

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

7:00 P.M.

In Council Chamber

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
Assistant City Clerk – Tarsha Calloway

Present:

Court Services Director – Shenika Wright
Community Development Director - Tony Alston
Police Chief - Cassandra Jones
Public Services Director – Lonnie Ferguson
Human Resources Director - Brittany Sainnatus
Operations Director - Cindy Givens
Park & Recreations Director - Lee Blich
Interim City Clerk – Sharday Freeman

Absent:

Finance Comptroller – Britney Gordon

Fire Chief – Joe Maddox

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council held item G and J for 30 days, and moved item H to the regular meeting. Vote was unanimous.

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

Sharon Williams was asked to hold her comment regarding her appreciation for Union City becoming a Purple Heart City until the time of recognition on this agenda.

V. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Proclamation Recognizing Union City as a Purple Heart City
 - Mrs. Sharon Williams spoke regarding wanting to see a place in the upcoming Veterans Park to honor members of families of Union City residents that loss a loved one in a conflict.
 - Commander Zaiyas presented the proclamation regarding Union City as a Purple Heart City.
 - Representative Kim Schofield spoke in regard to her support for Union City becoming a Purple Heart City.
- Acknowledgement & Recognition of the Employee of the Month
 - Dondrick Cartwright (Utilities Department)

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 03/19/2024.
- B. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 3/19/2024.
- C. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Work Session Minutes dated 5/21/24.
- D. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 5/21/24.
- E. Council to approve the submittal of a request to adopt a rental policy and agreement regarding the Kenneth Johnson Depot.
- F. Council to approve the submittal of a request to amend the resolution of the Union City Schedule of Fees.
- G. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter a Memorandum of Agreement with Clayton County Government
- H. Council to accept the submittal of a request to adopt a resolution in making Union City a Purple Heart City.
 - Mayor Williams read the resolution recognizing Union City as a Purple Heart City.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council approved this item. Vote was unanimous.

- I. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter an Encroachment Agreement for Easement with Georgia Power
- J. Council to approve the submittal of a request to move excess funds from the ARPA Small Business Grant to the Parks and Water or Sewer projects.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Council consented items A, B, C, D, E, F, and I. Vote was unanimous.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

None

IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

None

X. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

- A. A **Public Hearing** for Council to consider the submittal of a request for a city-initiated text amendment to amend the City of Union City Zoning Ordinance Article VI Section 6-7 RM Residential Multi-family zoning district. *(Planning Commission and Staff Recommends Withdrawal)*

Director Alston led the discussion. He advised Mayor and Council that he would like to defer this item until this goes in front of the Planning Commission.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Jones and seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council agreed to withdraw this item. Vote was unanimous.

- B. A **Public Hearing** for Council to consider the submittal of a request for a city-initiated text amendment to amend the City of Union City Zoning Ordinance Article V General Provision. *(Planning Commission and Staff Recommends Withdrawal)*

Director Alston led the discussion. He advised Mayor and Council that he would like to defer this item until this goes in front of the Planning Commission.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing and seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites and carried, Council agreed to withdraw this item. Vote was unanimous.

- C. A **Public Hearing** for Council to consider the submittal of a request for a city-initiated text amendment to amend the City of Union City Zoning Ordinance Article VI District Regulation for Childcare Learning Centers and Group Day Care Homes. *(Planning Commission and Staff Recommends Withdrawal)*

Director Alston led the discussion. He advised Mayor and Council that he would like to defer this item until this goes in front of the Planning Commission.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs and seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council agreed to withdraw this item. Vote was unanimous.

- D. A **Public Hearing** for Council to consider the submittal of a request for a city-initiated text amendment to amend the City of Union City Zoning Ordinance Article III Interpretation and Definitions. *(Planning Commission and Staff Recommends Withdrawal)*

Director Alston led the discussion. He advised Mayor and Council that he would like to defer this item until this goes in front of the Planning Commission.

On motion of Councilmember Owens-Twaites and seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council agreed to withdraw this item. Vote was unanimous.

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

XIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments by Councilmember Mealing:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Employees for coming out
- Representative Kim Schofield for coming and for Union City becoming a Purple Heart City.
- Union City book mobile- Glad to see students learning
- Pathway to Prosperity event.
- The Center Ribbon cutting. This will be a great resource center for the community.
- Union City Retreat
- Celebration of Juneteenth was great.
- Acknowledged student interns.
- Acknowledged summer camp

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for coming out.

Comments by Councilmember Hobbs:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Representative Kim Schofield for coming and for Union City becoming a Purple Heart City.
- Sharon Williams for coming and her recommendations.

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- Thanked staff who worked the city retreat.
- Please stay hydrated and check on your neighbors.
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Comments by Councilmember Owens-Twaites:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Grady Center coming to Union City
- Literacy Program
- Project Lit-working with teens on financial literacy and
- Looking forward to learning a lot at the Conference this week

Remarks:

- Thanked team for all of the running around that was done on Saturday.
- Thanked those involved in the book mobile.

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Jones:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Fathers for all that they do.
- Acknowledged the Turf Field process.

Remarks:

- Thanked the staff for all they do.

Comments by Mayor Williams:

Congratulatory acknowledgements and remarks extended to:

- Acknowledged Councilwoman Owens-Twaites for leading the literacy program.
- Representative Kim Schofield for coming.
- Staff for coming.

Remarks:

- Extended condolences to Mayor Pro Tem Jones in the loss of his stepfather.
- Thanked Mrs. Williams for coming out.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council adjourned the meeting. Vote was unanimous.