

UNION CITY, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Vince Williams	City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett
Councilmember Christina Hobbs	Human Resource Director - Linda Goodman
Councilmember Brian Jones	Police Chief – Cassandra Jones
Councilmember Shayla Nealy	Fire Chief - Joe Maddox
City Attorney - Dennis Davenport	Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson
City Manager - Sonja Fillingame	Court Administrator - Kristie Collier
Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway	

ABSENT:

Mayor Pro Tem, Angelette Mealing	Community Development – Director Ellis Still
Information Technology Manager – Trey Bennings	

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

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Mr. Steve Smith

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

Wanda Mosley, 4689 Creekside Cove – Spoke regarding the following:

- Coca Cola’s truck loading/unloading docks are near neighbor’s back yard
- Coca Cola Warehouse encroachment being too close to residential areas
- Request that Union City pass a resolution similar to Fulton County Commissioners (2018 Resolution was passed regarding a 100 feet extension of tree buffers between residential and commercial areas)

Tonya Isles, 5147 Rapahoe Trail – Spoke regarding the following:

- Public Comment Process
- Crime in South Fulton
- Ms. Isles advised that she has established a good/positive relationship with Union City’s Police Department. She acknowledge that UCPD has been very responsive to issues (parking violations, gun shots, and suspicious activity) within the subdivision
- Thanked UCPD for attending the Home Owners Association Meetings and looks forward to joining the Citizen’s Police Academy
- Requested Union City adopt a Homestead Exemption and provide tax relief to the homeowners

Andra Fisher-Ray, 549 Dasheill Lane – Spoke regarding the following:

- Requested a Town Hall Meeting in reference to events, zoning, projects, and scheduling
- Concerned about any and all proposed developments affecting the dead-end street of Scarborough Road, as well as any developments off of South Fulton Parkway
- Would like to know the overall plans of Union City
- Requested instructions, procedures, and protocol for Public Comments

Kathy Butler, 2216 Jeremy Drive – Spoke regarding the following:

- Requested Mayor and Council to consider the adoption of a Homestead Exemption for residents

Cory Harris, 4722 Brookwood Place – Spoke regarding the following:

- Congratulated Mayor Williams and staff for increasing Union City’s financials
- Requested Mayor and Council to make Homestead Exemption a priority

Keith Browne, 4959 Rapahoe Trail – Spoke regarding the following:

- Requested Mayor and Council to consider the adoption of a Homestead Exemption for residents
- Coca Cola Warehouse - Flashing red and green lights visible to Parkway Village residents
- Mass Industrialization on South Fulton Parkway - Long term outlook of appreciation being compromised

Jerry D. Woodfork, Sr., 6516 Buffington Road – Spoke regarding the following:

- Carriage Cove Subdivision – Requesting that his street be dedicated and maintained by the City

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Announcement and Recognition of Employee of the Month
Antulio Negron (Public Services Department) was recognized as Employee of the Month

- Resolution for Georgia Cities Week (April 21-27, 2019)

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council approved the Resolution for Georgia Cities Week (April 21-27, 2019). Vote was unanimous.

- Proclamation for National Day of Prayer (May 2, 2019)
- Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week (May 5-11, 2019)
- Proclamation for Public Service Week (May 5-11, 2019)
- Proclamation for Kids to Park Day (May 18, 2019)
- Grady Health System-EMS Presentation - Dr. Shara Mayberry and Dr. Steven Moyers

Dr. Steven Moyers, Vice President and Dean of Education for Grady Health Systems-Grady EMS introduced his colleagues: John Hanson - Vice President of Administrative Services, Dr. Shara Mayberry - Nurse Administrator and Nurse Practitioner of their Mobile Integrated Health Program (MIH), and Dr. Author Yancey - Medical Director whom serves as the Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Moyers advised Mayor, Council, and the Citizens on how Grady EMS operates and responds within the Grady Health System. Dr. Moyers stated that they are very appreciative of their partnership within the South Fulton Community. Grady EMS has been in the area (Oakley Industrial Blvd.) for nine (9) months and running an average of 500 plus calls per month (from an emergency call standpoint). Dr. Moyers stated that they have been working closely with Fire Chief Maddox and his team.

