

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 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
City Manager - Sonja Fillingame
Assistant City Manager - Tarsha Calloway
City Clerk - Shandrella Jewett

Present:

Deputy City Clerk - Sharday Freeman
Court Services Director - Kristie Tucker
Interim Finance Comptroller - Britney Gordon
Human Resources Director - Brittany Sainnatus
Operations Director - Cindy Givens
Park & Recreations Director - Lee Blich
Police Chief - Cassandra Jones
Public Services Director - Lonnie Ferguson

Absent:

Community Development Director - Anthony Alston

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 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
Cardeal Lackey (Public Service) – Employee of the Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- FY 23-24 Youth Leadership Induction & Pinning Ceremony
Taliya Creamer Karnell Weaver
McKenna Holloway Timeelah Jones
Osunyemi Perry
- Citizens Academy 2023 Graduation
Pat Christian Kendria Pickney-Days
Tiara Crosson Shajra Thrasher - Absent
Renee Dennard Yasmine Vaughn
Ruby Finney Keysler Walker
Beverly Hall Stephen Kirkland
Martine Williams - Absent Delores Jefferson - Absent
- R3 Parks Conceptual Design Updates & Naming Proposals
Director Ferguson (Public Services) and Director Blitch (Parks and Recreation) provided a presentation.

Original Placeholder Name	Revised Name
1. South Fulton Parkway Park	Gateway Park
2. McClure Park	Millennium Park
3. Highway 29 Ballfields	Eagles Nest
4. Royal South Parkway Park	Union City Veterans Park
5. Shannon Boulevard Park	Reimagine Park

Mayor and Council were supportive and amenable to the revised name changes.

Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs, Councilmember Mealing, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Owens-Twaites, and City Manager Fillingame thanked Director Ferguson, Director Blitch, Atlas (Maureen McDonnell & Daniel Dart), and the Marketing Team for a job well done regarding the presentation of the above-mentioned Capital Projects.

- Citywide Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey Results
Director Ferguson provided an update.

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 10/17/2023.

- B. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 10/17/2023.
- C. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the South Fulton Municipal Association Meeting Minutes dated 10/26/2023.
- D. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Right-of-Way Deed of Dedication regarding 4775 Derrick Road Industrial Development.
- E. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an Interlocal Agreement (No. 23-R-4126) with the City of Atlanta to accept the FY23 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funding allocation in the amount of \$22,879.00.
- F. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve a gap rate of \$15 per month for residential sanitation services until the RFP Process is complete.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

None

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request for an alcoholic beverage license application submitted by Aaman Daredia for package sales of malt and vinous liquor for BP Food Mart, 4957 Highpoint Road, Union City, Georgia 30291.

Finance Comptroller, Britney Gordon led the discussion.

The petitioner, Aaman Daredia, spoke regarding the above request.

Public Hearing Opened.

Ms. Patricia spoke against the request.

Dana Farkas spoke in favor of the request.

Public Hearing Closed.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites and carried, Council agreed to table the item for 30 days. Councilmember Mealing voted against the request. Vote was 3 to 1.

- B. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request for an alcoholic beverage license application submitted by Aaman Daredia for package sales of malt and vinous liquor for Shell Food Mart, 4597 Jonesboro Road, Union City, GA 30291.

Finance Comptroller, Britney Gordon led the discussion.

The petitioner, Aaman Daredia, spoke regarding the above request.

Public Hearing Opened.

Dana Farkas spoke in favor of the request.

Ms. Patricia and Mr. Larry Batchlor spoke against the request.

Public Hearing Closed.

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

X. PUBLIC HEARING & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

- A. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request regarding a city-initiated text amendment to amend Article VII, Section 7-2 PUD, Planned Unit Development of the Zoning Ordinance of Union City.

Chanelle Campbell (Community Development Planner 1) led the discussion.

Councilmember Mealing requested the following language “comprising no more than 10% of the total dwelling units within the proposed development” be stricken under letter b. Townhouses and Condominiums

Public Hearing Opened.

No one came forth to speak.

Public Hearing Closed.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the above-mentioned request with revisions. Vote was unanimous.

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve and adopt a resolution regarding the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Conference.

City Manager Fillingame requested the above-mentioned conference be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites and carried, Council approved the request. Vote was unanimous.

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

- A. Executive Session

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the Executive Session Minutes from August 22, 2023 at 6:41 p.m., August 22, 2023 at 8:18 p.m., and October 17, 2023. Vote was unanimous.

