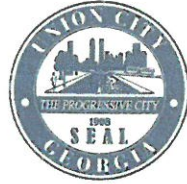


# MINUTES



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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

7:00 P.M.

In Council Chambers

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### ROLL CALL:

Mayor Vince R. Williams  
Councilmember Christina Hobbs  
Councilmember Angelette Mealing  
Councilmember Brian K. Jones  
City Attorney - Dennis Davenport  
City Manager - Sonja Fillingame  
Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway  
City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett

Deputy City Clerk - Darryl Terry, II  
Community Development Director - Ellis Still  
Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker  
Fire Chief - Joe Maddox  
Park & Recreations Director - Lee Blich  
Police Chief – Cassandra Jones  
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson

### ABSENT:

Councilmember Shayla J. Nealy

Human Resources Director - Linda Warren

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 Mealing and carried, the agenda was approved. Vote was unanimous.*

### IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA: (2 MIN.)

- Ron King, 8220 East Shore Drive – Spoke regarding gas station on High Point Road
- Tamika Quick, 9477 Lakeview Road – Spoke regarding new developments in Union City

### V. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Acknowledgment and Recognition of Employee of the Month

Eric Staples (Public Services Department) was selected as the Employee of the Month.

- American Red Cross presented the Lifesaving Award to the Union City Fire Department
- Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN) regarding Union City Housing Assistance Program
- Union City Municipal Court Program of the Year Award

**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 10/19/21.
- B. Council to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 10/19/21.
- C. Council to approve the submittal of a request regarding Amendment No. 2 to the agreement between Fulton County, Georgia and Union City for the FY2020 Community Development Block Grant (additional funding for Lower Dixie Lake Road sidewalk project).
- D. Council to approve the submittal of a request to renew the contract with The Collaborative Firm, LLC to provide planning services on an as-needed basis effective December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022.
- E. Council to approve the submittal of a request to renew the 911 Provisions Intergovernmental Agreement between Fulton County and the City of Union City for Radio System Access.
- F. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt an ordinance to make changes to the retirement plan.

*On motion of Councilmember Mealing, 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 a contract with Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN) regarding the Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program.

*On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs and carried, Council agreed to enter into a contract with GMEN. Vote was unanimous.*

**IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

- A. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request by CHI Acquisitions, LP for a variance from the 25-foot stream buffer for parcel number 09F340101340607 located near the intersection of Stonewall Tell Road and South Fulton Parkway (at or near 5050 Stonewall Tell Road), Union City, for a distance of 273 feet.

Director Still led the discussion regarding the above request.

Julie Sellers, Esquire spoke on behalf of the petitioner, CHI Acquisitions, LP.

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth to speak

Public Hearing Closed

*On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the above request by CHI Acquisitions, LP. Vote was unanimous.*

- B. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request by CHI Acquisitions, LP for a variance from the 25-foot stream buffer for parcel number 09F340101340573 located near the intersection of Stonewall Tell Road and South Fulton Parkway (at or near 5050 Stonewall Tell Road), Union City, for a distance of 407 feet.

Director Still led the discussion regarding the above request.

Julie Sellers, Esquire spoke on behalf of the petitioner, CHI Acquisitions, LP.

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth to speak

Public Hearing Closed

*On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the above request by CHI Acquisitions, LP. Vote was unanimous.*

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

None

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

None

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

- A. Executive Session

*On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the above request by CHI Acquisitions, LP. Vote was unanimous.*

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

**Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs:**

*Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:*

- Eric Staples (Public Services Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Fire Chief Maddox and the Fire Department for receiving the Lifesaving Award from the American Red Cross
- Police Chief Jones for coordinating the Police Department Promotional Ceremony
- First Lady Sharon Williams for her informational speech during the Veterans Day Ceremony
- Veterans for their service to our country
- Director and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

*Remarks:*

- Proud to be able to partner with GMEN and offer Housing Assistance to residents
- Shannon Parkway Gateway is a beautiful City amenity that should be reproduced across the City
- TSPLOST was a successful ballot measure and will help improve roads throughout Fulton County
- COVID-19 Pandemic is still surging and testing as well as vaccines are available throughout the city
- Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday and travel safely to and from your loved ones

