

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

7:00 P.M.

In Council Chambers

Zoom Tele-Conference (Meeting ID: 875-7739-1608; Passcode: 018924)

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Vince R. Williams
Councilmember Christina Hobbs
Councilmember Angelette Mealing
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
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

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

On motion of Councilmember Jones; seconded by Councilmember Mealing 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

- Ashley Davis (Police Officer) was selected as the Employee of the Month.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 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 Recommends Approval) (The item was tabled for 30 days.)

On motion of Councilmember Nealy; seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the above request by SDP Acquisition, LLC was approved. Vote 3 to 1; Councilmember Jones voted Nay.

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 09/21/21.
- B. Council to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 09/21/21.
- C. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Fulton County for the use of FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds (\$322,000.00) for resurfacing on Old Savannah & Oakley Road.
- D. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Fulton County for the use of FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds (\$177,700.00) for resurfacing on Oakley Road.
- E. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to Fulton County for funding through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant for Union Street façade and street improvement project.
- F. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with JustFOIA (software) to process Open Records Requests.
- G. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to provide energy, operation, and maintenance of roadway lighting as part of I-85 at SR 138/Jonesboro Road - DDI Project.
- H. Council to approve the submittal of a request regarding Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between Fulton County, Georgia and Union City for FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (additional funding for Lower Dixie Lake Road sidewalk project).
- I. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a Resolution regarding the plans for Sidewalk Improvements of Lower Dixie Lake Road from Union Point Place to State Route 14/U.S. Highway 29.
- J. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a Resolution to condemn 0.002 acres of fee simple right of way and 0.006 acres of temporary easement in connection with the Sidewalk Improvements of Lower Dixie Lake Road from Union Point Place to State Route 14/U.S. Highway 29. (Owner: Breken Development, LLC; Tax Parcel ID: 09F-2101-0088-123-4 and 09F-2101-0088-121-8).
- K. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a Resolution to condemn 0.012 acres of fee simple right of way, 0.018 acres of temporary easement, and a 0.003 acre temporary driveway for construction of drives in connection with the Sidewalk Improvements of Lower Dixie Lake Road

from Union Point Place to State Route 14/U.S. Highway 29. (Owner: 2018-2 IH Borrower LP; Tax Parcel ID: 09F-1607-0076-157).

- L. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a Resolution to condemn 0.008 acres of fee simple right of way and 0.019 acres of temporary easement in connection with the Sidewalk Improvements of Lower Dixie Lake Road from Union Point Place to State Route 14/U.S. Highway 29 (Owner: Yolanda White; Tax Parcel ID: 09F-1615-0076-001-7).
- M. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a Resolution to condemn 0.005 acres of fee simple right of way, 0.005 acres of temporary easement, and a 0.005 acre temporary easement for construction of drives in connection with the Sidewalk Improvements of Lower Dixie Lake Road from Union Point Place to State Route 14/U.S. Highway 29 (Owner: Fernando Castro-Gomez; Tax Parcel ID: 09F-1615-0076-086-8).
- N. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a Resolution to condemn 0.004 acres of fee simple right of way and 0.005 acres of temporary easement, and a 0.008 acre temporary easement for construction of drives in connection with the Sidewalk Improvements of Lower Dixie Lake Road from Union Point Place to State Route 14/U.S. Highway 29 (Owner: Maria Yolanda Ramirez; Tax Parcel ID: 09F-1615-0076-006-6).
- O. Council to approve the submittal of a request to raise the limit of authority, for the Assistant City Manager Calloway, to \$5,000.00 for sponsorship.
- P. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Fulton County, GA regarding a Mortgage and Rental Assistance Community Development Block Grant for \$350,000.00.
- Q. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with FlexHR to provide Human Resources consulting services.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy; seconded by Councilmember Mealing 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 agreement with Sylvester Ford (d/b/a: Alternative Finance and Business Strategies, LLC). The agreement is an authorization to identify hotels and businesses concepts on behalf of Union City, Georgia.

On motion of Councilmember Nealy; seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the above request to enter into agreement with Sylvester Ford d/b/a Alternative Finance and Business Strategies, LLC. Vote was unanimous.

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 Amazing Development Partners, LLC to rezone property at Roosevelt Highway & Highway 138 from GC (General Commercial) and R-4 Single-Family Residential to GC (General Commercial) to allow the development of a convenience store/gas station. (Staff & Planning Commission Recommends Approval).

Director Still led the discussion regarding the request.

Petitioner Hakim Hilliard and Sal Ajani spoke regarding the request.

