

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

7:00 P.M.

In Council Chambers

(Zoom Meeting ID: 840 1873 9414; Passcode: 532148)

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Vince R. Williams
Councilmember Angelette Mealing (via Zoom)
Councilmember Brian K. Jones
Councilmember Shayla J. Nealy
City Attorney - Dennis Davenport
City Manager - Sonja Fillingame
Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway
City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett

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
Park & Recreations Director - Lee Blich
Assistant Police Chief - Joseph Dorsey
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson

ABSENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Christina Hobbs

Police Chief - Cassandra Jones

I. CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Mayor Williams

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:

Acknowledgment and Recognition of Employee of the Month

- Tera Bloom (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 from August 17, 2021.
- B. Council to approve the Regular Minutes from August 17, 2021.
- C. Council to approve the FY21-22 Budget Presentation Minutes from August 24, 2021.
- D. Council to approve the FY21-22 Budget & Millage Rate Public Hearing Minutes from August 24, 2021.
- E. Council to approve the FY21-22 Budget & Millage Rate Final Adoption Minutes from August 31, 2021.
- F. Council to approve the submittal of a request for Union City Municipal Court to renew the DocuSign Enterprise Account.
- G. Council to approve the submittal of a request of compensation assessment and recommendations of the Human Resources Consultant.
- H. Council to approve the submittal of a request to add one (1) additional FTE (Full Time Employee) to the Finance Department.
- I. Council to approve the submittal of a request to receive a donation of solar radar speed signs (from Christian City) to be installed on Lester Road.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy 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:

- A. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request by Highline Properties, LLC (Southwood) to rezone 42.22 acres of land from R-1 with a PUD overlay to TCMF (Town Center Multifamily) for the development of a rental townhome community. (Planning Commission & Staff Recommended Approval)

Director Still led the discussion regarding the request.

Attorney Julie Seller (Dillard Sellers, LLC, 1776 Peachtree Street) spoke on behalf of the Petitioner, Highline Properties, LLC.

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth to speak

Public Hearing Closed

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, Council approved the above mentioned request by Highland Properties, LLC. Vote was unanimous.

- B. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request by SDP Acquisitions, LLC (Union City Commerce Center) to rezone 143.52 +/- acres of land from R-4 Single Family District to M-1 Light Industrial District. (Planning Commission & Staff Recommended Approval)

Director Still led the discussion regarding the request.

Representative Kevin Casteel (3715 Northside Parkway) spoke on behalf of Petitioner, SDP Acquisitions, LLC.

Public Hearing Opened

Neil Brown, 699 Wihlidal Drive – Spoke in favor of the request

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.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, Council tabled the above request by SDP Acquisitions, LLC for 30 days. Vote was unanimous.

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Thanked Mayor & Council for their support of a Skate Park
- Thanked Mayor & Council for their investment in the employees
- October 7, 2021 - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Kenneth L. Johnson Depot

Assistant City Manager left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

- Executive Session

XIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Mealing

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Tera Bloom (Public Services Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Mayor Williams for leading Georgia Municipal Association and for becoming the President of the National League of Cities
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- September 13, 2021 - Skate Park Groundbreaking Ceremony was successful
- Community Garden - Encouraged everyone to visit the beautiful garden

Comments by Councilmember Jones:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Tera Bloom (Public Services Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Thanked Assistant City Manager Calloway, Directors, and Staff for the hours spent on preparing the FY21-22 Budget
- Thanked Human Resources Consultant and staff for completing the Competitive Salary Study
- Thanked Marketing/Media Team for streaming the Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Skate Park
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- September 2, 2021 - New Fire Truck Pushed-In Ceremony at Station 42 on Shannon Parkway
- September 13, 2021 - Skate Park Groundbreaking Ceremony was great

Comments by Councilmember Nealy:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Tera Bloom (Public Services Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Thanked staff for implementing some of the items on Council's To-Do list
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- Looking forward to the Train Placement Project
- Requested an update as to “the City being able to provide some type of level of service demonstration or verbiage on the website so residents would know what the City’s level of services are and where they stop...jurisdictional lines.”
- Trash Collection Issues - Trash not being picked up, trash left behind, and bins are left flipped over on the ground. Requested staff to review the contract and discuss the City’s expectation of services.
- Condolences extended to St. Joseph Baptist Church regarding the passing of Councilmen Levon C. Manzie of Mobile City Council District 2
- American Cancer Society - Encouraged men to join “Real Men Wear Pink Campaign” to raise awareness and fundraise to support the American Cancer Society’s mission to save lives and fight breast cancer. Mayor Williams will be in this year’s cohort.
- September 13, 2021 - Skate Park Groundbreaking Ceremony was great
- October 7, 2021 - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Kenneth L. Johnson Depot

Comments by Mayor Williams

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Tera Bloom (Public Services Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Thanked Kevin Casteel and the team for providing a great presentation
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- Impact of COVID on insurance claims
- COVID Vaccination and Testing - Union City residents can request a COVID test be sent to their homes.
- ARPA Funds - Look at other ARPA opportunities
- Sanitation Pick-up – Delays and garbage residue
- Litter Control - Requested staff to seek assistance with litter pick-up (especially near the entrance and exit ramps) as it relates to building a relationship with GDOT for litter control.
- Adopt-A-Spot Program

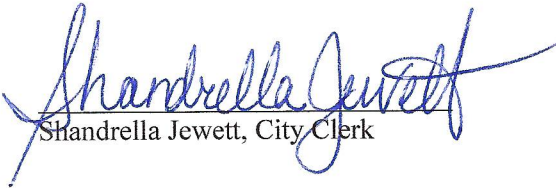
- Keep Councilmember Mealing in prayer during her recovery
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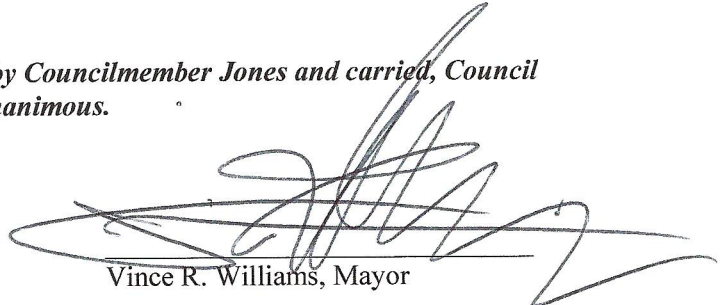
On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from August 17, 2021 was approved. Vote was unanimous.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Vote was unanimous.


Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk


Vince R. Williams, Mayor