

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

7:00 PM

Zoom Tele-Conference (Meeting ID: 880 4226 5879; Passcode: 927896) and In Council Chambers

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Mayor Vince R. Williams
Councilmember Brian K. Jones
Councilmember Shayla J. Nealy
Councilmember Angelette Mealing
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 Blitch
Police Chief – Cassandra Jones
Public Services Director – Lonnie Ferguson

ABSENT:

Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember Hobbs

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Councilmember Jones

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, the agenda was approved. Vote was unanimous.

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

None

V. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Announcement and Recognition of Employee of the Month

- Darrian Young (Finance Department) – February 2021 Employee of the Month
- Proclamation regarding "American Red Cross Month" for March 2021

- Presentation regarding Union City's Public Art Project by Vivian Lett
- Presentation regarding Shannon Parkway

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

None

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine 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. Council to approve the Work Session Minutes dated January 19, 2021.
- B. Council to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2021.
- C. Council to approve a request to adopt the Greenway Model Mile Feasibility Study. (Staff Recommends Approval)
- D. Council to approve a request to adopt a bond resolution to provide for the issuance by The City of Union City, Georgia of its Water and Sewerage Tax-Exempt Revenue Bond, Series 2021A and its Water and Sewerage Taxable Refunding Revenue Bond, Series 2021B.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Council to approve a request to create a non-profit 501c3 (include \$5,000.00 seed money) named "Friends of Union City".

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council approved the creation of a 501c3 (to include \$5,000.00 seed money) named "Friends of Union City". Vote was unanimous.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

None

X. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

None

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Assistant City Manager Calloway – Mrs. Calloway asked Mayor Williams if it was okay to apply e-mail signatures for the remaining month regarding “Heart Health Month”. Mayor Williams gave permission to the Information Technology Department to move forward with the installation of specified e-mail signature. Councilmember Nealy said she would like to see e-mail signature blocks for other months, as well, regarding similar events.

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

None

XIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Nealy

Congratulatory acknowledgments extended to:

- Darrian Young (Finance Department) – February 2021 Employee of the Month
- American Red Cross for continued partnership
- Vivian Lett (Marketing Department) for providing an update regarding the UC Public Art Project
- Councilmember Mealing and team members for the Litter Campaign and Adopt A Spot Program
- City Manager Fillingame, Assistant City Manager Calloway, and Director Blich for moving forward with discussions on the Unum Project (bridging the art and park components)
- Staff for their hard work and dedication

Remarks:

- The Gathering Place programming has been a game changer within the community
- Black History Month and Social Media
- UC Campaign - “Reason to Love”
- Self-Care - Taking time to take care of yourself
- February 20, 2021 - UC Town Hall Meeting
- March 16, 2021 - State of the City Event

Comments by Councilmember Mealing

Congratulatory acknowledgments extended to:

- Darrian Young (Finance Department) – February 2021 Employee of the Month
- American Red Cross for continued partnership
- Vivian Lett (Marketing Department) for providing an update regarding the UC Public Art Project
- Karen Allison (Public Services) and team members for the Litter Campaign
- City Manager Fillingame and Assistant City Manager Calloway for bringing the Adopt A Spot Initiative to fruition
- Parks and Recreation Department for hosting virtual exercise classes (Zumba, etc.)
- Human Resources for hosting various trainings and programs
- Staff for their hard work and dedication

Remarks:

- American Heart Month
- Park projects coming online soon
- Self Defense Class - Requested the Police Department to host a virtual class

Comments by Councilmember Jones

Congratulatory acknowledgments extended to:

- Darrian Young (Finance Department) - February 2021 Employee of the Month
- Parks and Recreation Department for hosting virtual exercise classes (Zumba, etc.)
- Staff for their hard work and dedication

Remarks:

- Presentations - All of the presentations were great
- American Red Cross for continued partnership
- Mayor’s Meeting - Thanked Mayor Williams for the invitation to attend the meeting
- Happy Black History Month
- March 16, 2021 - State of the City Event

Comments by Mayor Williams

Congratulatory acknowledgments extended to:

- Darrian Young (Finance Department) - February 2021 Employee of the Month
- Karen Allison (Public Services) and team members for the Litter Campaign
- Staff, VC3, and business partners for their hard work and dedication

Remarks:

- Park Opportunities
- Investing in your team
- Continue to wear masks, social distance, sanitize and stay away from large gatherings
- Paycom Software – Software glitches
- Homestead Exemption Advertisement
- Team effort, production crew, and partners to assist with the State of the City Event
- Non-Profit 501c3 “Friends of Union City”
- Staff to give a count of how many individuals that were infected by COVID since March 2020
- February 16, 2021 - Vaccination site at Georgia International Convention Center
- February 17, 2021 - Filming to take place on Union Street
- February 23, 2021 - COVID Testing in the back of City Hall
- March 16, 2021 - Virtual State of the City Event at 6:00 p.m.

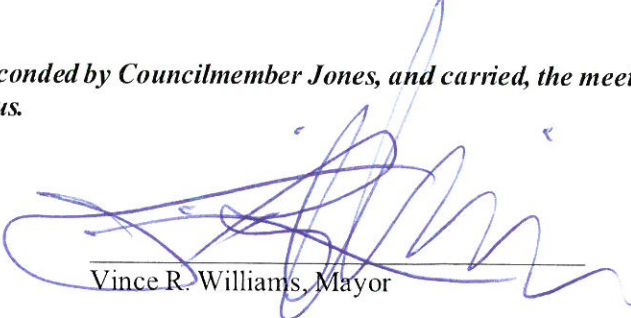
XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

For 

Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk



Vince R. Williams, Mayor