

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

7:00 P.M.

In Council Chamber

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Christina Hobbs
Councilmember 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
Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker

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

Absent:

Mayor Vince R. Williams

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 Carl Lane

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Item D was removed from the Work Session's Consent Agenda and placed under New Business on the Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the Agenda with noted changes. Vote was unanimous.

IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: (2 MIN)

- Shelia Louder – Spoke regarding the Homelessness Symposium that will be held on March 23, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. Event sponsored by South Fulton Coalition.

- Tandy (T. Ross) Bullock – Spoke regarding a road (new subdivision development) being placed near his home.

V. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Acknowledgement & Recognition of Employee of the Month

Allen Pierce (Public Services Department) was selected as the Employee of the Month.

- American Police Hall of Fame Award (Law Enforcement Purple Heart)

Lieutenant Jerome Turner, Jr. received the American Police Hall of Fame Award (Law Enforcement Purple Heart)

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 02/21/2023.
- B. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 02/21/2023.
- C. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve an agreement with Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections to conduct Union City's November 7, 2023, Municipal General Election.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of South Fulton for the full-depth reclamation of White Mill Road.

Director Ferguson led the discussion and requested the above mentioned item be tabled until the next Council Meeting on May 16, 2023.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council tabled the above mentioned request until May 16, 2023. Vote was unanimous.

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

- A. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request by Vision Development Partners, LLC (c/o The Galloway Law Group, LLC) for a stream buffer variance pursuant to *Section 11-107(b)* of the Code of Ordinance of Union City to encroach into the 75-foot impervious cover setback for Parcel ID 09F340201490468 located east of Stonewall Tell Road and north of South Fulton Parkway, Union City for a distance of 189 linear feet.

Director Alston led the discussion.

Petitioner, Attorney Woody Galloway (The Galloway Law Group, LLC) spoke regarding the request.

Public Hearing Opened.

An unknown person in the audience asked Attorney Galloway “what is a stream buffer?” Attorney Galloway answered the question.

Pat Christian - Ms. Christian asked Attorney Galloway “how will the stream buffer impact the trees and green life that is needed for the wildlife?” Attorney Galloway answered the question.

Public Hearing Closed.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the request and agreed to the following Conditions: Double staggered evergreen trees, 6’ and 8’ at planting (on the frontage of Stonewall Tell Road). Vote was unanimous.

- B. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request by Bruce A. Rippen (c/o D.R. Horton, Inc.) to rezone 44.52 +/- acre tract of land (Parcel IDs: 09F210100880087, 09F170200751242, 09F170200750012, 09F170100744685, and 09F170100742382) on property zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development) to create a new PUD with an underlying residential of R-6, Single Family District generally located east of Vickers Road and approximately 150 feet from Highway 92 to construct 136 single family dwelling units.

Director Alston led the discussion.

The developer requested the above mentioned item be tabled until the next Council Meeting on May 16, 2023.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council tabled the request until May 16, 2023. Vote was unanimous.

- C. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request by Sergio Santoyo to rezone 2.83 +/- acre tract of land (Parcel IDs: 09F161000760715, 09F161100760483) on property zoned R-4, Single Family Residential to RM, Residential Multi-Family District generally located south of Westbrook Place and east of Clayburn Street to construct (4) four quadplex residential dwellings.

Director Alston led the discussion.

The petitioner requested the above mentioned item be withdrawn.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council withdrew the above mentioned request. Vote was unanimous.

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Fillingame thanked Mayor, Council, Assistant City Manager, the Senior Leadership Team, and Staff for their support while she was out of the office due to a family emergency.

XI. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Executive Session

Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Executive Session Minutes dated January 17, 2023.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council approved the Executive Session Minutes dated January 17, 2023. Vote was unanimous.

XII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Jones:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Allen Pierce (Public Services Department) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Lieutenant Jerome Turner, Jr. for receiving the American Police Hall of Fame Award (Law Enforcement Purple Heart)
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Remarks:

- Spoke regarding homelessness on the south side of Atlanta
- Spoke regarding Rail Safety Improvements –Received an invite to attend an event regarding rail safety in communities
- Extended prayers to the families of the victims involved in the February 3, 2023, Norfolk Southern freight train derailment accident that took place in East Palestine, Ohio
- March 8, 2023 - South Metro Development Outlook Conference was great and informative
- March 23-29, 2023 - National League of Cities (Congressional City Conference)
- April 18, 2023 - State of the City event

Comments by Councilmember Owens-Twaites:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Allen Pierce (Public Services Department) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Lieutenant Jerome Turner, Jr. for receiving the American Police Hall of Fame Award (Law Enforcement Purple Heart)
- Director Ferguson in regard to the possibility of a traffic study being conducted at the corner of Stonewall Tell Road and South Fulton Parkway. Stated “it is very difficult to make a left turn at the intersection”
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Remarks:

- Spoke regarding the turn signal that was placed at the corner of Campbellton-Fairburn Road and Rosewood Place
- Attended a meeting hosted by the City of Fairburn and received information regarding Georgia Department of Transportation’s (GDOT) upcoming resurfacing projects
- Spoke about lighting and safety on South Fulton Parkway
- Encouraged everyone to stay involved and active in the community
- Thanked everyone for attending the Council Meeting
- March 8, 2023 - South Metro Development Outlook Conference was informative

Comments by Councilmember Mealing:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Allen Pierce (Public Services Department) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Lieutenant Jerome Turner, Jr. for receiving the American Police Hall of Fame Award (Law Enforcement Purple Heart)
- Public Services for keeping the City clean and for doing a great job
- Parks and Recreation for all of the planned activities/events and for doing a great job
- Community Development Department for the work they do and for bringing a great level of expertise to the City
- Social Media Team for getting information out to the community
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Remarks:

- Thanked Honorable Linda Davis for being present at the meeting tonight
- Happy Women’s Month to everyone (including the amazing women of Union City)

- Spoke regarding land opportunity in the South Fulton area
- Encouraged citizens to use the UC App
- April 8, 2023 - Opening Day for Baseball
- April 18, 2023 - State of the City event

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Allen Pierce (Public Services Department) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Lieutenant Jerome Turner, Jr. for receiving the American Police Hall of Fame Award (Law Enforcement Purple Heart)
- Parks and Recreation for building senior's walking clubs and for the computer training
- City Clerk Jewett for being appointed as the Chair of the GMCA Membership & Mentoring Committee and for being re-appointed as the District 3 Director of GMCA
- Director Givens for being inducted into the Hall of Fame of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated (Kappa Iota Zeta)
- Fire Chief Maddox for being appointed as the President of the Metro Atlanta Fire Chief Association
- Public Safety for the community outreach with Banneker High School (Student and Family Engagement - Safe Center). Stated this is a consolidation of school services and community partnerships that's design to illuminate academic, social, and emotional barriers that impede students ability to learn
- Directors and Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Remarks:

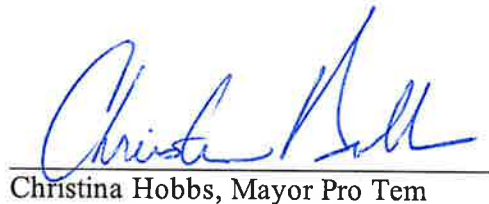
- Thanked Honorable Linda Davis for attending the Council Meeting
- Thanked YLC for attending the Council Meeting
- Welcomed new employees to the UC Team
- Reminded everyone to stay safe during this global pandemic
- Thanked everyone for attending the Council Meeting
- April 18, 2023 - State of the City event

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Vote was unanimous.


Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk


Christina Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem