

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

7:00 PM

Zoom Tele-Conference (Meeting ID: 853 9853 2390; Passcode: 183293) & In Council Chambers

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Vince R. Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Christina Hobbs
Councilmember Brian K. Jones
Councilmember Angelette Mealing
Councilmember Shayla J. Nealy
Assistant City Attorney – Patrick Stough
City Manager - Sonja Fillingame
Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway

PRESENT:

City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett
Assistant City Clerk - Peri Manning
Community Development Director - Ellis Still
Fire Chief - Joe Maddox
Human Resources Director - Linda Warren
Parks & Recreation Director - Lee Blich
Police Chief - Cassandra Jones
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson

ABSENT:

Court Services - Kristie Tucker

Finance Comptroller – N/A

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Mayor Williams

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council approved the agenda. 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

- Captain Gloria Hodgson (Police Department) – Employee of the Month

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 02/16/2021.
- B. Council to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 02/16/2021.
- C. Council to approve the Town Hall Meeting Minutes dated 02/20/2021.
- D. Council to approve the Special Called Council Meeting Minutes dated 03/17/2021.
- E. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Brtu Construction to complete the Shannon Parkway Gateway and Median Improvements Project, RFB-PS-21-04.
- F. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Spohn Ranch, Inc. to complete the design-build for the Union City Skate Park.
- G. Council to approve the submittal of a request regarding the amended agreement between the City of Union City and ACI Sub-Merchant Verra Mobility pending legal review.
- H. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Prime Contractors to complete the Facility Improvements Project, RFP-PS-21-01.
- I. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution regarding the 2020 Union City Comprehensive Plan Update as required by the Department of Community Affairs and Atlanta Regional Commission.
- J. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution that accompanies the Greenway Model Mile Feasibility Study passed by City Council on February 16, 2021.
- K. Council to approve the submittal of a request to negotiate and renew the IT Services contract with VC3.

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 the submittal of a request to renew Judge Ronald Freeman's Employment Contract.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the extension of Judge Freeman's Employment Contract. Vote was unanimous.

- B. Council to approve the Executive Session Minutes from March 17, 2021.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs and carried, Council approved the Executive Session Minutes from March 17, 2021. Vote was unanimous.

- C. Council to approve the submittal of a request to allow business owners to renew their alcohol beverage license past the deadline without having to restart the process (due to COVID-19) of a new application.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the request to allow business owners to renew their Alcohol Beverage License past the deadline without having to restart the process (due to COVID-19) of a new application. Vote was unanimous.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

- A. **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request regarding an Alcoholic Beverage License application submitted by Amin Dhamani and Nagina Saddar Ud Din for package sales of malt and vinous liquors for Food Mart located at 5036 Union Street, Union City, Georgia.

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth

Public Hearing Closed

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the above mentioned request was approved. Vote 3 to 1 (Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs objected)

X. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

- A. Public Hearing to approve the submittal of a request to rezone 43.78 acres from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-6 Single Family Residential.

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth

Public Hearing Closed

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

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Comments by City Manager Fillingame

- Thanked Mayor and Council for their efforts and support with upcoming City projects
- Thanked Director Ferguson, Director Still, Finance Department, and Marketing for supporting the upcoming projects
- Acknowledgement of Union City's new Assistant Police Chief, Joseph Dorsey
- Shannon Parkway Initiative – Marketing, Code Enforcement, Police Department, and Public Services Department for visiting and encouraging business owners to partner with Union City's Adopt A Spot Initiative. Signs will be placed on the parkway

Comments by Assistant Police Chief Dorsey

- Thanked Mayor Williams and the City Council, City Manager Fillingame, and Chief Jones for allowing him the opportunity to serve the City of Union City

Mayor and City Council welcomed Assistant Police Chief to the UC Family

Comments by Assistant City Manager Calloway

- Congratulatory remarks extended to Councilmember Nealy for being selected as recipient of "50 Women in the Know"
- Thanked the Police Department, Kristie Tucker, and VC3 for implementing the "Go Live" process with Tyler Technology. A thank you letter was read

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

A. Executive Session

XIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Nealy

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Captain Gloria Hodgson (Police Department) – Employee of the Month
- City Manager Fillingame, Director Blitch, and Director Ferguson for being accommodating as it relates to the implementation of Capital Improvement Projects
- Engineering Georgia and staff for the acknowledgements as recipient of “50 Women In The Know”
- Assistant Police Chief, Joseph Dorsey for joining the UC Team
- Blue Ribbon Committee members for participating in the first meeting held on April 6, 2021
- Staff for a thoughtful rollout and for doing things the right way concerning C.A.R.E.S. Act Funding
- Chief Maddox and CORE for a successful vaccination rollout

