

CITY OF UNION CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Vince Williams	City Manager - Sonja Fillingame
Mayor Pro Tem, Angelette Mealing	Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway
Councilmember Brian Jones	City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett
Councilmember Shayla Nealy	Human Resource Director - Linda Goodman
Councilmember Christina Hobbs (Video Teleconference)	Assistant Police Chief - Hollis Brown
City Attorney - Dennis Davenport	Fire Chief - Joe Maddox
	Court Administrator - Kristie Collier

ABSENT:

City Manager – Sonja Fillingame	Community Development Director - Ellis Still
Information Technology Manager - Trey Bennings	Parks and Recreation Director - Lee Blicht

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

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

- Minister Gavin Lane

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

- Andra Fisher-Ray, 549 Dasheill Lane – Requested a traffic study on South Fulton Parkway near the intersection of Hunter Road and Mason Road. Ms. Fisher requested information on tenants moving into the newly built warehouses.
- Wanda Mosley, 4689 Creekside Cove – Discussed issues that occurred in 2018.
- Tonya Isle, 5147 Rapahoe Trail – Requested an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of South Fulton to facilitate the resurfacing of Hunter Road. Requested status updates as well.
- Keith Browne, 4959 Rapahoe Trail – Discussed the elevation of the Coca-Cola Warehouse and requested a fence around the warehouse. Mr. Brown requested a sound barrier along with pot holes being filled on Mason Road.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Announcement and Recognition of Employee of the Month
Police Officer, DeAndre Baxter
- Introduction of the Fire Department Chaplain, Minister Ben Slocomb
Fire Chief Maddox introduced Minister Ben Slocomb.
- Introduction of the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT)
Fire Chief Joe Maddox and Battalion Dennis Moore introduced Union City’s first CERT Team:
Ashley Bowman Donna Veney Lynette Scott Simone Johnson
Beverly Hall Jashua Wallace Marquerite Carter
Breana Strawder John Taylor Marsha Mosley
Cheryl Davis Latoya Lester Rickey Sewell

The program taught each member how to take care of themselves and their communities in the event of a natural disaster (tornado, ice storm, power outage, etc.). Union City partnered with Atlanta Fulton

County Emergency Management Agency and received CERT Packs to assist with the training. Each member received 40 hours of training.

- Presentation by Hilliard Starkey Law Firm

Attorney Kip Carr advised Mayor and Council that he is very excited to provide representation on behalf of Union City for the Legislative Session. He advised that it was Day 17 of the Legislative Session. He spoke regarding House Bill 302, Senate Bill 25, and Senate Bill 10.

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. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Council to consider the reappointment of the Medical Director, Dr. Kenneth E. Jones.

Fire Chief Maddox advised Mayor and Council that Dr. O. Michael Obiekwe was considered as the new Medical Director for Union City. Fire Chief Maddox introduced Dr. Obiekwe who graciously accepted the appointment along with thanking Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve. Mayor Williams shared that Dr. Obiekwe is the co-founder of the Urgent Care facility located in Union City. "In addition to his impressive record as a medical professional, he has earned many honors and awards including Physicians Recognition Award by the American Medical Association."

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council agreed to appoint Dr. Obiekwe as Union City's new Medical Director. Vote was unanimous.

V. **REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Approval of the Minutes:
 - 01/15/19 - Work Session Meeting
 - 01/15/19 - Regular Council Meeting
- B. Council to consider a request to approve a second amendment to the December 18, 2018 Regular Council Minutes. See Section 6A (Public Hearing to consider a request to rezone 23.5 acres of land..). The revision would reflect the correct number of acres which is 23.995.
- C. Council to consider approval of a letter of support to Atlanta Regional Commission for funding the Atlanta Regional's Commission Livable Communities Initiative for the AeroATL Greenway Concept Development.
- D. Council to consider a request for approval to add Assistant City Manager Calloway as an additional signer for all bank accounts for the City of Union City at United Community Bank.
- E. Council to consider a request to appoint a Board Representative for the South Fulton Community Improvement Development District.
- F. Council to consider a request to update the Combined Fee Schedule.
- G. Council to consider a request to approve updates to the Union City Subdivision Regulations.
- H. Council to consider a request for approval of a fuel adjustment rate change for commercial sanitation.
- I. Council to consider a request to replicate GDOT agreement with Pro Cutters Landscapes, Inc. for mowing services.

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

- J. **Public Hearing** to consider a request for approval of an Alcoholic Beverage License application submitted by Mehmood Sohani for package sales of malt and vinous liquors for Aalamin, LLC (BP Gas Station) located at 4350 Jonesboro Road, Union City, Georgia.

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth

Public Hearing Closed

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the request for alcoholic beverage license for Mehmood Sohani. Vote was unanimous.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

None

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Fire Chief Maddox – Appointed as Vice President on the Board of Georgia Mutual Aid Group.
- Director Still – Winner of the 2019 Torchbearer Award
- Adjustments for Personnel Performance Evaluations - Council to consider a request to move forward with conducting performance evaluations and adjustments.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the research and rendering of adjustments for personnel performance management and evaluations. Vote was unanimous.

