

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

7:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Vince R. Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Brian K. Jones
Councilmember Angelette Mealing
Councilmember Dr. Christina Hobbs
Councilmember Dr. Lawanna Owens-Twaites
City Attorney – Dennis Davenport
City Manager – Sonja Fillingame
Assistant City Manager – Tarsha Calloway
City Clerk – Darryl J. Terry, II

Present:

Deputy City Clerk – Sharday Freeman
Court Services Director – Shenika Wright
Police Chief – Cassandra Jones
Public Services Director – Lonnie Ferguson
Human Resources Director - Brittany Sainnatus
Operations Director - Cindy Givens
Fire Chief – Joe Maddox
Finance Comptroller – Britney Gordon

Absent:

Community Development Director – Tony Alston

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The invocation was given by Minister Gavin Lane.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites and carried Council approved the agenda. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

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

No comments were made

V. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- A **Proclamation** in recognition of the Veritas Debate Institute for winning the 2024 Harvard Debate Series Championship, and for other purposes.
- Acknowledgement & Recognition of the Employee of the Month for July – Daniel Perez
- Acknowledgement & Recognition of the Employee of the Month for August – Re'yana Henry
- Ceremonial Swearing-In of Union City City Clerk – City Clerk Darryl J. Terry, II was sworn in by Judge Ronald J. Freeman

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

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 07/16/2024.
- B. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 07/16/24.
- C. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Budget Workshop Minutes dated 07/29/2024.
- D. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with The Corbett Group, LLC for LMIG SAP (2023) Improvements (RFB-PS-24-06 REBID).
- E. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Baldwin Paving Company, Inc. for Grading, Drainage & Paving of McClure Road (RFB-PS-24-07).
- F. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with The Corbett Group LLC for Gateway Park (RFB-PS-24-10)
- G. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Courtware Solutions, Inc.
- H. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with GFL Environmental, Inc. for Residential Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Recycling services.
- I. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Georgia Waste Systems, LLC dba Waste Management for Commercial Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Recycling services.
- J. A **Resolution** to reaffirm the commitment of Union City to the Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water and Sewer Authority, and for other purposes.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites, Council approved consent agenda. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

- A. A **Public Hearing** for Council to approve the submittal of a request for an alcoholic beverage license application submitted by Nikita Nainesh Patel for package sales of malt and vinous liquor for Shannon Food Mart, 6810 Shannon Parkway Suite G1, Union City, GA 30291.

Finance Comptroller Britney Gordon led the discussion.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:22 P.M.

No comments were made

The Public Hearing closed at 7:23 P.M.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing, and carried, Council approved this item. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

- 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 VI Section 6-7 RM Residential Multi-family zoning district. (Planning Commission and Staff Recommends Approval)

Senior Planner Jeremy McNeil led the discussion.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:37 P.M.

No comments were made

The Public Hearing closed at 7:38 P.M.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing, and carried, Council approved this item. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

- 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 Approval)

Assistant Community Development Director Janna Keller led the discussion.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:48 P.M.

No comments were made

The Public Hearing closed at 7:49 P.M.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing, and carried, Council approved the item amending letter "e" by removing all words after "surrounding neighborhoods". Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

- 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 Approval)

Senior Planner Jeremy McNeil led the discussion.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:52 P.M.

No comments were made

The Public Hearing closed at 7:53 P.M.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites, and carried, Council approved this item. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

X. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

No items listed

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Acknowledged and thanked Council and Staff for their well wishes on her speedy recovery

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Davenport informed the Council that the City has entered into an agreement with the owner of Parcel 10 on Mall Blvd to purchase the 1.2 acres for \$425,000.00 and the City is set to close on Aug. 29, 2024. Attorney Davenport requested an action by the Council.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites, and carried, Council approved this item. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

City Attorney Davenport informed the Council that the City is set to close on Parcel 8 and Parcel 11 on September 23, 2024 and will spend \$900,000.00. Attorney Davenport stated that each parcel consists of 1.2 acres. Attorney Davenport requested an action by the Council.