**Comments by Councilmember Mealing:**

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- Eric Staples (Public Services Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Fire Chief Maddox and the Fire Department for receiving the Lifesaving Award from the American Red Cross
- Police Chief Jones for coordinating the Police Department Promotional Ceremony
- Kristie Tucker for being appointed as President of Georgia Municipal Court Clerk’s Council and for receiving the Program of the Year Award for Union City Municipal Court.
- Mayor Vince Williams for his appointment as President of the National League of Cities
- First Lady Sharon Williams for her informational speech during the Veterans Day Ceremony
- Veterans for their service to our country
- Director and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

*Remarks:*

- Proud to be able to partner with GMEN and offer Housing Assistance to residents
- Shannon Parkway Gateway is a beautiful City amenity that should be reproduced across the City
- Each member of Council lives in Union City and works extremely hard to make it a beautiful place to live, work, and play

**Comments by Councilmember Jones:**

*Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:*

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- Police Chief Jones for coordinating the Police Department Promotional Ceremony
- Director Blich and the Parks and Recreation Staff for winning athletic tournaments and trophies
- Mayor Vince Williams for his appointment as President of the National League of Cities
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- Director and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

*Remarks:*

- Shannon Parkway Gateway is a beautiful City amenity that should be reproduced across the City
- TSPLOST was a successful ballot measure and will help improve roads throughout Fulton County
- ESPLOST was a successful ballot measure and will help improve schools throughout Fulton County
- COVID-19 Pandemic is surging, please wear a mask and receive testing frequently
- Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday and travel safely to and from your loved ones
- December 6, 2021 - Tree Lighting Ceremony

**Comments by Mayor Williams**

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- Veterans for their service to our country

- President Joseph R. Biden for the invitation to attend the Infrastructure Bill Signing Ceremony
- Director and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

*Remarks:*

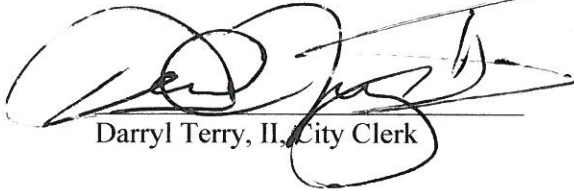
- Adopt-A- Spot Program is looking for participants
- Extended appreciation to Mr. King and Ms. Quick
- Shannon Parkway Gateway is a beautiful city amenity that should be reproduced across the city
- Concerns regarding civility among residents throughout the country and the safety of elected officials.
- TSPLOST was a successful ballot measure and will help improve roads throughout Fulton County
- ESPLOST was a successful ballot measure and will help improve schools throughout Fulton County
- COVID-19 Pandemic is surging, please wear a mask and receive testing frequently
- Extended good wishes for safety and enjoyment during the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Extended Condolences to the family of Officer Marquise Grant
- Extended greetings on behalf of the National League of Cities - City Summit 2021
- December 6, 2021 - Tree Lighting Ceremony

***On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from September 21, 2021 and October 19, 2021 was approved. Vote was unanimous.***

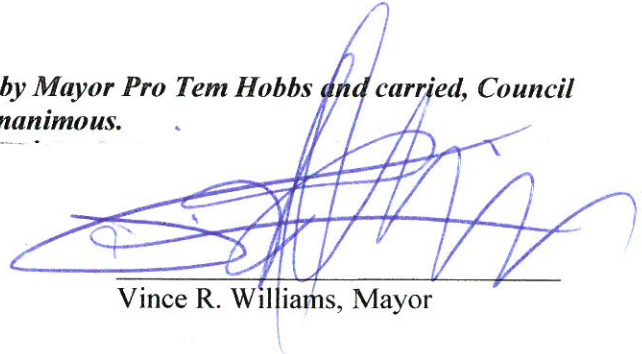
**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

***On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Vote was unanimous.***



Darryl Terry, II, City Clerk



Vince R. Williams, Mayor