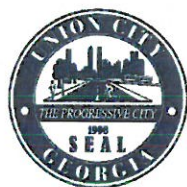


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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

7:00 PM

Zoom Tele-Conference (Meeting ID: 835 6633 5274; Passcode: 408276) & 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
City Attorney - Dennis Davenport
City Manager - Sonja Fillingame
Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway

PRESENT:

City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett
Assistant City Clerk - Peri Manning
Community Development Director - Ellis Still
Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker
Fire Chief - Joe Maddox
Assistant Police Chief – Joseph Dorsey
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson

ABSENT:

Police Chief - Cassandra Jones
Parks & Recreation Director – Lee Blich

Human Resources Director – Linda Warren

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 Mayor Williams

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, 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:

- Acknowledgment and Recognition of Employee of the Month

Officer Kristopher Gagne (Police Department) was selected as Employee of the Month

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections to conduct Union City's November 2, 2021 Municipal General Election. *(The item was tabled for 30 days per the May 2021 Council Meeting.)*

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the agreement with Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections Office to conduct Union City's 2021 Municipal General Election. Vote was unanimous.

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 May 18, 2021.
- B. Council to approve the Regular Council Minutes dated May 18, 2021.
- C. Council to approve the submittal of a request to accept donated property from BOC Acquisition 1, LLC. The property is located at 6760 Buffington Road, 6750 Buffington Road, and 0 Buffington Road. The parcels (totaling 13.25 acres and fronting on Buffington Road) will be restricted for use as a park or recreation (greenspace).
- D. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Stewart Brothers, Inc. to complete the resurfacing of College Street, Baker Street, and Alexander Street.
- E. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) for the FY 2021 Law Enforcement Training Program (Subgrant # K75-8-050). The subgrant award will help purchase the MILO Interactive Mobile-Situational Awareness Training Simulator.
- F. Council to approve the submittal of a request to update the City Ordinance regarding water bill disputes.
- G. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt TSPLOST 2022-2027 project list.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council approved the Consent Agenda during the Work Session. Vote was unanimous.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution abandoning a portion of roadbed known as Scarborough Road. The property runs between South Fulton Parkway and parcel 09F340101340359.

The City having determined that a section of the City road system has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it and that its removal from the City road system is otherwise in the best public interest. On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs and carried, Council agreed to abandon that section from the City street system. Vote was unanimous.

- B. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution selling and conveying a parcel (formerly known as Scarborough Road) to the abutting property owner, Southern Parkway, Inc.

The City abandoned a section of the City road system known as Scarborough Road. On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs and carried, Council agreed to convey said abandoned road section to the abutting property owner, Southern Parkway, Inc. Vote was unanimous.

- C. Council to approve the submittal of a request to accept a Change Order (budget increase), in the amount of \$90,391.62, for the Kenneth L. Johnson Depot renovations.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved a budget increase in the amount of \$90,391.62. Vote was unanimous.

- D. Council to approve the submittal of a request to accept a Change Order (budget increase), in the amount of \$21,262.71, for the Public Services building and Fire Station Headquarters #42 renovations.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs and carried, Council approved the request to transfer money from the Contingency Fund to the Capital Project Fund to cover the additional costs (\$21,262.71) of both above mentioned renovations. Vote was unanimous.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

- A. A **Public Hearing** for Council to consider a request for a variance from the 25-foot stream buffer for parcel number 09F-3201-0146-009-2 located at the intersection of Derrick Road and Derrick Industrial Parkway (at or near 4775 Derrick Road), Union City, for a distance of 376 feet. *(Staff Recommends Approval with Conditions)*

Director Still led the discussion regarding the above request.

Petitioner, attorney Seller introduced the team and spoke regarding the request.

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth to speak

Public Hearing Closed

A motion was made by Councilmember Nealy. No one seconded the motion. Therefore, the motion failed for the lack of a second.

Councilmember Jones expressed concerns regarding the intermittent stream.

Councilmember Nealy asked petitioner to return with more clarity as to the information presented regarding the request. Attorney Seller said she would be happy to provide additional information to the Council. She requested the item be deferred until next month.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs and carried, Council tabled the above request for 30 days. Vote was unanimous.

- B. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve a request for a variance from the 25-foot stream buffer for parcel number 09F-3201-0146-028-2 located at the intersection of Derrick Road and Derrick

Industrial Parkway (at or near 4775 Derrick Road), Union City, for a distance of 173 feet. *(Staff Recommends Approval with Conditions)*

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs and carried, Council tabled the above request for 30 days. Vote was unanimous.

X. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

None

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Marcella White, Administrative Assistant (Fire Department) received the Safety Coordinator Module 1 Training Certification from Local Government Risk Management (LGRM)

B. Capital Improvement Project Update:

- Director Ferguson provided an update regarding the Kenneth L. Johnson Depot *(See Section 8,C under New Business)*

C. Facilities Improvement Projects:

- Renovate room upstairs in the Public Services building *(See Section 8,D under New Business)*
- Refurbish cabinets in the Fire Department Headquarters Station #42. *(See Section 8,D under New Business)*

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

A. Executive Session

XIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Mealing:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Police Officer, Kristopher Gagne (Police Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- School Board Member Warren for hosting the Little Free Library at Highway 29 Ballfield
- Nydia Akins (Grant Specialist) and Barry Walker (Police Officer) for seeking and obtaining the grant for the Police Department to expand training and enhance services in Union City
- Public Works Department for doing a fantastic job regarding the clean-up project on Shannon Parkway
- Fire and Police Department for the amazing work they do in Union City
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- Community Garden (at Highway 29 Ballfield) - 85% completed
- Cheerleading and Football Camp started this week at Ronald Bridges Park
- Union Landings Grand Opening (new apartment complex in Union City)
- Little Free Library – World's largest book-sharing movement

Comments by Councilmember Jones:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- School Board Member Warren for hosting the Little Free Library at Highway 29 Ballfield
- Police Officer, Kristopher Gagne (Police Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Nydia Akins (Grant Specialist) for seeking and obtaining grants for the City

Remarks:

- Highway 29 Ballfields – Enjoyed seeing kids practicing on the baseball fields, playing tee-ball, and enjoying various sports
- United States Senate approved a resolution to make Juneteenth a federal holiday
- Attended the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) District 3 Meeting in Stockbridge
- Looking forward to the GMA Convention August 6-10, 2021
- Happy Father's Day

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Police Officer, Kristopher Gagne (Police Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Marcella White for receiving the Safety Coordinator Module 1 Training Certification
- Nydia Akins (Grant Specialist) and Barry Walker (Police Department) for obtaining the state award and law enforcement training to help reduce the use of force and teach de-escalation strategies
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- Union Landings Grand Opening (new apartment complex in Union City)
- Visited Summit Packaging Solutions
- Celebrate Juneteenth on June 19, 2021

Comments by Councilmember Nealy:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Police Officer, Kristopher Gagne (Police Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Nydia Akins and others for assisting with the grants
- Director Ferguson and the team as it relates to all of the capital projects

Remarks:

- Level of Service aspect on the City's website
- Spoke at EmpowHer Women's Luncheon in Greenville, South Carolina on May 28, 2021
- Participated with the Metro Atlanta coalition of 100 Black Women event regarding policy proposals
- Excited about the upcoming mural that will be located on the bridge at Highway 138
- Map the Vision Check-in
- June 24-27, 2021 - Mayor & Council Planning Retreat

Comments by Mayor Williams:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Police Officer, Kristopher Gagne (Police Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Director Ferguson for sticking to the Master Plan
- Marcella White for receiving the Safety Coordinator Module 1 Training Certification
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

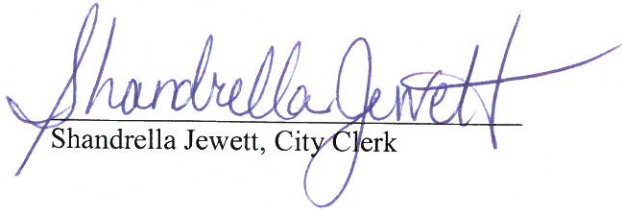
- Cable Barriers along South Fulton Parkway (I-285 to Cascade Palmetto Parkway) – Completion date set for Summer/Fall 2021
- Tiny Homes and Housing Issues – Requested Director Still to reach out to DCA for model codes. The ARP funds can be used for building affordable housing
- Resources for homelessness in Union City
- Budgeting opportunities as it relates to pay of Police Officers
- Little Free Library – Union City should continue its investment with the initiative

- Juneteenth – Requested staff to consider how UC will celebrate the holiday moving forward (parade, event, etc.)
- GMA District Meetings – Visited each district
- August 6-10, 2021 – GMA Convention will be held in Savannah, GA
- COVID-19 variant from India - 20 cases in the state of Georgia
- Phased re-opening opportunities and safety protocol

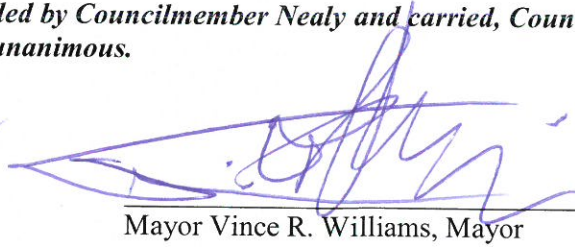
XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Vote was unanimous.



Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk



Mayor Vince R. Williams, Mayor