

UNION CITY, GEORGIA



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Vince Williams
Mayor Pro Tem, Angelette Mealing
Councilmember Brian Jones
Councilmember Christina Hobbs
City Attorney - Dennis Davenport
City Manager - Sonja Fillingame
Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway

City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett
Human Resource Director - Linda Goodman
Police Chief – Cassandra Jones
Fire Chief - Joe Maddox
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson
Information Tech. Manager - Trey Bennings

ABSENT:

Councilmember Shayla Nealy

Court Administrator – Kristie Collier

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.)

Amethyst Harris, 4000 Carisbrook Lane – Commented on the following:

- Requested some type of action to be taken against property owner of Ashford Oaks Apartment regarding a broken fence.
- Requested the trees along Oakley Road to be trimmed

Kathy Butler, 2216 Jenny Drive - Commented on the following:

- Congratulatory remarks extended to the UC Citizens Police Academy
- Better communication with residents concerning Homestead Exemption

Tonya Isle, 5147 Rapahoe Trail – Commented on the following:

- Enjoyed being a part of UC Citizens Police Academy
- Thanked Councilmember Jones for coming to the Opening Session of the Citizen Police Academy
- Thanked Mayor Williams and Mayor Pro Tem Mealing for attending the Citizen Police Academy's Graduation
- Thanked the Police Department for responding to a false alarm at her home
- Requested Mayor and Council to consider the residents' request for a Homestead Exemption

Cheryl McKay, 807 Lake Chase – Commented on the following:

- Graduated from UC Citizens Police Academy
- Union City's FY18-19 Budget – Requested justification for variances greater than 10%
- Basic Homestead Exemptions
- Requested more shopping, eatery, basic Homestead Exemption and less warehouses

Keith Browne, 4959 Rapahoe Trail – Commented on the following:

- Warehouse and construction behind Parkway Villages
- Email Communication

Donna Veney, 5204 Rosewood Place – Commented on the following:

- Requested a Traffic Plan on South Fulton Parkway
- Requested a traffic light near Public
- Homestead Exemption

Brandie Day, 1219 Hadley Drive – Commented on the following:

- Requested information regarding the over-grown retention pond in the back of her home

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Announcement and Recognition of Employee of the Month
Lieutenant Barry Walker (Police Department) received the Employee of the Month Award
- Project Management Team accepted the “2019 AGC Build Georgia Award” Celebrating Construction Excellence – First Place - Hogan Construction Group for Union City’s Gathering Place Community Center
- Presentation of the South Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan by Kelly Kemp

Ms. Kemp is the owner of Modern Mobility Partners which is contracted with the Atlanta Regional Commission. She spoke regarding the plan and provided an update. The following eight (8) jurisdictions are included in the plan: Union City, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, Hapeville, Palmetto, East Point, South Fulton, and Fairburn. Also, she spoke about the company’s vision, objectives, goals, and shared upcoming engagements with the public. Ms. Kemp ended the presentation by asking Mayor and Council for their feedback.

Mayor Williams advised that Modern Mobility Partner’s vision, objectives, and goals align with what Union City is looking for in the South Fulton area. He stated that once input is received, it will help frame a better model on what the City needs to achieve regarding the future of transportation. Mayor Williams stated that he is looking forward to working on the project.

- Presentation of the Youth Career Development Plan by the Youth Leadership Council
The Youth Leadership Council (YLC) was given a task to find a solution to a major problem youth and young adults are facing in the community. YLC collectively worked on a Career Development Plan to assist youth and young adults with developing their careers through post-secondary education. YLC ended their presentation by sharing a sample QR Code which led them to a questionnaire regarding career paths.

Mayor and Council thanked the YLC members for their excellent presentation. Members were commended them for their hard work, dedication, and setting a foundation for the next Youth Leadership Council. Mayor and Council mentioned that they are looking forward to YLC’s participation in upcoming conferences and to their interaction with other youth leadership teams from across the State.

City Manager Fillingame stated how proud she was of each of the members and congratulated them on being the first Youth Leadership Council. She extended congratulatory remarks to each of the members, their parents, program coordinators, and staff for a job well done. City Manager Fillingame thanked Mayor and Council for creating the first YLC Program at the City.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

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.

