

UNION CITY, GEORGIA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – AMENDMENT 1  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: ZOOM TELE-CONFERENCE & IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
(MEETING ID: 828 1793 0714 & PASSCODE: 332775)

PRESENT:

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

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

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The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

- I. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**  
Invocation by Mayor Williams
- II. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** (2 MIN.)  
None
- III. **PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:**
- Announcement and Recognition of Employee of the Month  
Delois Mahone (Parks and Recreation Department) – Employee of the Month for October  
Xavier Walker (Marketing Department) – Employee of the Month for November
  - Proclamation recognizing Theodore (Ted) Jackson for his contributions as Fulton County Sheriff
  - Proclamation recognizing Linda Bryant for her contributions as Fulton County School Board District Representative
  - Proclamation recognizing Sharon Beasley-Teague for her contributions as Georgia House of Representative (65<sup>th</sup> District)
  - Presentation of GMA’s IT Security & Strategic Consulting by Ryan L. Wilson  
Council to approve a request to enter into contract with Georgia Municipal Association to provide cyber security services to the City and to allocate necessary funds (\$15,000) for the Cyber Security & Strategic Planning Program.  
*On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council agreed to enter into contract with GMA and to allocate funds for the Cyber Security & Strategic Planning Program. Vote was unanimous.*
- IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**  
A. None

V. **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:
  - 10/14/20 – Public Hearing Minutes
- B. Council to approve a request to enter into contract with Municode regarding a Meeting and Agenda Management Software Program.
- C. Council to reaffirm the existing Automatic Aid Agreement between City of South Fulton and City of Union City regarding updated signatures. Agreement was originally approved and adopted on August 21, 2018.
- D. Council to approve a request to enter into agreement with Lexis Nexis to provide an online reporting system.
- E. Council to approve a request to accept a donated 2006 Chevrolet HHR from Heritage Volkswagen of South Atlanta.
- F. Council to approve a request to accept a donation of land located at the northwestern intersection of South Fulton Parkway and Highway 92 with Parcel ID: 09F300001170900.
- G. Council to approve a request to adopt an ordinance permitting active licensed alcohol and beverage dealers of packaged liquor in Union City to make deliveries.
- H. Council to approve a request to adopt the new model ordinance for Post-Construction Stormwater Management.
- I. Council to approve a request to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Union City for the I-85 at State Route 138/Jonesboro Road Project.
- J. Council to approve a request for a C.A.R.E.S Act Utility Grant Program – Option 1.
- K. Council to approve a request to refinance the 2012 Water and Sewer Bonds.

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

VI. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

None

VII. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

A. Resurfacing Initiatives

Director Ferguson provided an update:

- Union Street
- Watson Street
- Highpoint Road
- Bryant Street

- B. I and I Sewer Project
- C. Bid Package regarding Flow Meters
- D. Thanked Directors Blitch, Director Ferguson, and Nydia Akins for receiving the ARC Development in Excellence Award regarding Highway 29 Athletic Ballfields
- E. Bid Net - City is able to conduct online bids and RFP's per Assistant City Manager Calloway

**VIII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

- A. Delinquent Water Bills
- Shannon Woods Apartments
  - Oakley Shoals Apartments

**IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:**

**Comments by Councilmember Hobbs**

*Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:*

- Delois Mahone (Parks and Recreation Department) – Employee of the Month for October 2020
- Xavier Walker (Marketing Department) – Employee of the Month for November 2020
- Battalion Dennis Moore (Fire Department) and Chief Cassandra Jones (Police Department) for a stellar Veterans' Day Program
- Marketing Team for a wonderful Veterans' Day video
- City Staff and Directors for doing a marvelous job during these challenging times

*Remarks:*

- Thanked Theodore (Ted) Jackson for many years of service as Fulton County Sheriff
- Thanked Linda Bryant for many years of service as Fulton County School Board District Representative
- Thanked Sharon Beasley-Teague for many years of service as Georgia House of Representative (65<sup>th</sup> District)
- Thanked the veterans for their service
- Register to vote