On motion of Councilmember Owens-Twaites, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs, and carried, Council approved this item. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

XIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments from Councilmember Hobbs:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Thanked UC Staff for their hard work
- Shared congratulations with the employees of the month for July and August
- Shared congratulations with and welcome to new City Clerk Darryl J. Terry, II
- Shared congratulations with Veritas Debate Institute for winning the 2024 Harvard Debate Series Championship

Remarks:

- Acknowledged Light Up the Night and stated Ronald Bridges Park was a great venue to host it
- Thanked Director Ferguson for erection of Purple Heart signage
- Thanked State Representative Kim Schofield for attending the Purple Heart Ceremony
- Thanked Director Ferguson and Public Services for landscaping improvements around City Hall
- Welcomed the Independent Electrical Contractors Apprentice Program to Union City
- Extended condolences to the immediate family of Sergeant Mike Fitzpatrick of UC Fire

Comments from Councilmember Mealing:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Thanked UC Staff for their hard work

- Shared congratulations with Veritas Debate Institute for winning the 2024 Harvard Debate Series Championship

Comments from Councilmember Owens-Twaites:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Thanked UC Staff for their hard work
- Shared congratulations with Mayor Williams new Assistant Kwinton McMillian
- Thanked residents and constituents for attending the meeting

Comments from Mayor Pro Tem Jones:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Thanked UC Staff for their hard work
- Shared congratulations with Veritas Debate Institute for winning the 2024 Harvard Debate Series Championship

Remarks:

- Acknowledged Judge Freeman and an event he attended where Judge Freeman was recognized for work he has conducted regarding Alzheimer's research
- Welcomed Parks and Recreation Director Lee Blich back to America from his travel abroad

Comments from Mayor Williams:

Mayor Williams requested a moment of silence for the loss of Sergeant Mike Fitzpatrick of UC Fire

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Thanked UC Staff for their hard work
- Shared excitement for and congratulations with his new Assistant Kwinton McMillian
- Thanked residents and constituents for attending the meeting

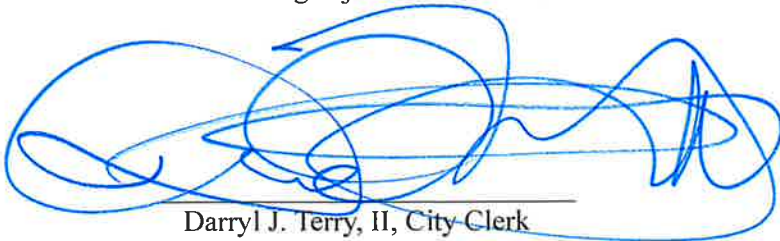
Remarks:

- Acknowledged the success of the Union City Literacy Program created by the Council
- Acknowledged that Union City has exempted property tax collection for seniors 65 and over
- Discussed the need for a blight tax in Union City due to absentee and negligent land owners and informed the Council that he has instructed the Clerk to draft an ordinance to that effect

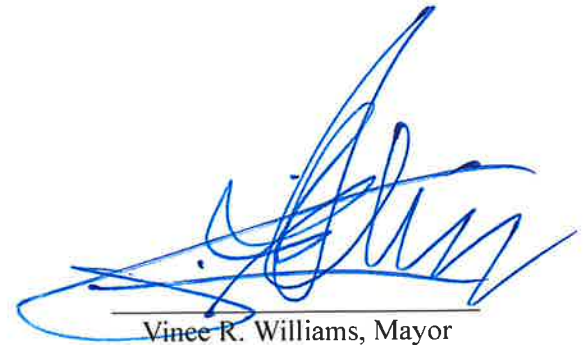
XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Jones, and seconded by Councilwoman Hobbs, and carried, Council adjourned the meeting. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.



Darryl J. Terry, II, City Clerk



Vinee R. Williams, Mayor