoming Legislative Session. Mr. Carr introduced Attorney Jeremy Berry (with Hilliard Starky Law Firm) and he described the process for developing a legislative agenda and the steps that should be taken should the City decide to proceed.

Mayor Williams asked Attorney Berry if he had a proposal Union City could review. Attorney Berry replied “yes”. Regarding the agenda, Councilmember Jones inquired about small cell towers and Councilmember Mealing inquired about infrastructure and health care delivery.

- 2018 Mayors’ Motorcade Presentation

City Clerk, Ms. Jewett provided a brief overview on the purpose of the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade and shared a slideshow presentation.

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IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of the Minutes:
 - 11/15/18 - Town Hall Meeting
 - 11/20/18 - Work Session Meeting
 - 11/20/18 - Regular Council Meeting
- B. Council to consider a request for approval to amend the ordinance pertaining to truck routes regulation.
- 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.
- D. Council to consider reappointment or new appointment to the Water/Sewer Authority.
- E. Council to consider reappointment or new appointment to the Jail Authority.
- 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.
- 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.
- H. Council to consider a request for approval to renew the Gas South Alliance Partner Agreement.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council approved the Consent Agenda. Vote was unanimous.

V. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Council to consider a request for approval to adopt a resolution regarding the name of the Community Center.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council approved and adopted the above mentioned resolution. Vote was unanimous.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

- A. **Public Hearing** to consider a request to rezone 23.995 acres of land that is bounded by Mall Boulevard, Shannon Boulevard, and Oakley Road. The applicant is requesting rezoning from GC General Commercial to TCMU Town Center Mixed Use. The applicant is proposing to build a warehouse/distribution facility measuring approximately 214,500 square feet.

Kalanos Johnson provided a narrative detailing the request.

Attorney Woody Galloway spoke on behalf of the applicant, Lincoln Property Group. He introduced Adam Chambers, the Stage Manager for Atlanta Metro Studios. Mr. Chambers spoke regarding his support for the project, the jobs the facility would bring, and scholarship programs. Mr. Chambers advised Council that the facility should be completed by December 2019, with tenants inside.

Mr. Chambers stated that Atlanta Metro Studios proposed to partner with Aiotzi and give about 20 people, per year, a chance to go through the program at Atlanta Metro Studios expense. He also stated that approval would allow local Union City residents the opportunity to get involved with the union and the Aiotzi. The average process can take up to 10 years (to get into the union), but this would allow people to get in immediately. The classes would be taught by Aiotzi, and the dues would be paid (\$1,000+ per person) for the first year. This would allow people to get into the union and actually work in the industry.

Mr. Chambers further went on to discuss how Atlanta Metro Studios has made an impact on the community. He introduced Sidney (who currently works for Atlanta Metro Studios/HBO) to speak on behalf of the Georgia Film Academy internship program. The program is for graduates and those desiring a career change.

Mayor Williams asked Mr. Galloway how many truck bays are included with the facility. Attorney Galloway said he would provide an answer once he obtains the information. Mayor Williams also inquired about streetscaping, intrusion of the buffers, and recreational opportunities.

Councilmember Jones expressed the need to curtail trucks utilizing Flat Shoals and Oakley Road. Additionally, he inquired about trucks utilizing the exit. Mr. Galloway stated “they would add signage along with police officers enforcing the Union City ordinance.” Mr. Jones also added that he was more in favor of the facility becoming a studio and not a warehouse.

Public Hearing Opened

Spoke in favor of:

- Gavin Lane (Resurrection House of All Nations), 6605 Mall Boulevard

Spoke in opposition of:

- Andrea Fisheray, 549 Dasheill Lane
- Keith Browne, 4959 Raphoe Trail

Brief rebuttal by Attorney Galloway

Public Hearing Closed

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council approved the request. Vote was unanimous.

- B. **Public Hearing** to consider a request to rezone .360 acres of land located at 4700 Flat Shoals Road. The subject property is a small portion of a 26.93 acre assembled tract of land (Project Site) that will house the development of ten 24-unit apartment buildings. The applicant is seeking to rezone the subject property from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to Town Center Multi-Family (TCMF).

Kalanos Johnson provided a narrative detailing the request.

Public Hearing Opened

Spoke in favor of:

- Attorney Michelle Battle with Battle Law Firm apologized to Mayor and Council for inadvertently leaving out the parcel from the application.

Public Hearing Closed

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the request. Vote was unanimous.

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Fillingame spoke regarding the following:

- December 20, 2018 - Food and Toy Drive
- City Depot Project - Preliminary work has begun
- Upcoming project presentations in 2019: Phase II of Highway 29 Ballfield and Mayors' Park

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Comments by City Attorney Davenport:

- Extended thanks to the City for their patience with the closing of the jail in 2018.

