

# MINUTES



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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

7:00 P.M.

In Council Chamber

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### ROLL CALL:

Mayor Vince R. Williams  
Mayor Pro Tem Brian Jones  
Councilmember Angelette Mealing  
Councilmember Christina Hobbs  
Councilmember Lawanna Owens-Twaites  
City Attorney - Dennis Davenport  
City Manager - Sonja Fillingame  
Interim City Clerk – Sharday Freeman

### Present:

Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker  
Community Development Director - Anthony Alston  
Interim Finance Comptroller – Britney Gordon  
Public Services Director – Lonnie Ferguson  
Human Resources Director - Brittany Sainnatus  
Operations Director - Cindy Givens  
Park & Recreations Director - Lee Blich  
Police Chief - Cassandra Jones

### Absent:

Assistant City Manager – Tarsha Calloway

Fire Chief – Joe Maddox

### 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)

- Malita McKinley spoke regarding her opposition to the rezoning and size change of lots in Southwind
- Ronald McGinty agreed with the comments made by Ms. McKinley
- Margarite Carter requested that Mayor and Councilmembers vote no to the rezoning and size change of lots in Southwind.
- Donald Carter spoke regarding his opposition to the rezoning and size change of lots in Southwind.

## V. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Acknowledgement and Recognition of Employee of the Month (January 2024)  
Firefighter EMT, Janos Venson (Fire Department)
- Acknowledgement and Recognition of Employee of the Year (2023)  
Juan Ruiz (Laborer II) was selected as the Employee of the Year.
- Acknowledgement and Recognition of Citizen of the Year (2023)  
Shirley Parks was selected as the Citizen of the Year.
- Swearing-In Ceremony of Elected Officials:
  - Councilmember Brian Jones
  - Councilmember Christina Hobbs
    - Councilmembers Brian Jones and Christina Hobbs were sworn in by Attorney Davenport.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. A Public Hearing for Council to approve the submittal of a request for a city-initiated application to rezone approximately 665.19 acres of land known as Southwind Subdivision in Land Lots 94, 95, 113, 114, 115, 118, 119 and 120 of the 9F District of Fulton County, with said land generally located south of South Fulton Parkway, east of Campbellton-Fairburn Rd/Hwy 92 and north and west of Koweta Road. The current zoning of the property is PUD (Planned Unit Development) and the proposed zoning of the property is PUD (Planned Unit Development). The purpose of this rezoning is to amend certain portions of the development plan for said property to increase the maximum number of single-family detached dwellings permitted in the development, decrease the maximum number of townhouses permitted in the development, and amend the dimensional requirements for 243 proposed lots in Pods J, S and K of the development.

Director Alston led the discussion.

Mayor Vince Williams asked if the elevations were available for those community members that met with the developer for them to view and make a definite decision about if this is what they want or do not want.

Director Alston answered and stated that the elevations were not available for review.

Mayor Vince Williams stated that he feels that it is unfair for this body to make an informed decision on behalf of this item and the community has not seen all the information.

Councilmember Mealing stated that she agrees with Mayor Vince Williams.

Councilmember Owens-Twaites stated that her concern is the square footage.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated that his concern is that at the last meeting there was a request to hold until next council meeting to meet with the community and that did not happen.

Councilmember Hobbs stated that she concurs with the other councilmembers, and she does not think it is fair to the individuals who reside in that subdivision to not have been informed.

Mayor Vince Williams asked Director Alston when he got the elevations.

Director Alston answered and said last week.

Michelle Battle, the petitioner, requested the above-mentioned item be tabled for 60 days.

***On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Jones , seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites and carried, Council accepted the motion to hold the above request for 60 days (March 19, 2024). Vote was unanimous.***

**B. Resolution for ARPA Funding for Small Businesses**

Director Givens led the discussion.

Mayor Vince Williams stated that he appreciates staff working hard to find funding for small businesses.

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

**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 12/19/2023.
- B. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 12/19/2023.
- C. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Union City Municipal Court to be a facility host for the Traffic Violators Impact Program (TVIP) on the fourth Wednesday bi-monthly in 2024.
- D. Council to accept the submittal of a request to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 15 of the Union City Code.
- E. Council to accept the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution of the Union City Schedule of Fees.

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

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

None

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

None

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

- Recognized Director Givens, Public Safety Team, Parks and Recreation Team, and all of Marcomm for their outstanding work with the Martin Luther King Holiday event.

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

At 8:12 p.m., City Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items: three (3) real estate, two (2) personnel matters, and one (1) to approve Executive Session Minutes from December 19, 2023.

*On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites and carried, Council reconvened to Regular Council Meeting. Vote was unanimous.*

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

**Comments by Mayor Vince Williams**

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Jones and Councilmember Hobbs on re-election and swearing in.
- Assured community that Council wants the same thing that they want.

Remarks:

- Moment of silence to recognize the passing of Dexter Scott King
- Happy Birthday to Councilmember Mealing
- Requested that the chairs in the Council chambers be replaced.

**Comments by Councilmember Hobbs**

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Congrats to Citizen of the Year, Employee of the Year, and Employee of the Month
- Thanked staff for the job that was done for Martin Luther King Day
- Special thanks to Director Givens for enlisting the service of her sisters from Zeta Phi Beta

Remarks:

- Happy New Year to everyone
- Looking forward to continuing the work for R3
- Thanked family members for coming out for the swearing in ceremony.

**Comments by Councilmember Mealing**

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Thanked staff for the Martin Luther King Jr Day celebration.
- Congrats to Citizen of the Year, Employee of the Year, and Employee of the Month

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Comments by Councilmember Owens-Twaites**

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Congrats to Citizen of the Year, Employee of the Year, and Employee of the Month
- Congrats to colleagues on re-election.

Remarks:

- Happy New Year
- Received notification that she has been appointed as Vice Chair for 2024 Council on Youth Education and Family Council by the National League of Cities
- Looking forward to Citizens United

**Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Jones**

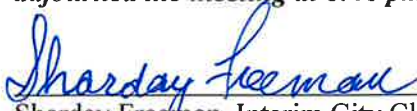
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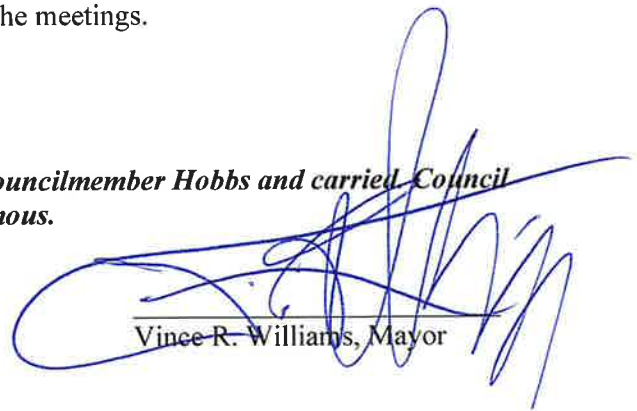
- Thanked family members for their support in the re-election process and for coming out to the swearing-in ceremony.
- Encouraged Southwind community to attend the meetings.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

*On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Vote was unanimous.*

  
Sharday Freeman, Interim City Clerk

  
Vince R. Williams, Mayor