

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

7:00 P.M.

In Council Chamber

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
City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett

Deputy City Clerk - Chanelle Campbell
Community Development Director - Anthony Alston
Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker
Fire Chief - Joe Maddox
Human Resources Director - Linda Warren
Operations Director - Cindy Givens
Parks & Recreation Director - Lee Blitch
Police Chief - Cassandra Jones
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson

I. CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 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 Hobbs 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:

- Acknowledgement and Recognition of the Employee of the Month
Chelsea Carthon (Accounting Tech. I) was selected as Employee of the Month
- Proclamation recognizing National Leagues of Cities Small Cities Month (June 2022)
- Presentation from the 100 Black Men of South Metro Atlanta

The Impact Award was presented to Mayor Williams on behalf of the President of 100 Black Men of South Metro Atlanta. The organization is a national/international mentoring organization. The mission of the South Metro Chapter is "to improve the quality of life within our communities and enhance education and economic opportunities for all African Americans."

- Award and Recognition of Police Officer Jerome Turner

Police Officer Jerome Turner was awarded the Medal of Excellence

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 May 17, 2022.
- B. Council to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 17, 2022.
- C. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) for Grant Program.
- D. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Magnum Paving for construction of the Citywide Resurfacing Project (RFB-PS-22-05).
- E. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Magnum Paving for construction of the Lower Dixie Lake Road Resurfacing Project (RFB-PS-22-07).
- F. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with The Corbett Group, LLC for construction of the Oakley Road Resurfacing & Sidewalk Project (RFB-PS-22-06).
- G. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an MOU with Wheeldestrian, Inc.
- H. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding L.O.S.T. legal negotiations and to adopt a Resolution Appointing and Authorizing Special Counsel to Represent the City of Union City to Negotiate a Local Option Sales Tax Distribution Certification as Required Under the Laws of the State of Georgia.
- I. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adapt a resolution acquiring properties located on Shannon Boulevard (Tax parcel numbers 09F150400780936 and 09F150200790374).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

None

IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

- A. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request to rezone and create a new PUD (Planned Unit Development) for approximately 30.87 +/- acre tract of land regarding Parcels ID 09F210100880665 & 09F210100882570 located south of Union Pointe Place and west of Lower Dixie Lake Road from PUD (Planned Unit Development), with an underlying residential to PUD District with underlying zoning of RM (Residential Multi-Family).

Community Development Director Alston led the discussion.

Director Alston made one correction to the language above (should read “west of Lower Dixie Lake Road” and not East).

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth to speak

Public Hearing Closed

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites and carried, Council agreed to rezone and create a residential multi-family Zoning District underlying the existing PUD with the following condition: Developer to include a swimming pool, playground, and pavilion (covered picnic shelter). Vote was unanimous.

At this time, Councilmember Hobbs amended the motion to add the condition to increase the side yard setback from five (5) feet to fifteen (15) feet. Councilmember Owens-Twaites amended the second accordingly.

On the amended motion of Councilmember Hobbs, amended second by Councilmember Owens-Twaites and carried, Council agreed to the following condition: Increase the side yard setback from five (5) feet to fifteen (15) feet. Vote was unanimous.

Michelle Mccauley (LeCraw Engineering, Inc.) requested a deferral so that the above conditions can be discussed with the Developer.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council tabled the items for 30 days (July 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting). Vote was unanimous.

X. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

None

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Congratulations remarks extended to Chelsea Carthon (Accounting Tech. I) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Recognized Operations, Marketing Department, and UC Team for a successful Juneteenth event
- Father’s Day - Keep the family of Rodney Steed in prayer
- Thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, and City Staff for attending the funeral

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Executive Session - None

XIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Hobbs:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Mayor Williams for being recognized by 100 Black Men of South Atlanta
- Chelsea Carthon (Accounting Tech. I) - Employee of the Month
- Officer Jerome Turner for receiving the Medal of Excellence Award
- Anthony Alston - Welcomed new Director of Community Development

Remarks:

- Thanked staff for making UC a place to live, work, and play
- Thanked staff for a safe Juneteenth Celebration
- Thanked staff for an awesome Planning Retreat
- Welcomed potential business owners and new employees

- Spoke regarding the global pandemic and heat wave. Encouraged everyone to check on family, neighbors, and friends.

Comments by Councilmember Jones:

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- Chelsea Carthon (Accounting Tech. I) - Employee of the Month
- Officer Jerome Turner for receiving the Medal of Excellence Award
- Anthony Alston - Welcomed new Director of Community Development

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight
- Thanked staff for an awesome Planning Retreat and presentations
- Parks and Recreation - Continue to make sure the park is being utilized
- Mental Fitness STEAM Academy is located behind City Hall
- Thanked the President 100 Black Men for attending Council Meeting
- Thanked Chief Jones and Chief Maddox for the work they do each and every day to protect the citizens of Union City

Comments by Councilmember Owens-Twaites:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Mayor Williams for being recognized by 100 Black Men of South Atlanta
- Chelsea Carthon (Accounting Tech. I) - Employee of the Month
- Officer Jerome Turner for receiving the Medal of Excellence Award
- Anthony Alston - Welcomed new Director of Community Development
- National League of Cities for investing in Small Cities. "We may be a small City, but we are a known City."

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight
- Mental Fitness STEAM Center - Open for business and is located behind City Hall
- Thanked the Police and Fire Department for a safe Juneteenth Celebration
- Thanked the Police and Fire Department for making residents feel safe and secure in the City
- "We are futuristic and I am enjoying the ride."

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing:

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- Mayor Williams for being recognized by 100 Black Men of South Atlanta
- Chelsea Carthon (Accounting Tech. I) - Employee of the Month
- Officer Jerome Turner for receiving the Medal of Excellence Award
- Anthony Alston - Welcomed new Director of Community Development
- Cindy Givens (Director of Operations) for receiving a promotion
- Vivian Lett (Marketing/Art Cultural Manager) for receiving a promotion

Remarks:

- Thanked Parks & Recreation for having a large turnout regarding the Cheerleading/Football Camp.
- Thanked staff for an awesome Juneteenth Celebration
- Happy Father's Day
- Adopt-A-Spot Initiative - The City is looking better
- Encouraged Public Service employees to stay hydrated due to the summer heat
- Thanked staff for an awesome Planning Retreat
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight
- Requested the City to consider paid summer jobs for the youth

Comments by Mayor Williams:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Chelsea Carthon (Accounting Tech. I) - Employee of the Month
- Anthony Alston - Welcomed new Director of Community Development
- Officer Jerome Turner for receiving the Medal of Excellence Award
- Karvis Jones (Chair of the Development Authority) won his 2nd Emmy Award as a Sports Writer
- City of Atlanta selected as a host city for 2026 FIFA World Cup (Soccer)
- Cindy Givens (Director of Operations) for receiving a promotion
- Vivian Lett (Marketing/Art Cultural Manager) for receiving a promotion

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight
- Thanked 100 Black Men for the recognition
- Summer Jobs – Requested staff to solidify relationships with businesses in the community that can employ the youth
- Safety & Security - Over 80% of local officials are experiencing attacks
- Thanked staff for an awesome Juneteenth Celebration
- Thanked the team for rallying around Juneteenth and making it happen.
- Thanked Minister Gavin Lane for attending the meeting tonight
- Thanked the Leadership Team - “You all are simply amazing.”
- Keep Union City and your neighbors in your prayers

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Signature: 
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