

# MINUTES



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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

7:00 P.M.

In Council Chamber

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### ROLL CALL:

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

### PRESENT:

Deputy City Clerk - Chanelle Campbell  
Community Development Director - Anthony Alston  
Human Resources Director - Linda Warren  
Operations Director - Cindy Givens  
Parks & Recreation Director - Lee Blitch  
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson  
Assistant Fire Chief - Jeff Collins  
Assistant Police Chief - Joseph Dorsey

### ABSENT:

Councilmember Christina Hobbs  
Fire Chief - Joe Maddox

Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker  
Police Chief - Cassandra Jones

### 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 Minister Gavin Lane.

### III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

*On motion of Councilmember Owens-Twaites, 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:

- Acknowledgement and Recognition of the Employee of the Month

Detective Leonard Romano (Police Department) was selected as Employee of the Month.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

- 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). *(Staff Recommends Approval with Conditions)*

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council tabled the request for 30 day. 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 Mayor & Council's Planning Retreat Minutes dated 06/09/2022.
- B. Council to approve the Mayor & Council's Planning Retreat Minutes dated 06/10/2022.
- C. Council to approve the Mayor & Council's Planning Retreat Minutes dated 06/11/2022.
- D. Council to approve the Mayor & Council's Planning Retreat Minutes dated 06/12/2022.
- E. Council to approve the Work Session Minutes dated 06/21/2022.
- F. Council to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 06/21/2022.
- G. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution abandoning a section of the Municipal Street System that has ceased to be used by the public. The parcel of land that is currently or formerly known as Red Mill Road, in so far as it is a part of the Municipal Street System of Union City, be abandoned.
- H. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution selling and conveying certain real property to VCOFII Real Estate Co., LLC in order to dispose of the property that has been abandoned from the Municipal Road System by the City of Union City, Georgia. (Roadbed formerly known as Red Mill Road, having been abandoned for public use, be conveyed to the property owner).
- I. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with NSEW, Inc. for construction of the Roosevelt Highway (Hwy. 29) Sidewalk Extension (RFB-PS-22-04).
- J. Council to approve the submittal of a request to extend the agreement with Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN) regarding Union City's Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program to December 31, 2022, and increase payments from \$2,400.00 to \$3,500.00.
- K. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt the State of Georgia Department of Transportation Procurement Policy for The Procurement, Management and Administration of Engineering and Design Related Consultant Services and to adopt a Resolution Implementing its Policy for Competitive Negotiations Qualifications-Based Selection for Projects using Federal-Aid Highway Program (FAHP) Funding; Providing for the Public Health, Safety, and Welfare; and for Other Purposes.
- L. Council to approve the submittal of a request to renew the agreement with Atlas for Professional Engineering Services.

*On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones 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 an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Atlanta and the City of Union City regarding the FY22 Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG).

*On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the request to enter into an agreement with the City of Atlanta. Vote was unanimous.*

**IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND/OR RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

- A. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request to rezone a 10.64 acre +/- acre tract of land (Parcels 09F120100560391) located south of Jonesboro Road and north of Interstate 85 from RSC (Regional Shopping Center) to TCMU (Town Center Mixed-Use District) to construct 276 multi-family residential dwellings.

The Planning Commission did not have a quorum during their scheduled meeting. Therefore, the request goes back to the Planning Commission.

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

- Thanked Nydia Akins for being persistent with obtaining grants for the City
- Thanked Operations Department for a successful Back to School event
- Asked everyone to keep Police Chief Jones, Lt. Pittman, and Vivian Lett in prayer due to the loss of their family members

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

- Executive Session

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council approved the Executive Session Minutes from May 17, 2022. Vote was unanimous.*

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

**Comments by Councilmember Jones:**

*Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:*

- Detective Leonard Romano (Police Department) - Employee of the Month

*Remarks:*

- Georgia Municipal Association Convention in Savannah was great
- July 9, 2022 - Union City's Job Fair was successful
- July 16, 2022 - Back to School event was awesome
- Thanked staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

**Comments by Councilmember Owens-Twaites:**

*Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:*

- Birthday Wishes extended to Councilmember Jones
- Detective Leonard Romano (Police Department) - Employee of the Month
- City Clerk Jewett and Deputy City Clerk Campbell for all they do on an administrative level
- Director Givens and her team for a successful Back to School event

*Remarks:*

- Georgia Municipal Association Convention in Savannah - Excited about the relationships that were established

- June 23, 2022 - Met with CEO (Mr. Jernigan) of the Boys and Girls Club and discussed the possibility of “bringing a multigenerational club to our collective community”
- July 7, 2022 - Met with Mindy Bender, Director of GEEARS (Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students). Look forward to working with Malcolm Mitchell.....as he noted “public education is a public responsibility”
- Spoke regarding undeveloped land, for sale, in Union City
- July 14, 2022 - Secured a donation of mugs (that were focused on reading) and distributed at Union City’s July 16<sup>th</sup> Back to School event
- Connected with several realtors and developers regarding diversity in real estate investment
- Requested staff to examine the City’s policy and timeline, as it relates to developers
- Thanked staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

**Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing:**

*Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:*

- Birthday Wishes extended to Councilmember Jones
- Detective Leonard Romano (Police Department) - Employee of the Month

*Remarks:*

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- Spoke regarding homelessness in the City
- Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (Mortgage and Rental Assistance program) will be beneficial to families in Union City
- Spoke regarding Movies by Moonlight
- July 16, 2022 - Back to School event was awesome
- Thanked staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

**Comments by Mayor Williams:**

*Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:*

- Birthday Wishes extended to Councilmember Jones
- Detective Leonard Romano (Police Department) - Employee of the Month

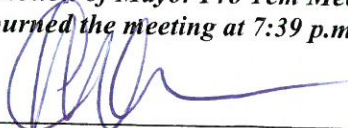
*Remarks:*

- Advised everyone to continue wearing face coverings/masks
- Homelessness - Individuals camping at unoccupied buildings/establishments
- Spoke regarding the Miracle League
- Spoke regarding the film Beyond the Gold Dome
- Engaged with members of the county regarding L.O.S.T. (Deadline - December 30, 2022)
- Union City is up by 8.3% in home values when compared to other cities
- Condolences extended to Chief Jones, Lt. Pittman, and Vivian Lett regarding the passing of their family members
- July 9, 2022 - Union City’s Job Fair was successful and would like to have another one in a couple of months
- July 16, 2022 - Back to School event was awesome
- Thanked staff for making Union City a place to live, work, and play

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

***On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Vote was unanimous.***

for   
 Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk  
 Chanelle Campbell, Deputy City Clerk

  
 Vince R. Williams, Mayor