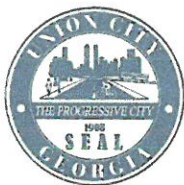


# MINUTES



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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

7:00 P.M.

In Council Chambers

(Zoom Meeting ID: 876 6981 2996; Passcode: 363979)

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### ROLL CALL:

Mayor Vince R. Williams  
Mayor Pro Tem Christina Hobbs  
Councilmember Angelette Mealing (via Zoom)  
Councilmember Brian K. Jones (via Zoom)  
Councilmember Shayla J. Nealy  
City Attorney - Ali Cox  
City Manager - Sonja Fillingame  
Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway  
City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett (via Zoom)

### PRESENT:

Assistant City Clerk - Darryl Terry, II  
Community Development Director - Ellis Still  
Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker  
Fire Chief - Joe Maddox  
Human Resources Director - Linda Warren  
Parks and Recreations Director - Lee Blitch  
Police Chief - Cassandra Jones  
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson

### 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 Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs 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:

- Acknowledgement and Recognition of Employee of the Month

DeAngelo Heard (Public Services) was selected as the 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 July 20, 2021.
- B. Council to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated July 20, 2021.
- C. Council to approve the Budget Workshop Minutes dated July 27, 2021.
- D. Council to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes dated July 30, 2021.
- E. Council to approve the submittal of a request to amend the City's Alternative Work Schedules Policy to allow for eligible employees to telework a proposed three (3) days as oppose to one (1) day a week.
- F. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution supporting the Water and Sewer Authority's application to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA).
- G. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Pendleton Consulting, LLC to assist and represent Union City with the implementation of the City's Economic Development Plan.
- H. Council to approve the submittal of a request for a one-time premium pay in the amount of \$3,000.00 for all employees. A portion will be paid from ARPA for eligible employees and a portion will be paid from General Funds.

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

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with The Beatty Team to provide services to advocate for the City, provide training to the community, and assist in providing funding source opportunities.

Bernard Reynolds spoke on behalf of The Beatty Team.

*On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs and carried, Council agreed to enter into an agreement with The Beatty Team. Vote was unanimous.*

- B. Employer COVID-19 Testing

Mayor Williams inquired about Covid-19 Testing to ensure staff is working in a safe work environment. City Manager Fillingame said she would speak with Human Resources Department and the personnel attorneys concerning matter. Once the team has researched the matter, it would be presented before Mayor and Council.

## IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

None

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

None

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

Skate Park - Update provided by Director Ferguson

Farwell to Trey Bennings (IT Manager) - Assistant City Manager Calloway advised Mayor and Council that Mr. Bennings last day of work would be on September 3, 2021.

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

Executive Session

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

**Comments by Councilmember Jones**

*Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:*

- DeAngelo Heard for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Mayor William for leading GMA, as the President, during the global pandemic
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

*Remarks:*

- ARPA Funding
- Georgia Municipal Association Convention was successful
- Thanks to the team members for all you do

**Comments by Councilmember Mealing**

*Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:*

- DeAngelo Heard for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Mayor William for leading GMA, as the President, during the global pandemic
- Staff for being productive throughout the pandemic

*Remarks:*

- Thanked everyone for their prayers during her healing process
- Excited about the upcoming projects in Union City
- Looking forward to the art initiative

**Comments by Councilmember Nealy**

*Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:*

- DeAngelo Heard for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Mayor Williams for being a great leader
- Happy Birthday wishes extended to Union City (113<sup>th</sup> Birthday)
- Darryl Terry, II, Assistant City Clerk for joining the UC Family

*Remarks:*

- Georgia Municipal Association Convention was awesome
- ARPA Funds
- Looking forward to a balanced budget

**Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs**

*Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:*

- DeAngelo Heard for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Mayor Williams for being a great leader

*Remarks:*

- Excited to see the Directors at the Georgia Municipal Association Convention in Savannah, GA
- Would love to see a swimming pool in Union City
- Looking forward to the National League of Cities in Salt Lake Cities
- Pray for the people of Haiti and Afghanistan
- Be safe during the Global Pandemic

**Comments by Mayor Williams**

*Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:*

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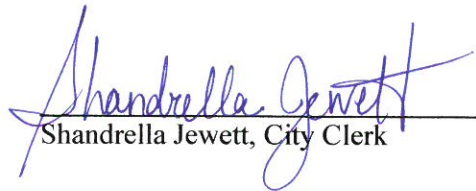
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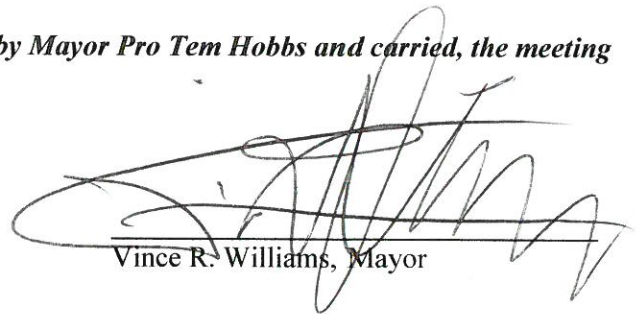
- ARPA Funds
- Keep Haiti and Afghanistan in prayer

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

***On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.***

  
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Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk

  
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Vince R. Williams, Mayor