**Comments by Councilmember Mealing**

*Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:*

- Delois Mahone (Parks and Recreation Department) – Employee of the Month for October 2020
- Xavier Walker (Marketing Department) – Employee of the Month for November 2020
- City Staff and Directors for doing a marvelous job during these challenging times

*Remarks:*

- Employee Appreciation Day was awesome
- Free COVID-19 Testing in Union City
- Paving on Highpoint Road looks amazing
- Thanked Theodore (Ted) Jackson for many years of service as Fulton County Sheriff
- Thanked Linda Bryant for many years of service as Fulton County School Board District Representative
- Thanked Sharon Beasley-Teague for many years of service as Georgia House of Representative (65<sup>th</sup> District)
- November 18, 2020 - Food Box Drive Giveaway

**Comments by Councilmember Jones**

*Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:*

- Delois Mahone (Parks and Recreation Department) – Employee of the Month for October 2020
- Xavier Walker (Marketing Department) – Employee of the Month for November 2020
- Nydia Akins (Grant Specialist) for obtaining the REBC Grant for Roosevelt Highway
- City Staff and Directors for doing a marvelous job during these challenging times

*Remarks:*

- Veterans' Day video was wonderful
- Thanked Theodore (Ted) Jackson for many years of service as Fulton County Sheriff
- Thanked Linda Bryant for many years of service as Fulton County School Board District Representative
- Thanked Sharon Beasley-Teague for many years of service as Georgia House of Representative - 65<sup>th</sup> District
- Condolences extended to the family of Principal Robinson of Westlake High School and his wife
- Homeowners Assistance - Having a list of companies that can assist homeowners would be helpful

- Employee Appreciation Day was successful

**Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Nealy**

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- Delois Mahone (Parks and Recreation Department) – Employee of the Month for October 2020
- Xavier Walker (Marketing Department) – Employee of the Month for November 2020
- Linda Warren (Human Resources Director) and staff for a great Employee Appreciation Day
- Police Chief Cassandra Jones for being a beacon of light in the community
- City Manager Fillingame for assisting with Unum Fellow
- City Staff and Directors for doing a marvelous job during these challenging times

*Remarks:*

- Thanked Theodore (Ted) Jackson for many years of service as Fulton County Sheriff
- Thanked Linda Bryant for many years of service as Fulton County School Board District Representative
- Thanked Sharon Beasley-Teague for many years of service as Georgia House of Representative - 65<sup>th</sup> District
- Free COVID-19 Testing in Union City
- Condolences extended to the family of Principal Robinson of Westlake High School and his wife
- UC Connect App - Consider having a second campaign highlighting the app
- Funding for C.A.R.E.S. - Utility Assistant
- Renew Atlanta - A non-profit organization that assists families with household items. Email help@renewatlanta.org
- January 5, 2021 - Election Day

**Comments by Mayor Williams**

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- Delois Mahone (Parks and Recreation Department) – Employee of the Month for October 2020
- Xavier Walker (Marketing Department) – Employee of the Month for November 2020
- Nydia Akins (Grant Specialist) for helping the City obtain several grants in 2020
- City Staff and Directors for doing a marvelous job during these challenging times

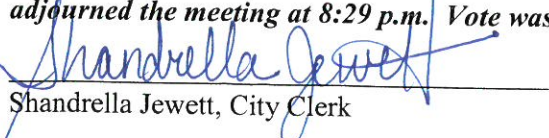
*Remarks:*

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- Thanked Linda Bryant for many years of service as Fulton County School Board District Representative
- Thanked Sharon Beasley-Teague for many years of service as Georgia House of Representative (65<sup>th</sup> District)
- Thanked all veterans for their service
- Condolences extended to the family of Principal Robinson of Westlake High School and his wife
- UC Connect App - Distribute the information again so that residence will know how to collect information
- Free COVID-19 Testing and Flu Shots in Union City
- Gateway Repair on Roosevelt Highway and Highway 92
- Veterans' Day Program was successful
- Veterans' Park - Would like to see a Veterans' Park in Union City
- Mayors' Institute on City Design (MICD) - Will focus on areas of injustice
- Reminded everyone to vote
- November 18, 2020 - Food Box Drive Giveaway

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Vote was unanimous.*

  
Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk

  
Vince R. Williams, Mayor