

UNION CITY, GEORGIA
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020
9:00 A.M.

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

Director Linda Warren – Human Resources
Director Lonnie Ferguson – Public Services
Police Chief - Cassandra Jones
Director Ellis Still - Community Development
Fire Chief – Joe Maddox
Director Crystal Lazarus - Financer
Director Lee Blich – Parks and Recreation
Kristie Collier – Court Services

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Nealy joined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

I. 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.

- A. Council to approve a request to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of South Fulton and Union City for the resurfacing of Hunter Road in the amount of \$317,660.23.
- B. Council to approve and adopt a Conveyor Car Washes Ordinance to reduce water consumption from commercial car wash facilities by requiring all new conveyor car washes to install operational recycled water systems.
- C. Council to approve a request to adopt a Large Landscape Irrigation Systems Ordinance to reduce water waste and water loss for systems greater than one acre.
- D. Council to approve a request to adopt a Factory Mutual Fire Line Meters Ordinance that requires commercial buildings or properties that has fire hydrants or hydrants attached to them on private property install a factory mutual fire line meter.
- E. Council to approve a request to adopt a resolution to authorize changes to the City’s Georgia Fund 1 investment account.
- F. Council to approve a request to adopt a resolution to enter into an agreement (#P20AP00168/13-01025) with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources under the Land and Water Conservation Fund; The agreement provides grant assistance for the development of a skate park at the Highway 29 Ballfields.

Nydia Akins (Grant Specialist) reminded Mayor and Council of their favorable responses to move forward with the initial application of the grant back in October 2018. She advised the City recently received a successful award from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources which would be for outdoor recreational use only. Mayor Williams reiterated that should the City accept the award, Highway 29 Ballfields must always remain a park and recreation area per the grant requirements.

- G. Council to approve a request to enter an agreement with C.W. Matthews Contracting Company to complete the Citywide Resurfacing Project.

- H. Council to approve a grant award (2020-VD-BX-0237) in the amount of \$61,188 through the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program.
- I. Council to approve a request to adopt a resolution titled NLC Cities Are Essential.

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

II. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Council to discuss current residential (Waste Industries) and commercial (Advanced Disposal) sanitation agreements. (The item was tabled until April 21, 2020).

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council agreed to move forward with the residential (GFL Environmental, Inc.) and commercial (Advanced Disposal) sanitation agreements. Vote was unanimous.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approval of the Minutes:

- 02/18/2020 Work Session
- 02/18/2020 Regular Council Meeting
- 03/19/2020 Special Called Council Meeting
- 03/27/2020 Special Called Council Meeting
- 04/03/2020 Special Called Council Meeting
- 04/16/2020 Special Called Council Meeting (*one correction noted and updated*)

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

- B. Council to discuss the May 13, 2020 water shut off date and approve a new extension date of July 20, 2020.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council agreed to extend the water shut off until July 20, 2020. Vote was unanimous.

- C. Council to discuss and approve a renewed contract (four year term effective April 17, 2020) with the City Manager of Union City.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the four (4) year contract of City Manager, Sonja Fillingame. Vote was unanimous.

IV. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. Assistance to Firefighter Grant FY 2020 COVID-19 Supplemental Program

Nydia Akins (Grant Specialist) advised Mayor and Council that the Fire Department submitted an application for FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (COVID-19 Supplement Program). There is a 5% city cost share in the amount of \$631.25 and a federal share of \$12,625.00. The total is \$13,256.25. The grant would be used for the purchase of Half Mask Respirators, Respirator Cartridges and Filters, Anti-Fog Safety Goggles, and Isolation Gowns.

Also, Ms. Akins advised Mayor and Council should the City receive the award, the City will come back for formal approval.

- B. Director Ellis Still's appointment to the Atlanta Chamber's 2020-2021 Board of Directors on May 15, 2020
- C. Update regarding Donated Leave

Director Warren spoke regarding a voluntary shared leave program and legal concerns. Mayor and Council shared their thoughts concerning the program and reiterated that it would be a voluntary anonymous program.