Remarks:

- April 3, 2021 - Drive Thru Easter Egg-Venture sponsored by Parks and Recreation
- June 2021 Mayor & Council Retreat – List of items for consideration
- The progression of the Kenneth L. Johnson Depot

Comments by Councilmember Jones

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Mayor Williams and staff for putting together a fabulous State of the City presentation
- Councilmember Nealy for being a recipient of “50 Women In The Know”
- Captain Gloria Hodgson (Police Department) – Employee of the Month
- Director Blitch and the Parks and Recreation staff for an awesome Baseball Opening Day
- Chief Maddox and CORE for a successful vaccination rollout
- Assistant Police Chief, Joseph Dorsey for joining the UC Team

Remarks:

- April 13, 2021 - Community Clean Up
- April 17, 2021 - Baseball Opening Day
- April 24, 2021 - NACA Home Buying event
- April 24, 2021 - South Fulton Chamber’s Shredding event at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Additional parking needed at Highway 29 Ballfield
- Looking forward to the upcoming Skate Park in Union City

Comments by Councilmember Mealing

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- Captain Gloria Hodgson (Police Department) – Employee of the Month
- Director Blitch and the Parks and Recreation staff for an awesome Baseball Opening Day
- Director Blitch and the Parks and Recreation staff for a great Drive Thru Easter Egg-Venture
- Assistant Police Chief, Joseph Dorsey for joining the UC Team
- Chief Maddox and CORE for a successful vaccination rollout
- Judge Freeman for providing excellent service as the Municipal Court Judge in Union City

Remarks:

- COVID Testing

- April 3, 2021 - Drive Thru Easter Egg-Venture sponsored by Parks and Recreation
- April 17, 2021 - Baseball Opening Day
- June 2021 Mayor & Council Retreat - Ideas regarding Highway 29 Ballfields
- Request made to consider having more sidewalks in the community and in new subdivisions

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs

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- Councilmember Nealy for being a recipient of “50 Women In The Know”
- Captain Gloria Hodgson (Police Department) – Employee of the Month
- Director Blich and the Parks and Recreation staff for an awesome Baseball Opening Day
- Director Blich and the Parks and Recreation staff for a great Drive Thru Easter Egg-Venture
- Chief Maddox and CORE for a successful vaccination rollout
- Assistant Police Chief, Joseph Dorsey for joining the UC Team
- Director Ferguson and staff for organizing the Spring Community Clean Up
- Director Still and Director Ferguson for the work done regarding the Park System

Remarks:

- Development of Union City’s Community Garden at Highway 29 Ballfields
- Recommended homeowners take advantage of the Water Line Insurance

Comments by Mayor Williams

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Councilmember Nealy for being a recipient of “50 Women In The Know”
- Councilmember Mealing and the Adopt A Spot Program
- Captain Gloria Hodgson (Police Department) – Employee of the Month
- Staff for extending birthday wishes
- Staff for an excellent job in putting together the State of the City event
- Director Blich and the Parks and Recreation staff for an awesome Baseball Opening Day
- Councilmember Jones and the Community Gardens Initiative at Highway 29 Ballfields
- Chief Maddox and CORE for a successful vaccination rollout
- Assistant Police Chief, Joseph Dorsey for joining the UC Team

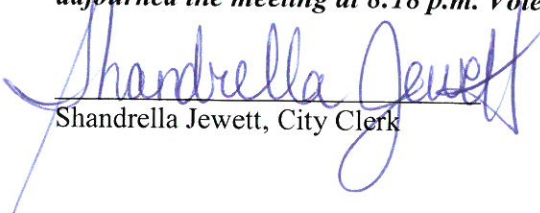
Remarks:

- Doug Hooker of Atlanta Regional Commission will retire in March 2022
- Robust Public Transit options for the Community - Met with Jeff Parker, Mayor Carr-Hurst, and Mayor Edwards. Looking forward to having a Marta bus station in Union City, Fairburn, and the City of South Fulton along Roosevelt Highway
- Georgia Municipal Association held a press conference last week regarding vaccinations
- Status of Governor’s Kemp Executive Order
- The American Rescue Plan

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Vote was unanimous.


Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk


Vince R. Williams, Mayor