Dr. Yancey shared Grady Health System's ideas and implementations on how to better serve the citizens of Union City. Dr. Yancey advised that he has been working directly with Fulton County 911 on a monthly basis and that they are almost done with the CAD Integrations (Computer Aid Dispatch). The integration should be completed around April 30, 2019.

Dr. Mayberry spoke about Grady's Mobile Integrated Health Program. Dr. Mayberry stated that "this is an innovative way to expand the services offered by traditional EMS services and then bring care to the community by addressing individual needs." The MIH Program will bring health services to the community.

Dr. Mayberry spoke regarding the 911 System. She indicated that once the CAD to CAD is in place, Grady Health Systems will be able to dispatch their mobile care team which comprise of a Nurse Practitioner, and an Advanced EMT or Paramedic. They would go to an individual's home and assess the situation by providing a clinical assessment, evaluate the social and environmental factors that impact the patient's health, and connect them with the appropriate community resource to address the needs. She stated that often times, people will call 911 for non-emergency complaints which takes away from the overall EMS System and from being able to respond to true emergencies. Dr. Mayberry also stated that by implementing the mobile care team, it will be able to reduce the amount of ALS and BLS ambulance that have to respond to those calls by providing them with a Nurse Practitioner, EMT or Paramedic that can address those concerns.

Dr. Mayberry stated that the MIH Program will help reduce the burden on the overall 911 System and the emergency rooms. The MIH Program will also connect patients with the appropriate level of care, and improve the overall quality of life for members in the community. Lastly, she stated that Grady EMS looks forward to working with Union City in accomplishing their goals.

- Kipp Carr (Hilliard Starkey Law Firm) – Mr. Carr provided Mayor and Council with a brief legislative update.

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:
 - 02/19/19 - Work Session Meeting
 - 02/19/19 - Regular Council Meeting
 - 03/19/19 - State of the City Address
- B. Council to consider a request of approval for Union City Municipal Court to be a facility host for the Traffic Violators Impact Program (TVIP).
- C. Council to consider a request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of South Fulton and Union City for the Use of Union City’s Municipal Court Facilities.
- D. Council to consider a request for approval of a resolution appointing two (2) interim Solicitors, Attorney Leslie Miller Terry and Attorney Andres Marierose until the appointment of a permanent Solicitor during the 2020 budget year.
- E. Council to consider a request for approval to upgrade and purchase additional leak detection loggers through Matchpoint Water Asset Management, Inc.
- F. Council to consider a request for approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for Hunter Road Resurfacing Project between the City of South Fulton, Georgia and Union City, Georgia.
- G. Council to consider a request for approval to extend the residential and commercial sanitation service agreements until June 30, 2019.
- H. Council to consider a request for approval to adopt a resolution changing the name of the City Depot building to “Kenneth L. Johnson Depot”.

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

V. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS

None

VI. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

City Manager Fillingame extended congratulatory remarks and provided updates on the following:

- Direct Lee Blich and staff for organizing a great Easter Egg Hunt
- Marketing and Operations Team for marketing several events: Easter Egg Hunt, Community Clean-up, and UC Spring Clean-up
- Director Ferguson and the Public Services Team for the hard work they did with the Spring Clean-up
- April 18, 2019 - Citizen Police Academy
- April 30, 2019 – Safe Kids Event

Assistant City Manager Calloway extended congratulatory remarks to the following:

- Vivian Lett for joining the UC Team (Operations & Marketing Coordinator)
- Sonja Fillingame – Appointed to the Crime Victims Compensation Board

VII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Hobbs

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Mayor Williams for a great State of the City Address on March 19, 2019
- Principal Dr. Duke Bradley, III for hosting the State of the City event
- Students for their participation and JCKN AVE for their performance at the State of the City event
- Dr. Obiekwe and his staff for their participation with Union City’s Community Health Day
- Cindy Givens, staff, and volunteers for coordinating/assisting with the Community Health Day event held April 6, 2019
- Antulio Negron (Public Services Department) - Employee of the Month
- Georgia Black Construction Association for honoring Dr. Hobbs as an advocate and inviting her to their Key Note Speaker’s Luncheon
- Chief Joe Maddox and Battalion Chief Moore for serving as Technical Chairs for Skills USA at the Georgia Convention Center last month
- Joyce Robinson for attending the Council Meeting
- Staff

