MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 7:00 P.M.
In Council Chambers

ROLL CALL:

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

PRESENT:

City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett Community Development Director - Ellis Still Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker Assistant Fire Chief - Jeff Collins Assistant Police Chief - Joseph Dorsey Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson

ABSENT:

Councilmember Angelette Mealing

Fire Chief - Joe Maddox

I. CALLED 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 Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones 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

Marcella White, Executive Administrative Assistant (Fire Department) was selected as Employee of the Month.

 AARP Georgia Age-Friendly/Livable Communities by Myrtle Habersham (Age-Friendly Ambassador) and Kay Sibetta (Associate State Director, Community Outreach)

Ms. Habersham announced City of Union City was approved for the prestigious AARP World Health Organization Age-Friendly Communities Designation. The designation is recognized worldwide.

Kay Sibetta presented the City with a certificate that read "This is to certify that the City of Union City, Georgia has committed to becoming more age-friendly under the criteria established by AARP and has been accepted as a member of The AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities".

- Recognition of Employees Regarding July 10, 2021 Incident:
 - Police Officers T. Cobb, C. Corridon, and D. Walls
 - * Fire Department Paramedics G. Mosley and S. Sorsdahl
 - * EMTs D. Hubbard and C. Platt
 - Firefighter B. Slucumb

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Council to approve a Stream Buffer Variance request 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.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council approved the request with conditions. Vote was unanimous.

B. Council to approve a Stream Buffer Variance request 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.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the request with conditions. 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 06/15/21.
- B. Council to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated 06/15/21.
- C. Council to approve the Retreat Planning Minutes dated 06/24/21.
- D. Council to approve the Retreat Planning Minutes dated 06/25/21.
- E. Council to approve the Retreat Planning Minutes dated 06/26/21.
- F. Council to approve the Retreat Planning Minutes dated 06/27/21.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

None

IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

None

X. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

None

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. Capital Project Updates by Director Ferguson
 - Kenneth L. Johnson Depot
 - Shannon Parkway Gateway
- B. Comments by City Manager Fillingame
 - Thanked Cindy Givens and Christian Amica (Operations Department) for a successful reopening of the facilities
 - Congratulated Vivian Lett (Marketing Department) for being accepted into the Art-Train Technical Assistance Program via the International City/County Management Association

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

A. Executive Session

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs and carried, Council approved the Executive Session Minutes dated June 15, 2021. Vote was unanimous.

XIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Nealy

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Marcella White, Executive Administrative Assistant (Fire Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- AARP for acknowledging the City as an Age-Friendly Community
- Vivian Lett (Marketing Department) for highlighting the City's history
- Councilmember Mealing for initiating the Adopt A Spot Campaign
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- Litter in Union City
- June 24-27, 2021 Mayor & Council Planning Retreat was awesome
- August 6-10, 2021 Georgia Municipal Association Convention

Comments by Councilmember Jones:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Marcella White, Executive Administrative Assistant (Fire Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- AARP for acknowledging the City as an Age-Friendly Community
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- GMA Mentor/Mentee Program Toured the City of Doraville, Georgia
- June 24-27, 2021 Mayor & Council Planning Retreat was awesome
- July 13, 2021 Gourmet Popcorn Appreciation Day sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

July 31, 2021 - Back to School and Basketball Event

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Marcella White, Executive Administrative Assistant (Fire Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- AARP for acknowledging the City as an Age-Friendly Community
- Police and Fire Heroes for the hard work done to ensure residents are safe
- Cindy Givens and Christian Amica (Operations Department) for a successful re-opening of the facilities
- Vivian Lett (Marketing Department) for being accepted into the Art-Train Technical Assistance Program
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- June 24-27, 2021 Mayor & Council Planning Retreat was awesome
- July 31, 2021 Back to School and Basketball Event

Comments by Mayor Williams

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Marcella White, Executive Administrative Assistant (Fire Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- AARP for acknowledging the City as an Age-Friendly Community
- Director Blitch for an awesome Miracle League Opportunity
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- Enjoyed serving as the President of Georgia Municipal Association (serves 537 cities)
- Look forward to serving as the next President of National League of Cities (serves 19,000 cities, towns, and villages around the nation)
- Keep Councilmember Mealing in prayer during her recovery
- July 17, 2021 Raymond Drive Community Event (Mayor Institute of Cities Design)
- July 13, 2021 Gourmet Popcorn Appreciation Day sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- August 6-10, 2021 Georgia Municipal Association Convention

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Shandrella Jewett
Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk

Vince R. Williams, Mayor