- Community Development
 - ❖ Renovation Project
Assistant City Manager Calloway advised Mayor and Council that Union City did not budget to renovate the newly purchased building next to City Hall. Mrs. Calloway asked Mayor and Council if they would be amenable to using the funds allocated for the purchase of existing buildings in order to renovate the newly purchased building.

Councilmember Mealing suggested that Union City extend this opportunity to the local business owners that are skilled in rehab work.

- Impact Fee Timeline - Kalanos Johnson spoke regarding the impact fees.
- Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

Nydia Akins led the discussion and advised Mayor and Council that Union City has been selected to move forward with submitting a formal application to the National Park Services. Should the City receive the award, a signed affidavit will be required. The affidavit would state that the land would be protected and retained forever for public outdoor recreation use only. The award is for a total of \$155,250.00 (City Match \$77,625; Grant Request \$77,625.00). Council did not provide any objections to the matter.

VIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Mealing

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Police Officer, DeAndre Baxter - Employee of the Month
- Dr. O. Michael Obiekwe, Medical Director for Union City
- Minister Ben Slocomb, Fire Department Chaplain for Union City
- Kipp Carr, Esquire - Union City's Representative for the Legislative Session
- Residents for attending the Work Session and Council Meeting
- Staff

Remarks:

- January 19, 2019 - The Union City Gathering Place Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk
- February 9, 2019 – Father Daughter Dance - “A Night in Paris”

Comments by Councilmember Jones

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- Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Welcome Aboard
- Staff

Remarks:

- Funding for a Police Substation in Union City

Comments by Councilmember Nealy

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- Dr. O. Michael Obiekwe, Medical Director for Union City
- Minister Ben Slocomb, Fire Department Chaplain for Union City
- Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Welcome Aboard

Remarks:

- Excited about the Community Garden and the residents being involved
- Will be attending the upcoming Lieutenant Governor’s Black History Month Celebration next week
- January 19, 2019 - The Union City Gathering Place Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk

Comments by Mayor Williams

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- Dr. O. Michael Obiekwe, Medical Director for Union City
- Kipp Carr, Esquire - Union City’s Representative for the Legislative Session
- Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Welcome Aboard
- Councilmember Hobbs and the GICH Team for attending the February 2019 GICH Conference

Remarks:

- Preliminary Water Permit for Union City
- Partnership regarding Traffic and Safety
- Requested new employees attend Council Meeting once hired
- Requested art work be placed inside “The Union City Gathering Place”. Staff to contact Steve Allen
- Punch list for “The Union City Gathering Place”
- ATL Destination District
- Participated in the Aerotropolis Round Table Discussion
- Participated in the Fulton County Schools Faith Summit
- Met with South Fulton CID Leadership regarding the expansion of the CID Footprint in all of South Fulton (which included transit information)
- January 19, 2019 - The Union City Gathering Place Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk
- January 22, 2019 - Attended GMA’s National League of Cities
- January 24, 2019 - Attended the United States Conference of Mayors
- January 25, 2019 - Attended the GMA Mayors’ Day Conference
- February 1, 2019 - Active Shooter Training
- February 2, 2019 - Attended the Atlanta Super Bowl Prayer Breakfast and Game with Next Level Boys Academy
- February 11, 2019 - Wisdom Bridge Reveal Celebration
- February 14, 2019 - South Fulton Day

- April 23, 2019 - African American Mayor's Association Conference
- Met with Union City's Development Authority last week. Meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall

Comments by Councilmember Hobbs

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Police Officer, DeAndre Baxter - Employee of the month
- Dr. O. Michael Obiekwe, Medical Director for Union City
- Director Still for winning the 2019 Torchbearer Award
- Fire Department Graduation Ceremony
- Chief Maddox on his Board Appointment
- Giavani Smith - Putting together the official Community Garden Manual
- Minister Ben Slocomb, Fire Department Chaplain for Union City

Remarks:

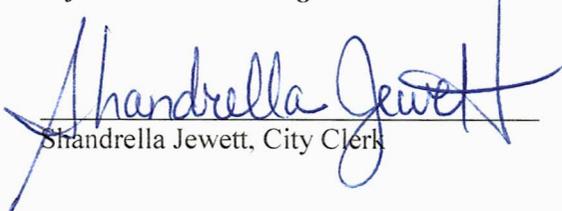
- February 19, 2019 - Attended the GICH Retreat
- Visit YouTube Channel for the Wisdom Bridge Reveal Ceremony
- Visited Campbell Elementary School – Participated in the Reading Program (read to students)

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Executive Session Minutes for December 18, 2018 and January 15, 2019 was approved. Vote was unanimous.

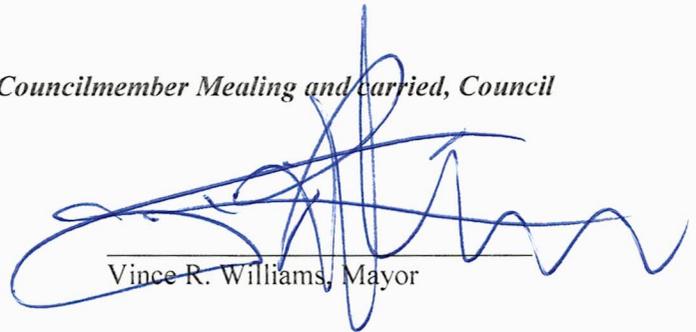
IX. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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



Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk



Vince R. Williams, Mayor