

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 18, 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

Present:

Deputy City Clerk - Crystal Grant
Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker
Community Development Director - Anthony Alston
Finance Comptroller - Francis Harley
Fire Chief - Joe Maddox
Operations Director - Cindy Givens
Park & Recreations Director - Lee Blich
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson

Human Resources Director – N/A

Absent:

Police Chief - Cassandra Jones

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 Mayor Williams

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council approved the agenda with the following conditions: Letters I. and J. were removed from the Consent Agenda during the Work Session and added to the Regular Council Meeting under New Business. 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
- Induction & Pinning Ceremony of FY22-23 Youth Leadership Council Members

Anjola Adetola	Benjamin Banneker High School	12 th Grade
Jamel Williams	Benjamin Banneker High School	12 th Grade
Natiah Parker	Langston Hughes High School	12 th Grade
Za’Niah Dallas	Langston Hughes High School	12 th Grade
Karnell Williams	Global Impact Academy	10 th Grade
La’Kela Johnson	Benjamin Banneker High School	10 th Grade
Timeelah Jones	Hapeville Charter Academy	10 th Grade
Osunyemi Perry	Hapeville Charter Academy	10 th Grade
Zariah Carter	Hapeville Charter Academy	12 th Grade

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 09/20/2022.
- B. Council to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 09/20/2022.
- C. Council to approve the Special Called Council Meeting dated 10/04/2022.
- D. Council to approve the submittal of a request to renew the 911 Provisions Intergovernmental Agreement between Fulton County and the City of Union City.
- E. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Prime Engineering regarding Architecture/Engineering Services for Roosevelt Highway Streetscape and Pedestrian Bridge (RFQ-PS-22-01).
- F. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Duke’s Root Control regarding a Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (RFP-PS-22-01).
- G. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Atkins, CPL, Foresite, and Prime Engineering regarding a Request for Proposal for Architecture/Engineering Demand Professional Services (RFP-PS-22-02).
- H. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into contract with Old Virginia Unit Owners’ Association, Inc.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 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 Evans Drive, in so far as, it is a part of the Municipal Street System of Union City, be abandoned. *(Formerly known as letter I.)*

The City having determined that a section of the City road system has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it and that its removal from the City road system is otherwise in the best public interest. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council agreed to abandon that section from the City street system. Vote was 3 to 1 (Councilmember Owens-Twaites opposed).

- B. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution providing for the conveyance of certain real property to B9 Union City Owner, LLC in order to dispose of property, known as Evans Drive, that has been abandoned from the Municipal Road System by the City of Union City, Georgia. *(Formerly known as letter J.)*

The City abandoned a section of the City road system known as Evans Drive. On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and carried, Council agreed to convey said abandoned road section to B9 Union City Owner, LLC. Vote was 3 to 1 (Councilmember Owens-Twaites opposed).

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

- A. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request to rezone 3.66 +/- acre tract of land (Parcel ID: 09F270301231027) on property zoned R-1 (Residential Single Family) & NC (Neighborhood Commercial) to TCMU (Town Center Mixed Use) to construct multi-family residential dwellings with commercial retail.

Director Alston led the discussion.

Public Hearing Opened.

No one came forth to speak.

Public Hearing Closed.

On motion of Councilmember Owens-Twaites, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the above mentioned request with the following conditions. Vote was 2 to 2 (Mayor Pro Tem Mealing and Councilmember Hobbs opposed). Mayor Williams broke the tie and voted in favor of the motion. Vote 3 to 2.

Conditions:

- A. If applicant/developer does not pull permits within two years, property shall revert to previous zoning classification of R-1 in part NC.
- B. Any apartment component shall be developed as a gated modern resort-style residential community that shall be maintained and monitored at the property owner's expense.
- C. The proposed development shall include a minimum of (2) two of the following amenities:
- a. Playground
 - b. Walking or bicycling trail
 - c. Covered picnic area
 - d. Swimming pool
 - e. Fitness center
 - f. Conference room/meeting space
- D. All public improvements are addressed according to Union City's Development Regulations.
- E. The proposed development to prohibit the following uses to protect surrounding neighbor's quality of life.

- a. Tattoo & body piercing shops
- b. Vape Shops
- c. Barber & Beauty shops
- d. Event centers
- e. Hookah Lounge
- f. Small box discount stores
- g. Gas stations
- h. Convenience stores
- i. Industrial uses

- B. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a variance request by Roy Barnes (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.

Director Alston 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 request. Vote was unanimous.

- C. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a variance request by Roy Barnes (Fulton County Director-Wastewater) to encroach into a 25-foot stream buffer for Parcel ID: 09F210100882570 located west of Lower Dixie Lake Road for a distance of 2,452 feet.

Director Alston led the discussion.

Public Hearing Opened.

No one came forth to speak.