Remarks:

- March is Women’s History Month
- Union City is on the move for developing a great Park System in the City
- Prayers extended to the family of Councilmember Hobbs for the loss of her uncle whom lived in Andalusia, Alabama

Comments by Councilmember Nealy

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Mayor Williams - Recognition of Mayor Williams’ birthday (April 13th)
- Mayor Williams for a great State of the City Address on March 19, 2019
- Antulio Negron (Public Services Department) - Employee of the Month
- Staff for showing support to Police Officer Jerome Turner during his time of injury and recovery
- Sonja Fillingame - Appointed to the Crime Victims Compensation Board
- Marketing Team for the increase in exposure of events/activities via Social Media presence
- Staff for all of the events that Union City had over the last few month: Community Health Day, Opening Baseball, Community Clean-up, etc.

Remarks:

- Highlighted the increase of social media presence by Union City’s Marketing Team
- Looking forward to the Pendleton Group final report
- March 27-28, 2019 - Attended the WaterNow Conference in Austin, Texas
- April 25, 2019 – Looking forward to being inducted into the Atlanta Tribune Magazine in Atlanta Daily World “Women of Excellence” Class of 2019

Comments by Councilmember Jones

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Antulio Negron (Public Services Department) - Employee of the Month
- Grady Health System and all of the information shared with Mayor and Council
- Sonja Fillingame – Appointed to the Crime Victims Compensation Board
- Staff

Remarks:

- Happy Holy Week
- Church fires in Louisiana
- Tree Buffers - Currently set at 100 feet, but would like to have a discussion on increasing tree buffers to 150 feet in areas that are applicable
- Community participation level was low at Community Health Day, Community Clean-up Day, and the Easter Egg Hunt. Hoping the community would become more involved with community events
- Hunter Road Resurfacing Project
- March 24, 2019 - Easter Egg Hunt was awesome
- March 28, 2019 - Retree the Community Kick-off Event at Etris Community Center
- April 15, 2019 - Notre-Dame Cathedral Fire. Pray for the Country

Comments by Mayor Williams

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Antulio Negrón (Public Services Department) - Employee of the Month
- Councilmember Hobbs - Honored by the Georgia Black Construction Association on March 28, 2019
- Councilmember Nealy - Recipient of the 2019 Women of Excellence
- Sonja Fillingame – Appointed to the Crime Victims Compensation Board
- Vivian Lett, Marketing/Operation Specialist
- Brian Lennox, Human Resource Specialist

Remarks:

- Homestead Exemption and Freeport Tax
- Social Media and Union City's Event Page
- Church Fires
- Prayers extended to Police Officer Jerome Turner regarding the incident on April 1, 2019
- Wishing Councilmember Mealing and Director Still a safe return home from the APA Conference
- April 13, 2019 - South Fulton Library 29th Annual Volunteer Recognition Program event was celebrated during National Volunteer Week
- April 18, 2019 - School Board Meeting at Westlake
- April 27, 2019 - Community Clean-up Day
- March 24, 2019 - Easter Egg Hunt was awesome
- March 28, 2019 - Retree the Community Kick-off Event at Etris Community Center
- May 4, 2019 - Community Clean-up Day

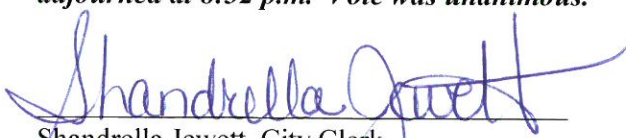
On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from February 19, 2019 was approved. Vote was unanimous.

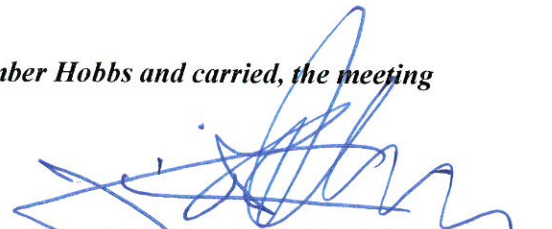
On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council approved City Manager Fillingame's Performance Evaluation (merit increase of 3% for each year - will cover a period of three years). Vote was unanimous.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. Vote was unanimous.


Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk


Vince R. Williams, Mayor