

UNION CITY, GEORGIA
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020
9:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

Human Resources - Director Linda Warren
Public Services - Director Lonnie Ferguson
Court Services - Kristie Collier
Community Development - Director Ellis Still
Fire Chief - Joe Maddox
Finance Comptroller - Crystal Lazarus
Parks and Recreation - Director Lee Blicht

ABSENT:

Police Chief – Cassandra Jones

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 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 adopt a resolution for acquisition of 0.93 acres of property located at 6405 Roosevelt Highway” (Land Lot 77 in the 9F District of Fulton County, \$86K) from Mr. Clay R. Neisler.
- B. Council to approve a request to adopt a resolution for acquisition of approximately 1.0803 acres of property located at 0 Roosevelt Highway; 6429 Roosevelt Highway; and 6425 Roosevelt Highway (Land Lot 77 in the 9F District of Fulton County, \$144K) from Ms. Ruth R. Neisler.
- C. Council to approve a request to adopt a resolution for acquisition of 0.529 acres of property located at the intersection of Flat Shoals Road and Shannon Parkway (Land Lot 78 and 85 in the 9F District of Fulton County, \$83K) from Mr. Jerry C. Averett.
- D. Council to approve a request to adopt a resolution regarding Homestead Exemption for November 2020 Election.
- E. Council to consider approval to enter into an agreement with Martin-Robbins Fencing to install security fencing around Fire Stations 42 and 43.
- F. Council to approve a request to adopt the amended Wireless Facility & Antenna Ordinance to establish standards regarding aesthetics.
- G. Council to approve a request to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to assist the City with the Comprehensive Plan update.

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

II. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approval of the Minutes:
- 07/10/2020 Special Called Council Meeting

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

III. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Moment of Silence in honor of the following Civil-Rights Leaders:
- Cordy Tindell (C.T.) Vivian
 - Congressman John Lewis
- Mayor Williams requested all flags fly at half-staff.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council agreed that all flags fly at half-staff. Vote unanimous.

- B. Cares Act Funding – Update provided by Mayor Williams
- C. Interim Assistant Chief of Police (Gloria Hodgson) Pay Status – Update provided by Director Warren

Mayor William asked for an update on the status of the new Interim Assistant Chief of Police (Gloria Hodgson). City Manager Fillingame stated she would discuss this matter with Police Chief Jones and HR Director, Linda Warren.

- D. Council to approve a request to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday for Union City staff.

Mayor Williams asked Assistant City Manager Calloway if she had an update on information concerning Juneteenth becoming a holiday in Union City. ACM Calloway responded that it would be a paid holiday (straight pay) for staff with no overtime.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council agreed to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday for Union City staff. Vote was unanimous.

- E. Union City Reopening Update

Mayor Williams said the Senior Leadership Team has prepared a “Phase Plan” for when the City reopens. However, the matter will be revisited at a later.

- F. Council to approve a request for hazardous pay to start back up for period July 21, 2020 to August 31, 2020.

Mayor Williams said the previous hazardous pay ended on June 20, 2020. He spoke about reestablishing the hazardous pay for July 21, 2020 to August 31, 2020. There will not be any retroactive pay and the pay rate will remain the same.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council approved hazardous pay for period July 21, 2020 to August 31, 2020. Vote was unanimous.

- G. Council to approve a request to demolish and rebuild the Kenneth L. Johnson Depot building along with keeping as much historical artifacts as possible.

Director Ferguson provided an update regarding the available two options received from the contractors.

Option 1 - Repair the existing building and keep as much of the historical materials as possible. The walls and floors would need to be replaced. The roof is the only historical item that could be saved.

Option 2 - Demolish the entire building and start from scratch.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council agreed to move forward with Option 2 and keep as much of the historical aesthetics as possible. Vote unanimous.

H. Court Services Update

Director Collier advised Mayor and Council that Court Services was scheduled to reopen on August 3, 2020. However, the City will still be closed. Court Services will push back the reopening date and will notify everyone via letters and on the website.

I. Highway 29 Ballfield Update

City Manager Fillingame, Director Blitch, and Director Ferguson provided an update regarding the score box being completed by Friday, July 24, 2020, and the entire project being completed within the next three weeks.

IV. City Manager and Assistant City Manger's Report:

- A. Skate Park – Updated provided regarding the planning process
- B. CDBG COVID-19 Grant – PPE equipment for Park and Receptions and the Fire Department
- C. Congratulatory remarks were extended to Cindy Givens (Operations Department) for completing the South Fulton Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program.
- D. Health Care Renewal (13% Savings) – ACM Calloway asked Mayor and Council how should the City apply the savings. Mayor and Council agreed for the City to take the entire savings and apply it as needed for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Nealy left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

At this time, Attorney Davenport stated he needed to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items: two (2) threatened litigation, one (1) real estate, and review of the Executive Session Minutes from May 19, 2020.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss the following items: two (2) threatened litigation, one (1) real estate, and review of the Executive Session Minutes from May 19, 2020. Vote was unanimous.

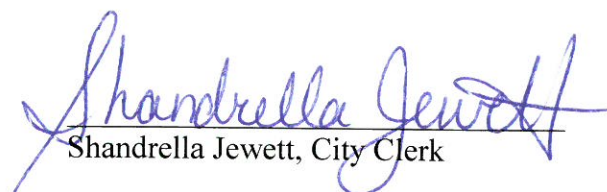
On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council reconvened to the Special Called Council Meeting. Vote was unanimous.

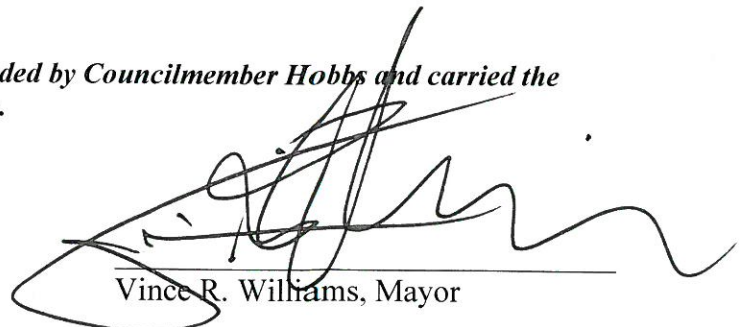
On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the Executive Session Minutes from May 19, 2020. Vote was unanimous.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs 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 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 **21st** day of **July**, 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 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.

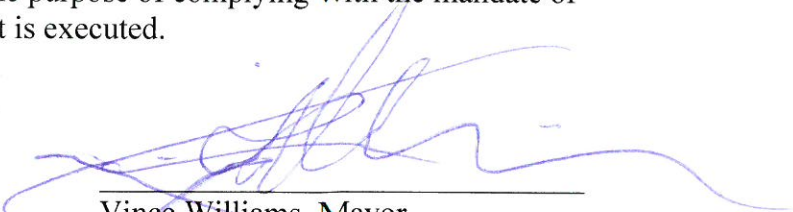
3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the **21st** day of **January**, 2020 at 9:03 p.m., which was closed for the purpose(s) of **two (2) threatened litigations, one (1) real estate, and review of the Executive Session Minutes from May 19, 2020** 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
21st day of **July**, 2020.



Shandrella Jewett, Notary Public