Public Hearing Closed.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council approved the above request. Vote was unanimous.

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Executive Session

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the Executive Session Minutes dated September 20, 2022. Vote was unanimous.

XIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Jones:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Patricia Laverette (Receptionist) for being selected as the Employee of the Month

- Members of the Youth Leadership Council Program for their participation
- Director Blitch and staff for hosting all of the activities during Homecoming Week
- Residents of Union City for participating in UC Citizen Academy

Remarks:

- September 15, 2022 - Miracle League Game
- October 4, 2022 - National Night Out was awesome and successful
- October 5-8, 2022 - Homecoming Week and Pinktober event
- October 22-23, 2022 - UC Fall Clean-up
- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
- Thanked staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Comments by Councilmember Owens-Twaites:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Patricia Laverette (Receptionist) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Director Givens and the team for an awesome Pinktober event
- Francis Harley (Finance Department Comptroller) for joining the UC Team
- Mayor Williams for partnering with Georgia Partner Solution's Reading Program
- Assistant City Manager Calloway for navigating the budget process and for obtaining an Aa2 Credit Rating on behalf of the City

Remarks:

- Redistricting of Fulton County Schools. Final maps will be posted on Thursday
- September 28, 2022 - L.O.S.T. Town Hall Meeting (7:00 p.m.) at GICC
- September 29, 2022 - UC Citizens Academy
- October 4, 2022 - National Night Out was a great time of connecting with the community
- October 5-8, 2022 - Homecoming Week activities and Pinktober event
- Community Engagement
- Fatalities on South Fulton Parkway
- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
- Thanked staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Comments by Councilmember Hobbs:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Patricia Laverette (Receptionist) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Members of the Youth Leadership Council Program for their participation
- City Clerk Jewett for spearheading the Youth Leadership Council Program and the parents for encouraging and supporting each of their scholars
- Director Givens and the team for an awesome Pinktober event
- Director Blitch for spearheading the Homecoming Week activities
- Fire Chief Maddox - Happy 42nd Wedding Anniversary
- Police Chief Jones and the team for reaching out to the community (National Faith & Blue Weekend)

Remarks:

- October 2022 - Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- October 4, 2022 - National Night Out
- October 5-8, 2022 - Homecoming Week and Pinktober event
- October 9, 2022 - National Faith & Blue Weekend (Humanitarian project that support inmates through prayer, education, and post release support)
- October 18 - November 17, 2022 - Fulton County Fresh Mobile Market
- November 4, 2022 - Early voting will end
- Stay safe during the pandemic
- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting

- Thanked staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Mealing:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Patricia Laverette (Receptionist) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Mayor Williams for representing Union City in Georgia, across the nation, and internationally
- Members of the Youth Leadership Council Program for their participation
- Director Givens and her team for an awesome Pinktober event
- Participants of UC Citizen Academy
- Police Department for an awesome National Night Out event
- UC Eagles for wining their homecoming football games
- Public Services regarding the Adopt A Spot Campaign
- Marketing Department and Public Services for the placement of each trains throughout the City
- Chanelle Campbell (Planner I) for joining the Department Community Development

Remarks:

- October 4, 2022 - National Night Out event
- October 5-8, 2022 - Homecoming Week activities and Pinktober event
- October 17, 2022 to November 4, 2022 - Early voting schedule
- Keep the victims of Hurricane Ian in prayer
- Would like to see college graduates that once participated in Union City's Parks and Recreation programs take part in the homecoming week activities
- Thanked staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Comments by Mayor Williams:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Patricia Laverette (Receptionist) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Members of the Youth Leadership Council Program for their participation
- 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
- Director Ferguson, his team, and Atlas Engineering for all they do

Remarks:

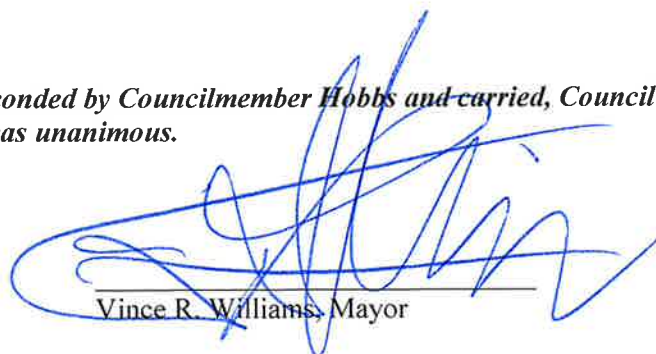
- Humbled to be the Mayor of Union City
- September 20, 2022 - National Voter Registration Day
- September 29, 2022 - UC Citizens Academy
- October 17, 2022 - Early Voting for November 8, 2022 General Election
- Thanked staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Vote was unanimous.


Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk


Vince R. Williams, Mayor