- A. Approval of the Minutes:
 - 05/21/19 - Work Session Meeting
 - 05/21/19 - Regular Council Meeting
 - 05/31/19 - Mayor & Council Planning Session Minutes
 - 06/01/19 - Mayor & Council Planning Session Minutes
 - 06/02/19 - Mayor & Council Planning Session Minutes
- B. Council to consider a request for approval to extend current residential and commercial sanitation agreements until July 31, 2019.
- C. Council to consider a request for approval to enter into a Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Union City.
- D. Council to consider a request for approval to enter into an agreement with The Corbett Group in the amount of \$926,301.00 for Union City Hwy. 29 Ballfields Site Improvements (RFB-PS-19-06).
- E. Council to consider a request for approval to enter into an agreement with American Lighting and Signalization, in the amount of \$256,200.00, for Union City Illuminated Street Signs (RFB-PS-19-07), and to approve moving funds (to complete the project) from the General Fund to the Capital Budget.
- F. Council to consider approval to enter into an agreement with Russell Landscape Contractors, in the amount of \$206,950.58, for Union City South Fulton Parkway Landscaping (RFB-PS-19-08).
- G. Council to consider a request for approval to enter into an agreement with SeeClickFix in the amount of \$19,800.00 to create an app for the City of Union City.
- H. Council to consider a request for approval to delegate City Manager or her designee to sign Artwork Loan Agreement allowing local artists to showcase their work during community art exhibitions held at the Gathering Place Community Center.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carrier, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Sisters of Today and Tomorrow - Carla Morrison

Mayor Williams stated Carla Morrison provided a presentation at the May 21, 2019 Council Meeting and requested assistance with the “Sisters of Today and Tomorrow”. He asked Council to consider a request for approval to donate \$2,500.00 to the organization. Mayor Williams advised the money would come from funds already allocated during the budget progress for a community organization.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, the amount of \$2,500.00 was approved and allocated to the organization “Sisters of Today and Tomorrow”. Vote was unanimous.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

None

VIII. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

- A. OJJDP FY 2019 Youth Gang Suppression Implementation Grants Program FY 2019 Competitive Grant Solicitation

Nydia Akins, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, requested approval of a grant application for the Youth Gang Suppression Program. She advised the initiative is a federal grant program that will help lower gang violence and enhance public safety.

City Manager Fillingame advised Mayor and Council that there is no match and if awarded, the project would be bought back before Council for formal approval.

Mayor Williams advised Congressman David Scott's office wants staff to keep them abreast when applying for law enforcement or public safety grants.

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

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Hobbs

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Lieutenant Barry Walker - Employee of the month
- Staff for hosting a great Planning Retreat
- Staff for pursuing a grant for the Skate Park and the Youth Gang Suppression Implementation Grant
- Kelly Kemp for a great presentation on the South Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- Youth Leadership Council for an awesome presentation

Remarks:

- Happy Father's Day
- Summer Travels
- Motorized Scooters – Accidents and fatalities are being reported around the Country

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Lieutenant Barry Walker - Employee of the Month
- Youth Leadership Council for an awesome presentation
- Graduates of UC Citizens Police Academy
- Staff for an amazing job and for hosting a great Planning Retreat

Remarks:

- Youth Leadership Council highlighted on Social Media
- Attended the Graduation Ceremony of the UC Citizens Police Academy
- South Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- Tax Abatement

Comments by Councilmember Jones

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Lieutenant Barry Walker - Employee of the Month
- Staff for hosting a great Planning Retreat
- Graduates of the UC Citizens Police Academy
- Union City for receiving the "2019 AGC Build Georgia Award" regarding the work by Hogan Construction at the Gathering Place Community Center

Remarks:

- Citizen University
- Youth Council Leadership Council
- Hapeville Charter Academy – Development of Apps
- July 17, 2019 – Union City will host a Job Fair at the Gathering Place Community Center
- July 20, 2019 Back to School Event

Comments by Mayor Williams

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Lieutenant Barry Walker - Employee of the Month
- Lieutenant Barry Walker for providing an Active Shooter's Training
- Participants of the Police Academy
- Staff

Remarks:

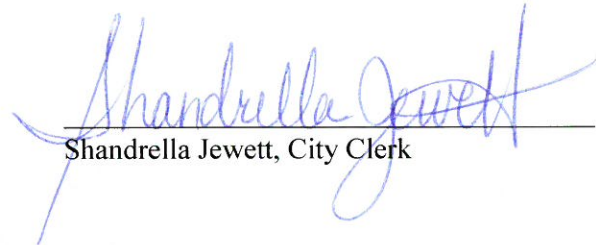
- Excellence in Customer Service
- Homestead Exemption
- Safe travels regarding Councilmember Nealy return trip home

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from April 16, 2019 was unanimously approved.

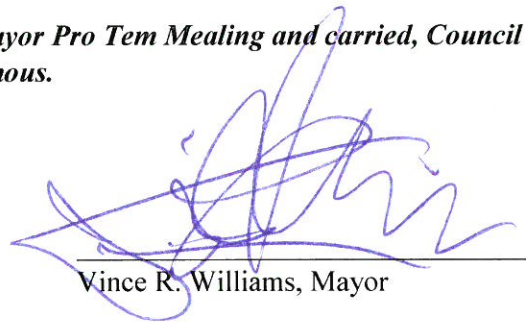
X. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Vote was unanimous.



Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk



Vince R. Williams, Mayor