

# MINUTES



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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

7:00 P.M.

Location: In Council Chamber

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### ROLL CALL:

Mayor Vince R. Williams  
Councilmember Brian K. Jones  
Councilmember Christina Hobbs  
Councilmember Lawanna Owens-Twaites  
City Attorney - Dennis Davenport  
Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway  
City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett  
Deputy City Clerk - Chanelle Campbell

### Present:

Community Development Director - Anthony Alston  
Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker  
Finance Comptroller - Francis Harley  
Fire Chief - Joe Maddox  
Operations Director - Cindy Givens  
Parks & Recreation Director - Lee Blitch  
Police Chief - Cassandra Jones  
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson

### Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Angelette Mealing  
Human Resources Director - N/A

City Manager - Sonja Fillingame

### 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 Councilmember Jones

### III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council approved the agenda with the removal of letter A. under Public Hearing. 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  
Xavier Walker (Marketing Specialist) was selected as the Employee of the Month
- Proclamation recognizing "Mayor's Reading Club Day (September 21, 2022) in Union City, GA."

- Proclamation recognizing “Rising in Community Excellence (R.I.C.E) Awards Foundation Day September 24, 2022.”

## VI. 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 FY22-23 Budget Workshop Minutes dated 08/01/2022.
- B. Council to approve the Work Session Minutes dated 08/16/2022.
- C. Council to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 08/16/2022.
- D. Council to approve the Budget Presentation Meeting Minutes dated 08/24/2022.
- E. Council to approve the FY22-23 Budget Public Hearing Minutes dated 08/24/2022.
- F. Council to approve the Final Adoption of the FY22-23 Budget & Millage Rate Minutes dated 08/31/2022.
- G. Council to approve the submittal of a request authorizing Union City to adopt the 2022 Fulton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.
- H. Council to approve the submittal of a request to amend the Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN) agreement to close out remaining CDBG Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program funds.
- I. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt the Right-of-Way Deed of Dedication for 6400 Buffington Road.
- J. Council to approve the submittal of a request to move forward with legal representation by the law firm of McNally, Fox, Grant & Davenport, P.C. for the Offering and Sale of the Union City Public Facilities Authority's Revenue Bonds Series 2022.
- K. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement among the City of Alpharetta, Georgia, City of Atlanta, Georgia, City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia, City of College Park, Georgia, City of East Point, Georgia, City of Fairburn, Georgia, City of Hapeville, Georgia, City of Johns Creek, Georgia, City of Milton, Georgia, City of Mountain Park, Georgia, City of Palmetto, Georgia, City of Roswell, Georgia, City of South Fulton, Georgia, and City of Sandy Springs, Georgia for Sharing of Certain Costs Related to Local Option Sales Tax Negotiation with Fulton County, Georgia.

*On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the Consent Agenda. Vote was unanimous.*

## VII. OLD BUSINESS:

None

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

None

## IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

- A. ~~A Public Hearing for Council to approve the submittal of a variance request (by Roy Burnes, Fulton County Director Wastewater) to encroach into a 25-foot stream buffer for Parcel ID: 09F170200750962 located north of Highway 92 for a distance of 3,174 feet.~~

**X. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

None

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

Assistant City Manager Calloway:

- Union City received an Aa2 Credit Rating per the Moody Report
- Welcomed new Comptroller, Francis Harley – 20 years of government experience, auditing, and reporting

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

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council approved the Executive Session Minutes dated August 16, 2022. Vote was unanimous.*

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

**Comments by Councilmember Jones:**

*Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:*

- Xavier Walker (Marketing Specialist) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Francis Harley (Finance Department Comptroller) for joining the UC Team
- Assistant City Manager Calloway for demonstrating financial stewardship regarding the City's budget and for obtaining an Aa2 Credit Rating on behalf of the City
- Union City Police Officers who were promoted on August 18<sup>th</sup>

*Remarks:*

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
- Thanked staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay
- 2022 Youth Soccer Season (UC Youth Soccer League)
- September 15, 2022 - Miracle League Game
- September 20, 2022 - Youth Leadership Council application deadline
- October 8, 2022 - Homecoming Game and Pinktober
- October 22, 2022 - Spin the District (Mayor's Bike Race)
- October 22-23, 2022 - UC Fall Clean-up

**Comments by Councilmember Owens-Twaites:**

*Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:*

- Xavier Walker (Marketing Specialist) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Francis Harley (Finance Department Comptroller) for joining the UC Team
- Mayor Williams for partnering with Georgia Partner Solution (Reading Program)
- Assistant City Manager Calloway for navigating the budget process and for obtaining an Aa2 Credit Rating on behalf of the City

*Remarks:*

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
- Thanked staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay
- September 28, 2022 - L.O.S.T. Town Hall Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Georgia International Convention Center
- September 29, 2022 - UC Citizens Academy

**Comments by Councilmember Hobbs:**

*Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:*

- Xavier Walker (Marketing Specialist) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Francis Harley (Finance Department Comptroller) for joining the UC Team

- Assistant City Manager Calloway for demonstrating financial stewardship regarding the City's budget and for obtaining an Aa2 Credit Rating on behalf of the City
- Captain Barry Walker who received a Master's Degree in Business Administration
- Police Department for receiving a traffic safety award
- Nicolas Evans (Fire Department) for completing Basic Training and graduating as valedictorian in Forysthe, GA

*Remarks:*

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
- Thanked staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay
- Spoke regarding the passing of Queen Elizabeth II (April 21, 1926 – September 8, 2022)
- Spoke regarding the victims that were affected by the hurricane that hit Puerto Rico
- Reminded everyone to stay safe during the pandemic
- October 4, 2022 - National Night Out event
- October 8, 2022 - Homecoming Game and Pinktober

**Comments by Mayor Williams:**

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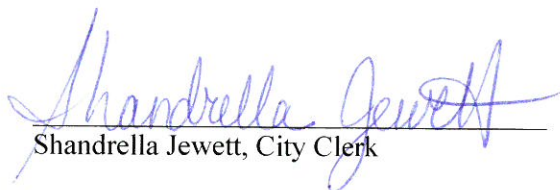
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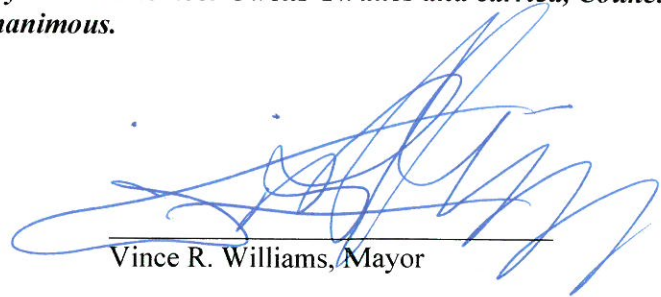
- Thanked Director Ferguson and his team (Atlas Engineering) for all they do
- Thanked staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay
- Humbled to be the Mayor of Union City
- September 20, 2022 - National Voter Registration Day
- September 29, 2022 - UC Citizens Academy
- October 17, 2022 - Early Voting for November 8, 2022 General Election

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

***On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Vote was unanimous.***

  
Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk

  
Vince R. Williams, Mayor