- B. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve and adopt a resolution regarding approximately 1,204 acre tract located on Mall Boulevard (Tax Parcel #09F-1501-0062-0747) be acquired from Anchor of Hope Foundation, Inc. on behalf of the City of Union City.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved the resolution in addition to Mayor Williams signing an agreement regarding the above-mentioned request. Vote was unanimous.

XIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Jones:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Cardeal Lackey (Public Services Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Youth Leadership Council of FY23-24
- UC Citizen’s Academy graduates
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Remarks:

- October 27, 2023 - Fall Festival
- November 16, 2023 - Fulton County New Animal Services Facility
- November 16-18, 2023 - National League of Cities (NLC) held in Atlanta, Georgia
- Thanked everyone for their supported regarding the November 7, 2023 Municipal General Election
- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Comments by Councilmember Owens-Twaites:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Cardeal Lackey (Public Services Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Youth Leadership Council of FY23-24
- UC Citizen's Academy graduates
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Remarks:

- UC has made great stride regarding housing
- Spoke regarding Build to Rent homes
- Thanked everyone for their supported regarding the November 7, 2023 Municipal General Election
- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Comments by Councilmember Mealing:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Cardeal Lackey (Public Services Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Councilmembers Hobbs and Jones for a winning the November 7, 2024 Municipal General Election
- Youth Leadership Council of FY23-24
- UC Citizen's Academy graduates
- Human Resources Department and the Police Department for a wonderful thanksgiving luncheon
- Union City Cheerleaders
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Remarks:

- October 27, 2023 - Fall Festival
- November 16-18, 2023 - National League of Cities (Atlanta, Georgia)
- Spoke regarding the need for affordable housing
- Pray for our families, friends, and the world
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Cardeal Lackey (Public Services Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Youth Leadership Council of FY23-24
- UC Citizen's Academy graduates
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay

Remarks:

- October 27, 2023 - Fall Festival
- November 27, 2023 - Holiday Tree Lighting at Mayors' Park
- Thanked everyone for their supported regarding the November 7, 2023 Municipal General Election
- Thanked everyone for staying throughout tonight's meeting
- Be safe when traveling during the holiday season

Comments by Mayor Williams:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgements extended to:

- Cardeal Lackey (Public Services Department) for being selected as Employee of the Month
- Councilmembers Hobbs and Jones for winning the November 7, 2024 Municipal General Election
- Youth Leadership Council of FY23-24
- UC Citizen's Academy graduates
- Marketing & Cultural Arts Manager Vivian Lett and the team for doing amazing things as it relates to the Arts

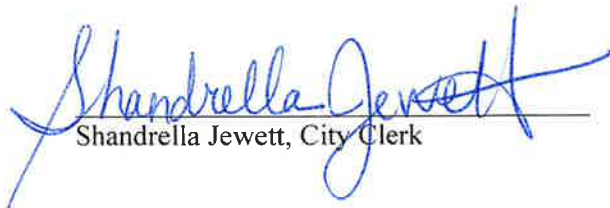
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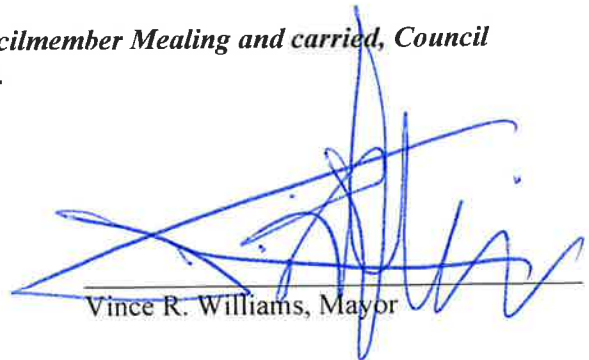
- November 27, 2023 - Holiday Tree Lighting at Mayors' Park
- December 4, 2023 - Town Hall Meeting with Georgia Department of Transportation
- The Annual National League of Cities (City Summit) had close to 5,000 elected officials in attendance
- Union City is moving with great stride when it comes to the Arts
- Spoke regarding affordable housing and the growth explosion
- Union City was designated as the fastest growing cities a few months ago
- Embracing homelessness
- Keep first lady Roselyn Carter and her family in prayers during their time of bereavement
- Staff for making Union City a place to live, work, play, and stay
- "I love you and their ain't nothing you can't do about it"
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to be safe

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Vote was unanimous.


Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk


Vince R. Williams, Mayor