Public Hearing Opened

Brittney Menefee, 6828 Foxfire Place spoke against the request.
Councilmember Elect, Lawanna Owens-Twaites spoke against the request.

Rebuttal by Petitioner, Hakim Hilliard

Public Hearing Closed

On motion of Councilmember Jones; seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the above request by Amazing Development Partners, LLC. Vote 3 to 1; Councilmember Hobbs voted Nay.

Councilmember Mealing left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Anti-Litter Campaign

Karen Allison (Public Services Street Supervisor) provided an update to Mayor & Council

B. Kristie Tucker, Court Clerk - Appointed as President of the Georgia Municipal Court Clerk's Council

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

A. Executive Session

XIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Ashley Davis, Police Officer of UC Police Department for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Lieutenant Roderick Pittman was acknowledged at the City of South Fulton & Vet America First Responders Appreciation Program for his community service in honor of the 20th Anniversary of September 11th
- Kristie Tucker for being appointed as President of Georgia Municipal Court Clerk's Council
- Kenneth L. Johnson Depot Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was a great tribute to Mr. Johnson and his family
- Director and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- October 7 & 9, 2021 - UCE Homecoming 2021 (Pep Rally and Game Day)
- October 9, 2021 - Pinktober event was successful

Comments by Councilmember Jones:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Ashley Davis, Police Officer of UC Police Department for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Kristie Tucker for being appointed as President of Georgia Municipal Court Clerk's Council
- Robert Potts & family for donating the memorabilia located in the Kenneth L. Johnson Depot
- Director Blitch for a great Homecoming Week
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- Georgia Cities Week – Ice Cream Social was great

- Adopt A Spot Program
- Voting - Encouraged everyone to go vote regarding TSPLOST
- October 7, 2021 - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Kenneth L. Johnson Depot
- October 9, 2021 - Pinktober event was successful
- October 29, 2021 Fall Festival will be held at The Gathering Place

Comments by Councilmember Nealy:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Ashley Davis, Police Officer of UC Police Department for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Kristie Tucker for being appointed as President of Georgia Municipal Court Clerk's Council
- Chief Jones and staff for a successful National Night Out event
- Chief Maddox and the Task Force Team for the COVID Testing done at City Hall
- Director Blitch for a successful Homecoming Week
- Karen Allison for providing an update regarding the Adopt A Spot Program
- Assistant City Manager Calloway for providing an update regarding the level of services on the website
- Staff for extending condolences during the loss of a family member
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- American Cancer Society - Men Wear Pink
- Prayers extended to the family of Collin Powell (former United States Secretary of State)
- Update regarding Buffington Road and the apartment complex
- Train features around the City looks great
- October 5, 2021 - National Night Out at The Gathering Place
- October 7, 2021 - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Kenneth L. Johnson Depot
- October 9, 2021 - Pinktober event was awesome

Comments by Mayor Williams

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Ashley Davis, Police Officer of UC Police Department for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Kristie Tucker for being appointed as President of Georgia Municipal Court Clerk's Council
- Union City and NLC for allowing him to testify regarding Equity for Small Cities
- Director Warren and Human Resource Team for sharing relevant information regarding diabetes
- Captain Gloria Hodgson (Police Department) for receiving the Mira Mira 90 "Beyond the Call of Duty Award
- Pinnacle Day Care for allowing Mayor to read to the pre-k students
- The Mike Beatty Team for a True Workforce Development
- Lawanna Owens-Twaites (Councilmember Elect) for attending the Council Meeting
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

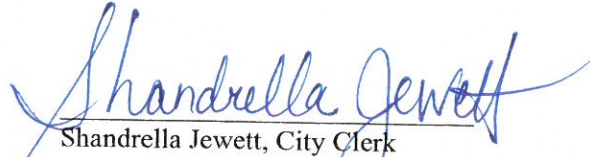
- 2021 Four Pillar Tribute for Ambassador Andrew J. Young
- Inaugural Aerotropolis Honors Douglas Hooker, Executive Director of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)
- October 2, 2021 - UC Gran Fondo - Spin the District (A Cycling Event Series/ATL Airport District)
- October 5, 2021 - National Night Out at The Gathering Place
- October 7, 2021 - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Kenneth L. Johnson Depot
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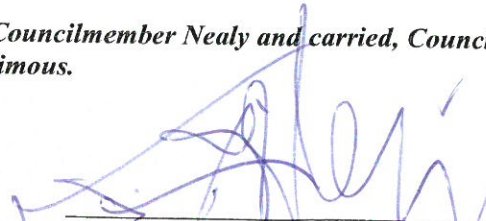
XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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



Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk



Vince R. Williams, Mayor