

UNION CITY, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Vince Williams
Mayor Pro Tem, Angelette Mealing
Councilmember Brian Jones
Councilmember Shayla Nealy
Councilmember Christina Hobbs
City Manager - Sonja Fillingame
Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway
City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett

Human Resources Director - Linda Goodman-Warren
Parks and Recreation Director – Lee Blicht
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson
Police Chief - Cassandra Jones
Fire Chief – Joe Maddox
Court Services Director - Kristie Collier
Finance Comptroller – Crystal Lazarus

ABSENT:

Community Development Director - Ellis Still

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

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Minister Gavin Lane

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

Becky Yarbrough, 6296 Longino Drive – Spoke regarding the following:

- Animal Control near Ronald Bridges Park

Bill Yarbrough, 6296 Longino Drive - Spoke regarding the following:

- Animal Control on Alexander Street

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

- Collaboration and partnership in 2020

Joan Bohach - 5070 Alexander Avenue - Spoke regarding the following:

- Animal Control and banning pit bulls in the City

William Bohach, 5070 Alexander Avenue - Spoke regarding the following:

- Animal Control

Kathy Butler, 2216 Jenny Drive - Spoke regarding the following:

- Homestead Exemption

Cheryl McKay, 807 Lake Chase - Spoke regarding the following:

- Thanked Union City's Fire Department regarding a yard fire at a neighbor's house
- Streaming Council Meetings

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Announcement and Recognition of Employee of the Month
- Presentation by Schneider Wright, Inc. regarding the "Kenneth L. Johnson Depot" Final Design, Cost Estimate, and Construction Procurement Schedule
- Presentation by the Noblemen of Kreative Kidz Enterprises, LLC

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Council to consider a request for approval of a text amendment to revise the TCMU Zoning District. *PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.* (The item was tabled until December 17, 2019.)

Mayor and Council agreed to give additional time to Michelle Alexander of The Collaborative Firm for continued research to ensure Union City is moving in the right direction.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council agreed to extend the current "90 Day Moratorium" until January 21, 2020. Vote was unanimous.

- B. Council to consider the "Removal of Industrial Uses" from the Town Center Mixed Use Zoning District. The issue was remanded back to the Planning Commission for consideration per 09/17/19 Council Meeting. *PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF RECOMMENDED REMOVAL OF INDUSTRIAL USES.* (The item was tabled until December 17, 2019.)

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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.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of the Minutes:
- 11/19/19 - Work Session
 - 11/19/19 - Regular Council Meeting
- B. Council to consider a request for approval to re-appoint Councilmember Shayla Nealy as a Board Member for the South Fulton Municipal Water & Sewer Authority.
- C. Council to consider a request for approval to re-appoint City Manager, Sonja Fillingame as a Board Member for the South Fulton Municipal Water & Sewer Authority.
- D. Council to consider approval of a Facility Use Agreement with "It Won't Happen To Me, Incorporated". *(Union City Municipal Court to be a facility host for the Traffic Violators Impact Program in 2020.)*
- E. Council to consider a request for approval to implement a policy and a procedure for the Union City Fair Chance Initiative, also known as "Ban the Box".
- F. Council to consider a request for approval to enter into an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to lease and maintain City vehicles for the City of Union City.
- G. Council to consider a request for approval to enter into an agreement with OpenGov to offer a cloud-based budgeting, reporting, strategic planning, and citizen engagement software for the City of Union City.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the Consent Agenda. Vote was unanimous

VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

A. Council to consider the appointment of Councilmember Nealy as Mayor Pro Tem for 2020.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council agreed to appoint Councilmember Nealy as Mayor Pro Tem for 2020. Vote was unanimous

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

None

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Wayfinding Signs

B. Congratulatory remarks extended to staff for all of the hard work completed in 2019

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Hobbs

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgement extended to:

- Staff
- Nydia Akins (*Executive Assistant in the City Manager's Office*) - Employee of the Month
- Noblemen of Kreative Kids for their holiday donation and for giving back to Union City

Remarks:

- Reflected on City events held in 2019
- December 2, 2019 – Holiday Tree Lighting
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgement extended to:

- Staff
- Nydia Akins (*Executive Assistant in the City Manager's Office*) - Employee of the Month
- Fire Department for distributing toys to kids in the community (via Safe Kids Program)