Assistant City Manager Calloway and Attorney Davenport spoke regarding tax implications. Attorney Davenport expressed complications that could arise in smaller organization as well. Chief Maddox mentioned there was a shared leave program in the past. Mayor Williams stated the matter should be discussed at a budget hearing and for the City Manager and the City Attorney to have dialogue concerning the matter.

D. Performance Evaluations

Assistant City Manager Calloway asked Mayor and Council for directions as to how to move forward with Performance Evaluations and Increases. Mayor Williams said this matter will be discussed later to ensure the City make the right decision. Council agreed as well.

E. Food Drive – May 23, 2020

V. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

- A. Proclamation recognizing Municipal Clerks Week (May 3-9, 2020)
- B. International Firefighters' Day (May 5, 2020)
- C. Proclamation recognizing National Day of Prayer (May 7, 2020)
- D. National Law Enforcement Week (May 10-16, 2020)
- E. Proclamation recognizing Parks to Kids Day (May 16, 2020)
- F. Proclamation recognizing 60TH National Public Works Week (May 17-23, 2020)

Mayor Pro Tem Nealy left the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

At 11:35 a.m., Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items: one (1) personnel matter, one (1) threatened litigation, and two (2) real estate.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss the following items: one (1) personnel matter, one (1) threatened litigation, and two (2) real estate. Vote was unanimous.

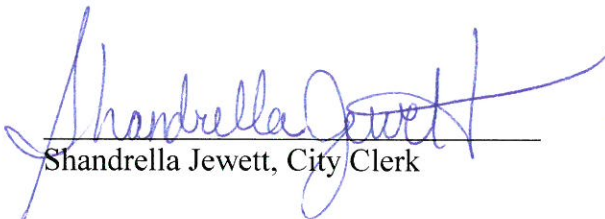
On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council reconvened to the Special Called Council Meeting. Vote was unanimous.

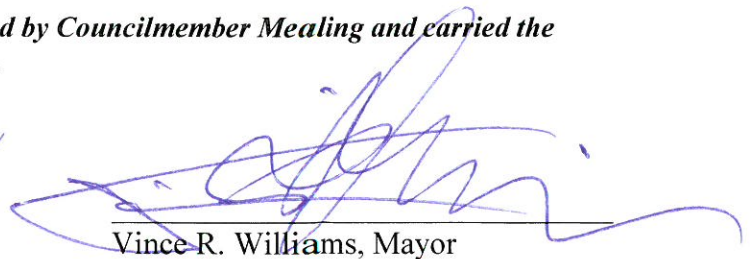
On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the four year contract of City Manager Fillingame with a 3% increase.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried the meeting was adjourned. 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 R. 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 **19th** day of **May** 2020.

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.

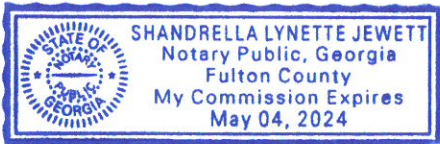
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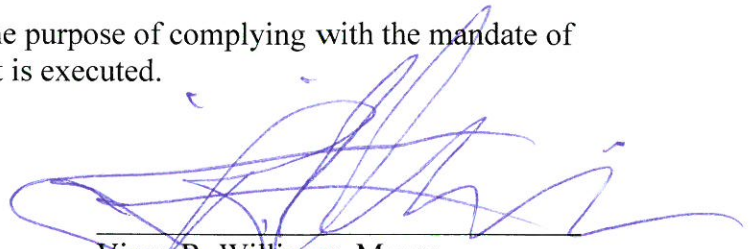
The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the **19th** day of **May**, 2020, which was closed for the purpose(s) of **one (1) personnel matter, one (1) threatened litigation, and two (2) real estate items** as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

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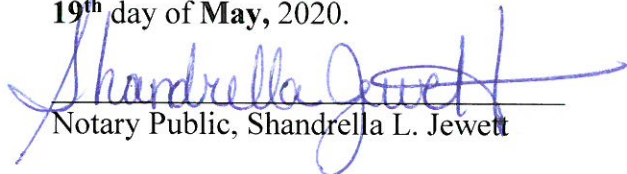
This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4 (b) that such an affidavit is executed.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.




Vince R. Williams, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
19th day of **May**, 2020.


Notary Public, Shandrella L. Jewett