

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

7:00 P.M.

Teleconference Zoom Meeting ID: 821 3768 5385; Passcode: 572315

ROLL CALL:

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

PRESENT:

Community Development Director - Ellis Still
Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker
Fire Chief - Joe Maddox
Human Resources Director - Linda Warren
Park & Recreations Director - Lee Blicht
Police Chief - Cassandra Jones
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson

ABSENT:

Councilmember Christina Hobbs

I. CALL 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 Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the agenda. 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:

Announcement and Recognition of Employee of the Month

- Sergeant Donna Baker (Police Department) was selected as Employee of the Month.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution extending the Local Public Health State of Emergency.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved and adopted the resolution extending the Local Public Health State of Emergency until (midnight) March 22, 2022. Vote was unanimous.

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 Special Called Meeting Minutes dated 1/14/22.
B. Council to approve the Work Session Minutes dated 1/18/22.
C. Council to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 1/18/22.
D. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution of commitment as part of the 2022 Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Project Solicitation Call for Projects.
E. Council to approve the submittal of a request to approve the Christian City Multi-Use Trail's Final Construction and Right of Way Plans.
F. Council to approve the submittal of a request to approve the Shannon Parkway Streetscape's Final Construction and Right of Way Plans.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- None

IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

- A. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request for an alcoholic beverage license application submitted by Faridali Bharwani for package sales of malt and vinous liquors with Sunday sales for 4350 Jonesboro Inc. d/b/a BP Food Mart, 4350 Jonesboro Road, Union City, Georgia.

Britney Gordon (Accounting Manager) led the discussion.

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth to speak

Public Hearing Closed

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council approved the above mentioned application submitted by Faridali Bharwani. Vote was unanimous.

- B. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request for an alcoholic beverage license application submitted by Faridali Bharwani for package sales of malt and vinous liquors with Sunday sales for Jonesboro USA Inc. d/b/a Chevron Food Mart, 4520 Jonesboro Road, Union City, Georgia.

Britney Gordon (Accounting Manager) led the discussion.

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth to speak

Public Hearing Closed

On motion of Mayor Pro tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the above mentioned application submitted by Faridali Bharwani. Vote was unanimous.

- C. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request for an alcoholic beverage license application submitted by Nooruddin Mitha for a license for package sales of malt, vinous and spirituous liquors with Sunday sales for UC World of Beverage Inc. d/b/a Strongwater Liquor Warehouse, 6701 Roosevelt Highway, Union City, Georgia.

Britney Gordon (Accounting Manager) led the discussion.

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth to speak

Public Hearing Closed

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the above mentioned application submitted by Nooruddin Mitha. Vote was unanimous.

- D. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution regarding the Redevelopment Plan to create Tax Allocation District (TAD) Number Two – Roosevelt Highway Corridor and "City Center", including recommended boundaries for the proposed TAD, proposed uses of Tax allocation increments, and related plan contents.

Director Still led the discussion.

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth to speak

Public Hearing Closed

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council approved and adopted the resolution regarding the Redevelopment Plan to Create TAD number two. Vote was unanimous.

X. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

- None

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Mortgage & Rental Assistance Program - The City has received over 50 applications.
- Mayor Pro Tem Mealing was selected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a recipient of the "Emerging Leadership Program".

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

- Executive Session

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the Executive Session Minutes dated December 21, 2022. Vote was unanimous.

XIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Owens-Twaites:

Congratulatory acknowledgments and remarks extended to:

- Sergeant Donna Baker (Police Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- Shared information with Board Member Warren (Langston Hughes High School) and Board Member Doug (Benjamin Banneker High School) regarding the great things that are happening in Union City
- January 28, 2022 - Skate Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was successful

Comments by Councilmember Jones:

Congratulatory acknowledgments and remarks extended to:

- Sergeant Donna Baker (Police Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Police Department for hosting the Active Shooter Training and for everything they do to protect the City
- Thanked Director Ferguson for the nice design displayed on Shannon Parkway
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

Remarks:

- Community meetings will be held at Banneker High School regarding the issues kids are facing today
- Legislative Bill(s) regarding - "No Gun License Needed"
- Happy belated Valentine's Day
- January 28, 2022 - Skate Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was successful
- February 10, 2022 - Active Shooter Training
- February 14, 2022 - Extended belated Valentine Wishes to everyone

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing:

Congratulatory acknowledgments and remarks extended to:

- Sergeant Donna Baker (Police Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month and for saving a life
- Cindy Givens (Operations Coordinator) and Nydia Akins (Grant Specialist) for assisting with the Mortgage & Rental Assistance Grant
- UC Basketball Teams for winning their games last week

Remarks:

- Get Well Wishes extended to Officer Edwards regarding his recovery
- Mental Health issues during the pandemic - "If you see something, say something"
- Thanked the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for being a recipient of the "Emerging Leadership Program"
- Happy Black History Month
- January 28, 2022 - Skate Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was successful

Comments by Mayor Williams:

Congratulatory acknowledgments and remarks extended to:

- Sergeant Donna Baker (Police Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month and for saving a life

- Councilmember Owens-Twaites for doing a great job at Benjamin Banneker High School and Langston Hughes High School during the break-out session with Board Members Warren and Doug
- Donzella James regarding her engagement to get married
- Cindy Givens (Operations Coordinator) and Nydia Akins (Grant Specialist) for assisting with the Mortgage & Rental Assistance Grant

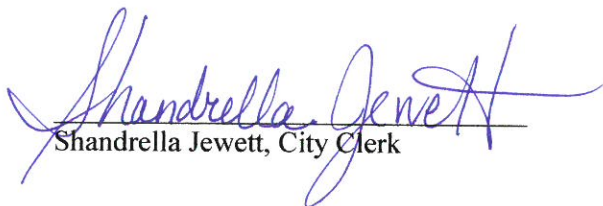
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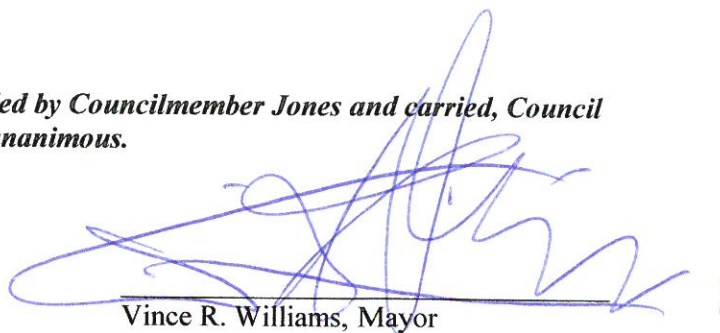
- Birthday Wishes extended to Directors Lee Blitch and Kristie Tucker
- Requested information and signage to be shared with the community regarding Signs & Symptoms of a having a Stroke (F.A.S.T. = Face, Arms, Speech, Time)
- School Safety and Community Safety as it relates to crime
- Housing Opportunities - Ensure citizens have quality homes that are affordable
- Thanked everyone for their prayers and support during the passing of Stacey Jackson
- January 28, 2022 - Skate Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was successful
- February 14, 2022 - Extended belated Valentine Wishes to everyone
- February 23-25, 2022 - Georgia Municipal Training for Newly Elected Officials
- March 11-16, 2022 - National League of Cities (Congressional City Conference)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Vote was unanimous.


Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk


Vince R. Williams, Mayor