Remarks:

- City consideration of a program for disabled kids
- Happy Birthday wishes extended to Dr. Hobbs
- UC Cheerleader's Banquet
- Flat Shoals Road Resurfacing Project
- Wayfinding Signs
- December 14, 2019 - Toy Drive at Fusion Sports Bar and Grill
- December 2, 2019 – Holiday Tree Lighting Event
- December 13, 2019 – UC Masquerade Holiday Party
- Wished everyone a prosperous New Year

Comments by Councilmember Jones

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgement extended to:

- Staff
- Nydia Akins (*Executive Assistant in the City Manager's Office*) - Employee of the Month
- Noblemen of Kreative Kids for their holiday donation and for giving back to Union City

Remarks:

- Happy Birthday wishes extended to Dr. Hobbs
- Recap of events and activities in 2019
- Thanked everyone for coming to the Council Meeting
- Thanked staff for implementing the items requested at the Planning Retreat
- December 2, 2019 – Holiday Tree Lighting Event
- December 5, 2019 - Miracle League Game at The Gathering Place
- December 10, 2019 - UC Hometown Connection
- December 14, 2019 - Toy Drive at Fusion Sports Bar and Grill

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday

Comments by Councilmember Nealy

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgement extended to:

- Nydia Akins (*Executive Assistant in the City Manager's Office*) - Employee of the Month
- New staff members for joining the UC Team in 2019
- Noblemen of Kreative Kids for their holiday donation and for giving back to Union City
- Community Partners for making UC thrive

Remarks:

- Happy Birthday wishes extended to Dr. Hobbs
- Goals that Union City have accomplished in 2019 - The Gathering Place, Gateway Corridor Improvement, and upgrades on ballfields
- Highlighted staff's accomplishments in 2019
- Increased social media presence
- December 2, 2019 – Holiday Tree Lighting Event
- December 13, 2019 – UC Masquerade Holiday Party
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday

Comments by Mayor Williams

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgement extended to:

- Staff

Remarks:

- Happy Birthday wishes extended to Dr. Hobbs
- Animal Control
- YouTube and Live Streaming Council Meetings
- Shop with a Cop and Meet me in the Park
- Community Partners
- Construction and Renovations in Union City
- Moving forward in 2020 with a clear vision
- Community Development moved into their new building
- December 2, 2019 – Holiday Tree Lighting Event
- December 10, 2019 - UC Hometown Connection. Visited ASOS and Coca-Cola
- December 13, 2019 – UC Masquerade Holiday Party
- December 19, 2019 – UC Toy Drive and Giveaway
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday

At this time (8:20 p.m.), Attorney Cox stated that she needed to enter into Executive Session to discuss one item regarding a personnel matter.

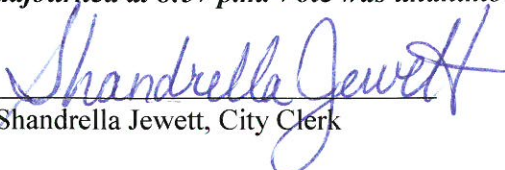
On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to consider one items regarding a personnel matter. Vote was unanimous.

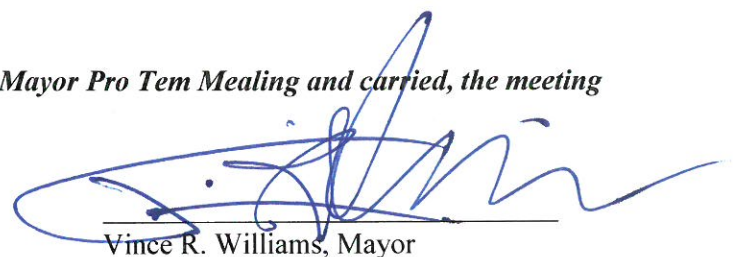
On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council reconvened to Regular Session. Vote was unanimous.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. 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 of the City of Union City, Georgia, who after being duly sworn says:

1.

I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Union City Mayor and City Council held on the 17th day of **December**, 2019.

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 a 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 17th day of **December**, 2019 at 8:20 p.m., which was closed for the purpose(s) of **(1) one personnel matter** 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
17th day of **December**, 2019.



Shandrella Jewett, Notary Public

