

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

7:00 P.M.

In Council Chamber

ROLL CALL:

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

Present:

Community Development Director - Anthony Alston
Court Services - Kristie Tucker
Finance Comptroller - Francis Harley
Fire Chief - Joe Maddox
Human Resources Director - Brittany Sainnatus
Operations Director - Cindy Givens
Park & Recreations Director - Lee Blich
Police Chief - Cassandra Jones
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson

Absent:

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 Minister Gavin Lane.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs, 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 & Recognition of Employee of the Month
Detective Sergeant, Ashley Davis (Police Department)

- National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation - The Walk of Honor

Sherri Wilson purchased a brick in honor of Sergeant Craig Calvin Underwood on the "Walk of Honor" at the National Memorial Park in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The park features a brick Walk of Honor that connects the monument, the historic Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel, and memorial plazas.

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 accept the submittal of a request to approve the Work Session Minutes dated 01/17/2023.
- B. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 1/17/2023.
- C. Council to accept the submittal of a request to renew an agreement for Union City Municipal Court to be a facility host for the Traffic Violators Impact Program (TVIP) on the fourth Wednesday (bi-monthly) in 2023.
- D. Council to accept the submittal of a request for Union City Municipal Court to hold an Amnesty Program.
- E. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve and adopt a resolution Pledging to Practice and Promote Civility in the City of Union City.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

None

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

None

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None

XI. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Executive Session - None

XII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Detective Sergeant Ashley Davis (Police Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Director Ferguson and the team for a job well done regarding February 14, 2023, Multi-use Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held in Christian City

- Operations Team for a well-organized Valentine's Day Luncheon that was held for the seniors on February 14 2023, at The Gathering Place
- Congratulation to the family of Sergeant Craig Underwood regarding the Walk of Honor
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Remarks:

- Creative Art Exchange Gallery - Encouraged residence to stop by the art gallery located at The Gathering Place and to review the Creative Art Exchange publication. The exhibition will be open through March 23, 2023
- Blessing to everyone's family in 2023
- Global pandemic - Encouraged everyone to remain safe

Comments by Councilmember Mealing:

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- Operations Team for the Creative Art Exchange Gallery display at The Gathering Place. Good to see talent within Union City and from the community
- Kyle Durham for joining the UC Team
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for staying engaged and informed
- Thanked Comcast for donating laptops to the seniors (Project Up)
- Community Policing and Interaction with the community - Thanked Detective Sergeant Davis for engaging with the youth and for being fully engaged Glad to see blue lights on the police cars which are seen throughout the entire City
- Enjoy being a part of the UC Family
- Continue to keep City Manager Fillingame family in prayer

Comments by Councilmember Owens-Twaites:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Detective Sergeant, Ashley Davis (Police Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Mayor Williams regarding the Literacy and Art Council
- Creative Art Exchange Gallery - The art exchange was amazing and thanked everyone for the hard work that went into the event. It was flawless and the presentations were heart warming
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Remarks:

- Spoke regarding the Walk of Honor concerning Sergeant Craig Underwood
- Thanked Director Ferguson for scheduling a site visit regarding a traffic issue at Wolf Creek Elementary School and for responding expediently and efficiently
- Thanked Code Enforcement for responding to a utility issue for a developer and a resident
- Thanked Director Givens and ACM Calloway for providing a UC Lapel Pen to a student in Romania
- Working with several community members to establish a task force for development of a premiere Multigenerational Boys and Girls Club
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting

Comments by Councilmember Jones:

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- Operations Team for a great Valentine's Day Luncheon held for the seniors on February 14, 2023, at The Gathering Place. A joy to see the excitement of each senior
- Operations Team for the Creative Art Exchange Gallery displayed at The Gathering Place. The pictures are awesome
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Remarks:

- Thanked the Youth Leadership Council for attending the meeting, for having a voice between the elected body and the youth/community, and for being leaders in each school. "This connection is vital to our community"
- Thanked Comcast for donating laptops to the seniors (Project Up)
- Thanked everyone for coming and for being engaged in the community

Comments by Mayor Williams:

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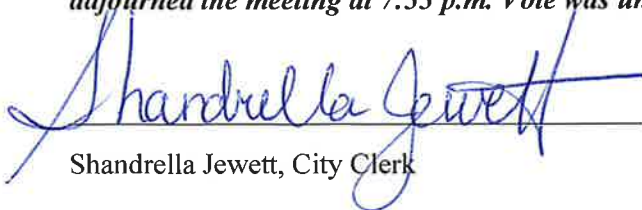
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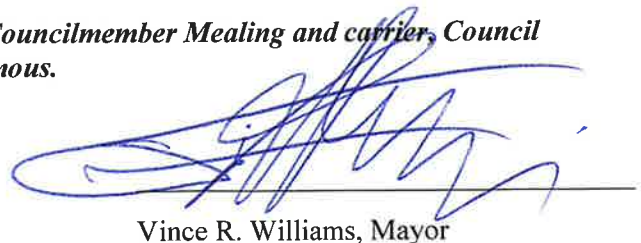
- Thanked the Youth Leadership Council for attending the meeting. "We must continue to invest and pour into our young people"
- Continue to prayer for our City Manager Fillingame and her family
- Continue to keep our past president, Jimmy Carter and his family lifted up in prayer. "We thank him for his service to this nation, state, and the world"
- Continue to keep the family of Mr. Thomas Dortch in prayer. Mr. Dortch recently passed away. He led the 100 Black Men of Georgia and was an amazing force in the Atlanta area
- Continue to prayer for the family of Reverend R.L. White and Bishop James Morton whom recently passed away
- Reminded everyone that Easter is around the corner

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carrier, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Vote was unanimous.


Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk


Vince R. Williams, Mayor