# **MINUTES**



# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Teleconference Zoom Meeting ID: 871 1716 6416; Passcode: 455113

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Vince R. Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Angelette Mealing
Councilmember Brian K. Jones
Councilmember Christina Hobbs
Councilmember Lawanna Owens-Twaites
City Attorney - Dennis Davenport
Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway

# PRESENT:

City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett
Deputy City Clerk - Darryl Terry, II
Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker
Human Resources Director - Linda Warren
Park & 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:

Council approved the agenda.

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

None

# V. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Announcement and Recognition of Employee of the Month

Doretha Caldwell (Public Services Department) was selected as Employee of the Month.

### Swearing-In Ceremony of Elected Officials:

- Mayor Vince R. Williams
- Councilmember Angelette Mealing
- Councilmember Lawanna Owens-Twaites

#### 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 12/21/21.
- B. Council to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 12/21/21.
- C. Council to approve the submittal of a request for Union City Municipal Court to be a facility host for the Traffic Violators Impact Program (TVIP) on the fourth Wednesday of every month in 2022.
- D. Council to approve the submittal of a request to grant the Housing Authority a waiver of its Payment in Lieu of Taxes (P.I.L.O.T) for 2022.
- E. Council to approve the submittal of a request to appoint Danita Godwin (of Georgia Power) to represent Union City on the South Fulton Community Improvement District (CID) Board.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Consent Agenda was approved. Vote was unanimous.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

None

# IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

None

# X. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

None

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

Capital Improvement Projects Update

- Project 1 Citywide Waterline Improvements Project regarding Golden Oaks Subdivision. Director Ferguson briefed Mayor and Council regarding an emergency response in the field requiring additional work that had to be conducted due to environmental and safety issues.
  - Project 2 The completion of Preliminary Engineering (Roosevelt Highway Streetscape Improvement, Shannon Parkway Streetscape Improvements, Lancaster Lane Streetscape Improvements).

Project 3 – Intersection Improvements (Highpoint Road & Roosevelt Highway, State Route 138 & Buffington Road).

### Acknowledgements:

Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk - Appointed to serve as Georgia Municipal Clerks Association District 3 Directors which covers 68 cities in South Georgia. Oath of Office will be administered on February 7, 2022, in Jekyll Island.

- Vivian Lett, Marketing Operations Specialist Selected as a participant in the Atlanta Regional Commission's 2022 ALMA (Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta) Workshop program.
- Joe Maddox, Fire Chief Elected as the President of Georgia Mutual Aid Group.

# XII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

### Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Doretha Caldwell (Public Services Department) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Councilmember Owens-Twaites for joining the team as a Councilmember
- Fire Department for responding to an electrical fire
- Operations & Marketing Team for making sure the City has a presence on Social Media
- Union City voters for extending another opportunity to serve Councilmember for the City
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

#### Remarks:

- Happy New Year to everyone
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- Thankful to celebrate another birthday
- Community Policing at its best in UC
- Excited to hear about the Court Program TVIP
- Looking forward to serving Union City in 2022
- January 28, 2022 Skate Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

# **Comments by Councilmember Hobbs:**

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Mayor Williams for being selected as one of Georgia's Trend Most Influential Georgians
- Mayor Williams for being re-elected as the Mayor of Union City
- Councilmember Mealing for being re-elected as a Councilmember
- Councilmember Owens-Twaites for joining the team as a new Councilmember
- Doretha Caldwell (Public Services Department) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Shandrella Jewett (City Clerk) for being appointed as the GMCA District 3 Director
- Vivian Lett (Marketing Operation Specialist) for being selected as a participant in the Atlanta Regional Commission's 2022 ALMA (Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta) Workshop program
- Joe Maddox (Fire Chief) for being selected as the President of Georgia Mutual Aid Group
- Directors and Staff for ongoing superior work done for the City

#### Remarks:

- Happy New Year to everyone
- COVID test home kits are available at www.covidtest.gov
- January 28, 2022 Skate Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

# **Comments by Councilmember Owens-Twaites:**

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Kudos to everyone that was honored tonight
- Mayor, Council, and the entire Union City Team for their support and guidance

### Remarks:

- Stated it is evident that Union City is progressive and moving forward
- Stated it is an honor to serve the residents of Union City
- Spoke regarding strategic community development that benefits all UC residents and neighbors
- Spoke regarding increased community engagement as a priority

- Looking forward to working with everyone and to being part of the team
- Thanked husband and daughters for their support

## **Comments by Councilmember Jones:**

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Doretha Caldwell (Public Services Department) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Mayor Williams for being re-elected as the Mayor of Union City
- Councilmember Mealing for being re-elected as a Councilmember
- Councilmember Owens-Twaites for joining the team as a new Councilmember
- Director Ferguson for spearheading and getting the projects through the design phase
- Shandrella Jewett (City Clerk) for being appointed as the GMCA District 3 Director
- Vivian Lett (Marketing Operation Specialist) for being selected as a participant in the Atlanta Regional Commission's 2022 ALMA (Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta) Workshop program
- Joe Maddox (Fire Chief) for being selected as the President of Georgia Mutual Aid Group
- Staff and Directors for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

#### Remarks:

- Happy New Year to everyone
- January 28, 2022 Skate Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

# Comments by Mayor Williams:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Doretha Caldwell (Public Services Department) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Shandrella Jewett (City Clerk) for being appointed as the GMCA District 3 Director
- Vivian Lett (Marketing Operation Specialist) for being selected as a participant in the Atlanta Regional Commission's 2022 ALMA (Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta) Workshop program
- Joe Maddox, Fire Chief for being elected as the President of Georgia Mutual Aid Group
- Judge Freeman for performing the Swearing-In Ceremony

#### Remarks:

- 2022 Cities United Summit kicks off this weekend
- Councilmember Owens-Twaites for joining the team as a Councilmember
- Prayers extended to the family of Jeffrey Parker, Executive Partner and CEO of Marta
- COVID test home kits are available at www.covidtest.gov
- January 22, 2022 Funeral Service for Stacey Jackson
- January 28, 2022 Skate Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

#### XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk

Vince Williams, Mayor