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Hobbs:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Tristan Crum, Employee of the Month
- Captain Gloria Hodgson, Employee of the Year for 2018
- City Manager Fillingame for being re-appointed to the Water and Sewer Authority
- Councilmember Mealing for being re-appointed to the Jail Authority
- Toured the new Urgent Care facility in Union City and had the opportunity to meet Dr. Obiekwe
- Citizens for their input and feedback in 2018
- State and Federal leadership for their support
- Staff for all of their accomplishments in 2018

Spoke regarding:

- January 19, 2019 - Grand Opening of the new community center - "Union City Gathering Place"
- "2018 has been a great year working with Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Jones, Mealing, and Nealy"
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting

Comments by Councilmember Mealing:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Tristan Crum, Employee of the Month
- Captain Gloria Hodgson, Employee of the Year for 2018
- Noblemen of Kreative Kids – Donated to the Christmas Toy Drive
- Staff and the community for contributing towards the 2018 Mayors' Christmas Motorcade
- Public Services for picking up the liter around the City
- Kip Carr and his team for making sure Union City has a voice at the Capital
- Staff for all of their accomplishments in 2018

Spoke regarding:

- Enjoyed the Union City's Christmas Holiday Event held on December 7, 2018
- Christmas Toy Drive - December 20, 2018
- January 19, 2019 - Grand Opening of the new community center - "Union City Gathering Place"
- Screening of trees being placed near a specific business where vehicles are parked for the studio

Comments by Councilmember Jones:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Tristan Crum, Employee of the Month
- Captain Gloria Hodgson, Employee of the Year for 2018
- Noblemen of Kreative Kids – Donated to the Christmas Toy Drive

- Staff for all of their accomplishments in 2018

Spoke regarding:

- Enjoyed the Union City's Christmas Holiday Event held on December 7, 2018
- Cancellation of the December 12, 2018 Tree Lighting event due to the weather

Comments by Councilmember Nealy:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Tristan Crum, Employee of the Month
- Captain Gloria Hodgson, Employee of the Year for 2018
- Councilmember Hobbs - Happy Birthday
- Noblemen of Kreative Kids – Donated to the Christmas Toy Drive
- Adam Chambers for extending an invite to Kreative Kids to tour Atlanta Metro Studios
- Shandrella Jewett (City Clerk) for another successful year with the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade in support of Georgia Regional Hospital (monetary donations \$1,658.00 and countless gifts from the staff and community)
- Staff for all of their accomplishments in 2018

Spoke regarding:

- The placement of the beautiful Wisdom Bridge art piece in Union City
- Transportation upgrades and leveraging TSPLOST Funding
- Development Authority
- January 19, 2019 - Grand Opening of the new community center - "Union City Gathering Place"
- Excited to see that the retreat planning items are being checked off and coming into fruition

Comments by Mayor Williams:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Citizen for coming out to share their thoughts, concerns, and support
- Leadership Team of Union City
- Noblemen of Kreative Kids – Donated to the Christmas Toy Drive
- Attorney Hakim Hilliard for attending the meeting
- Councilmember Hobbs - Happy Birthday
- Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.
- Minister Gavin Lane – Resurrection House of All Nations
- Staff for all of their accomplishments in 2018

Spoke regarding:

- True Leadership as it relates to the community

At this time, Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session for the following items: one pending litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from November 20, 2018.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to consider the following: one pending litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from November 20, 2018. Vote was unanimous.

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

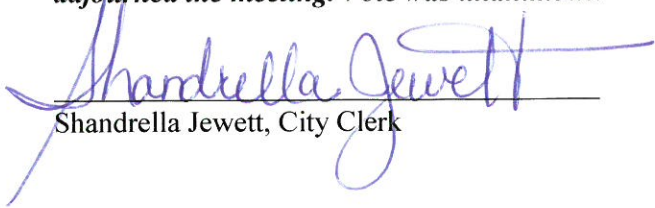
On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council made an amendment to add a threatened litigation item to the Executive Session. Vote was unanimous.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from November 20, 2018 was unanimously approved.

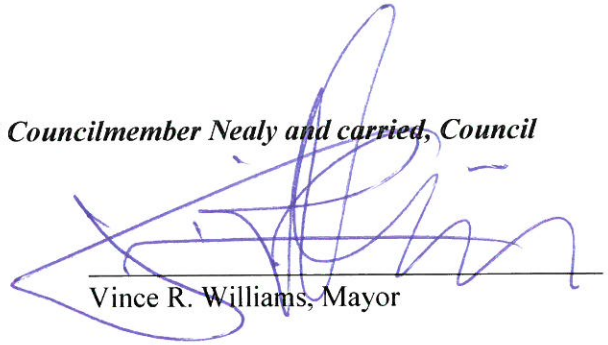
X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council adjourned the meeting. Vote was unanimous.



Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk



Vince R. Williams, Mayor

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, Vince Williams, Mayor for the City of Union City, Georgia, who after being duly sworn says:

1.

I was the presiding officer of a meeting for the Union City Mayor and City Council held on the 18th day of **December, 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 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 18th day of **December, 2018**, which was closed for the purpose(s) of **one pending litigation, one threatened litigation, and review of the Executive Session Minutes from November 20, 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
18th day of **December, 2018**.


Notary Public, Shandrella Jewett

