# **MINUTES**



# CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Teleconference - Meeting ID: 885 5719 5314; Passcode: 885064

#### **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
City Manager - Sonja Fillingame
Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway

# PRESENT:

City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett
Community Development Interim Director - Jana Keller
Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker
Fire Chief - Joe Maddox
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. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Council to discuss the Local Public Health State of Emergency Resolution #2022-03.

On motion of Councilmember Owens-Twaites, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the re-opening of all public facilities effective March 23, 2022. Vote was unanimous.

#### III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Council to approve the Work Session Minutes dated 2/15/22.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the February 15, 2022 Work Session Minutes. Vote was unanimous.

B. Council to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 2/15/22.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council approved the February 15, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Vote was unanimous.

C. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution regarding electronic signatures.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council approved the resolution regarding electronic signatures. Vote was unanimous.

D. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution regarding Union City's recertification as a Georgia Certified City of Ethics.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council approved the resolution regarding the recertification as a Georgia Certified City of Ethics. Vote was unanimous.

E. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with NSEW, Inc. for construction of the Lower Dixie Lake Sidewalk Project.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council approved the request to enter into agreement with NSEW, Inc. Vote was unanimous.

F. Council to approve the submittal of a request to designate the City Clerk (Shandrella Jewett) as a point of contact with authorization to execute any documents regarding the National Opioid Settlement.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council approved the request to designate City Clerk Jewett as a point of contact with authorization to execute documents (under the advisory of legal) regarding the National Opioid Settlement. Vote was unanimous.

G. Council to discuss the placement of a mural alongside the walls of the skate park.

Vivian Lett (Marketing Specialist) shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding "Reclaiming Public Spaces – Mural Art Project".

### IV. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

### V. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

A. A **Public Hearing** for Council to consider a request to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new Section 5-40A Exterior Multifamily, Townhome, and Condominium Building Materials by Continental 634, LLC.

Jana Keller (Interim Director of Community Development) led the discussion.

Attorney Julie Seller spoke on behalf of the petitioner.

**Public Hearing Opened** 

Chris Doughtie, P.O. Box 856 spoke in favor of the request.

**Public Hearing Closed** 

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council approved the request to make a minimum of 40% of the exterior materials for the façade that faces a public street shall be brick or stone and the remaining 60% shall be brick, stone, stucco, cementitious siding, glass, wood, or a combination thereof. Councilmember Owens-Twaites voted in opposition of the request. (Vote 3 to 1)

# VI. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

#### A. Executive Session

At 7:55 p.m., Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items: one (1) threatened litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from February 15, 2022.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss the following items: one (1) threatened litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from February 15, 2022. Vote was unanimous.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council reconvened to the Special Called Council Meeting. Vote was unanimous.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council approved the Executive Session Minutes dated February 15, 2022. Vote was unanimous.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Vince R. Williams, Mayor

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT**

Personally appeared before me, Vince R. Williams, Mayor of the City of Union City, Georgia, who after being duly sworn says:

1.

I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Union City Mayor and City Council held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022.

2.

That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection a of this Code section, the person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 at 6:34 p.m., which was closed for the purpose of one (1) threatened litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes dated February 15, 2022 as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

4.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit is executed.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

Vince R. Williams, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022.

Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk & Notary Public

