

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

7:00 P.M.

In Council Chamber

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor Vince R. Williams
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
Deputy City Clerk - Sharday Freeman
Interim Finance Comptroller - Britney Gordon
Human Resources Director - Brittany Sainnatus
Operations Director - Cindy Givens
Park & Recreations Director - Lee Blich
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson

Absent:

Fire Chief - Joe Maddox

Police Chief - Cassandra Jones

I. CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Mayor Williams

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing 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

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 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes dated 09/12/2023.
- B. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Work Session Minutes dated 09/19/2023.
- C. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 09/19/2023.
- D. Council to accept the submittal of a request to renew the agreement between the Union City Police Department and PowerDMS regarding the use of a policy and compliance management software that manages state certifications, documents, standards, assessments, and officer training.
- E. Council to accept the submittal of a request to reappoint Eddie Phillips to the Housing Authority Board of the City of Union City for the following term: November 1, 2023 through 10/31/2028. Ms. Phillips current term ends on October 31, 2023.
- F. Council to accept the submittal of a request to add one additional FTE to the Parks and Recreation Department.

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 HEARING(S) AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

None

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- 10th Annual Pinktober 5K Color Run - Thanked Public Services, Operations, Marketing, and supporting departments for a job well done.
- Homecoming Week - Thanked Director Blich and his team for a great Homecoming experience, hard work, positive energy, and the great feedback received from the community.
- Thanked Staff for all they do and stated "I am fortunate to be able to work with such a great team."

XI. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Executive Session

XII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Jones:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Officer Andre Johnson (Patrolman) for being selected as the Employee of the Month

- Staff for their hard work, dedication, and for making Union City a place to live, work, play & stay

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- September 29, 2023 - Starbucks Grand Opening
- October 3, 2023 - National Night Out
- October 4, 2023 - Coffee with a Cop
- October 5, 2023 - Homecoming Spirit Week (Coronation)
- October 7, 2023 - 10th Annual Pinktober 5K Color Run
- October 7, 2023 - Homecoming Spirit Week (Tailgating & Football Games)
- October 18, 2023 - Paint & Sip
- October 21-22, 2023 - Fall Clean-Up
- October 27, 2023 - Fall Festival
- November 16-18, 2023 - National League of Cities (City Summit Conference in Atlanta, GA)

Comments by Councilmember Owens-Twaites:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Officer Andre Johnson (Patrolman) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Staff for their hard work, dedication, and for making Union City a place to live, work, play & stay

Remarks:

- Enjoyed the 10th Annual Pinktober 5K Color Run
- Enjoyed seeing all of the events that recently took place in Union City and thanked the UC Team for planning all of the events
- Homecoming Spirit Week was amazing
- The Fall Festival was great
- Thanked Union City for having a sense of Community
- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting

Comments by Councilmember Mealing:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Officer Andre Johnson (Patrolman) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Community Development for everything they do. Stated “I feel you all are awesome and we have rock stars in Union City”
- Staff for their hard work, dedication, and for making Union City a place to live, work, play & stay

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Officer Andre Johnson (Patrolman) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Director Blich for doing a wonderful job with Homecoming Spirit Week and shout out to the mothers who participated as cheerleaders
- Operations and MarComm for a magical Breast Cancer Walk (10th Annual Pinktober 5K Color Run)
- Police Chief Jones and the Public Safety Team for the Community Safety Outreach events
- Director Ferguson and the team for what they do as it relates to the Master Plan on the Green Way
- Staff for their hard work, dedication, and for making Union City a place to live, work, play & stay

Remark:

- Encouraged everyone to go visit Starbucks in Union City
- Encouraged everyone to pray for peace in the world
- Reminded everyone to stick to the plan (Reclaim, Renew, and Reimagine Union City)

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for staying to the end
- October 8, 2023 - National Faith & Blue Weekend. Attended the Sunday service at Union Grove Baptist Church
- October 16, 2023 to November 3, 2023 - Early Voting
- October 18, 2023 - Paint & Sip at 6:00 p.m. at The Gathering Place

Comments by Mayor Williams:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Officer Andre Johnson (Patrolman) for being selected as the Employee of the Month
- Weston Miller (Executive Assistant) was welcomed to the UC Team
- Sharday Freeman (Deputy City Clerk) was welcomed to the UC Team
- Staff for their hard work, dedication, and for making Union City a place to live, work, play & stay

Remarks:

- Spoke regarding the current events happening in Israel and Gaza. Asked everyone to pray for peace and to pray for the families stricken with grief
- Reminded everyone that the Flu, Pneumonia, Shingles, and COVID vaccinations are available
- Spoke regarding Union City being financially stable and how the City created opportunities for people to get jobs.
- Spoke regarding the need for more housing
- Spoke regarding the Jim Ellis Mercedes Benz Stadium Project
- Encouraged everyone to continue supporting the new Starbucks in Union City
- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
- October 16, 2023 to November 3, 2023 - Early Voting
- November 16-18, 2023 - National League of Cities (City Summit Conference in Atlanta, GA)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk

Vince R. Williams, Mayor