

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

7:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

5047 Union Street, Union City, Georgia 30291

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor Vince R. Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Brian 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

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
Community Development Director – Tony Alston

Absent:

Finance Comptroller – Britney Gordon

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 Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites and carried Council approved the agenda. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (2 Minutes Per Speaker):

Dejon Smith spoke in reference to his service as an employee of the Public Services Department.

V. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

A **Proclamation** in recognition of Union City Reads Day, and for other purposes.

A **Proclamation** in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, and for other purposes.

A **Proclamation** in recognition of Fire Prevention Month, and for other purposes.

Acknowledgement & Recognition of the Employee of the Month for September

Kiesha Martinez of the Public Services Department was recognized as the Employee of the Month.

VI. 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 Meeting Minutes dated August 20, 2024.
- B. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated August 20, 2024.
- C. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the 1st Millage Rate Public Hearing Meeting Minutes dated August 21, 2024.
- D. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Presentation Meeting Minutes dated August 21, 2024.
- E. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the 2nd Millage Rate Public Hearing Meeting Minutes dated August 21, 2024.
- F. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the 3rd Millage Rate Public Hearing Meeting Minutes dated August 28, 2024.
- G. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Millage Rate and Budget Adoption Meeting Minutes dated August 28, 2024.
- H. Council to approve the submittal of a request to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Coweta County, GA and Union City, GA regarding EMS Clinical Education.
- I. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with Complete Site, LLC for renovations and construction of Millennium Park (RFB-PS-24-11), consisting of construction of a trail system with boardwalks, a pavilion, event area, restrooms, associated parking and right of way.
- J. An **Ordinance** to amend Chapter 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places) of the Union City Code of Ordinances; to amend Article VI (Food Truck Vending on Public Property) to establish regulations for food trucks on private property, and for other purposes.

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Manager Fillingame discussed the groundbreaking for Veterans Park on September 26, 2024.
- City Manager Fillingame applauded Director Givens and her team on the success of the Art Show.

- City Manager Fillingame thanked Director Ferguson, City Clerk Terry, Atlas, and the Public Services team for all of their hard work with the renovations of the Council Chamber.

IX. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Davenport informed the Mayor and Council about a potential donation of 9.25 acres of land.

On motion of Councilmember Owens-Twaites, seconded by Councilmember Mealing, the Council approved the execution of a deed for property located in the City of Union City and the City of South Fulton. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

City Attorney Davenport informed the Mayor and Council about the need to allow access to the Choate Construction Company to relocate and move fill dirt on the aforementioned property.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, the Council approved an agreement with the Choate Construction Company to relocate and move fill dirt on the property. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

City Attorney Davenport requested approval of the Executive Session Minutes for August 20, 2024.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, the Council approved the Executive Session Minutes from August 20, 2024. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

City Attorney Davenport requested approval for the extension of the contract for Municipal Court Judge Ronald J. Freeman, Sr. for three (3) additional years and to increase his salary from \$96,000.00 to \$108,000.00, to be effective upon passage.

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites, the Council approved a renewal of the contract for Municipal Court Judge Ronald J. Freeman, Sr. through September 17, 2027 with the aforementioned increase. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

X. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Comments from Councilmember Hobbs:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Congratulated Employee of the Month Kiesha Martinez
- Acknowledged Director Givens, the Operations Department, and all of their hard work
- Acknowledged Fire Chief Maddox and the Fire & EMS Department for their hard work

Remarks:

- Thanked UC Staff for all of their hard work
- Discussed the importance of Union City recognizing Literacy Day
- Discussed the importance of Union City recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month
- Discussed her anticipation and excitement for National Night Out and Homecoming Week
- Thanked Rashaun Kemp for attending the meeting

Comments from Councilmember Mealing:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Congratulated Employee of the Month Kiesha Martinez
- Acknowledged Director Alston, the Community Development Department, and all of their hard work on zoning related matters
- Acknowledged Director Givens, the Operations Department, and all of their hard work on the Union City Art Show

Remarks:

- Thanked UC Staff for all of their hard work

- Discussed the importance of Union City recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month
- Discussed the importance of Union City recognizing Literacy Day
- Requested prayer for the country, state, city, and students in school
- Thanked Rashaun Kemp for attending the meeting

Comments from Councilmember Owens-Twaites:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Congratulated Employee of the Month Kiesha Martinez
- Acknowledged Director Givens, the Operations Department, and all of their hard work on the Union City Art Show
- Acknowledged Director Ferguson and the Public Services team for all of their hard work on the maintenance and beautification of public spaces surrounding City Hall and around the City
- Acknowledged Assistant City Manager Calloway for her work on the FY 2025 Budget
- Acknowledged the hiring of the incoming Marketing Specialist, Josette Berksteiner

Remarks:

- Thanked UC residents for attending the meeting
- Thanked UC Staff for all of their hard work
- Discussed the importance of Union City recognizing Literacy Day
- Thanked Rashaun Kemp for attending the meeting

Comments from Mayor Pro Tem Jones:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Congratulated Employee of the Month Kiesha Martinez

Remarks:

- Thanked UC Staff for all of their hard work
- Discussed the importance of Union City recognizing Literacy Day
- Discussed the importance of reading in schools and at home
- Discussed his anticipation and excitement for the groundbreaking of Veterans Park

Comments from Mayor Williams:

Congratulatory remarks and acknowledgments extended to:

- Held a moment of silence in remembrance of Firefighter Mike Fitzpatrick
- Congratulated Employee of the Month Kiesha Martinez
- Acknowledged Director Givens, the Operations Department, and all of their hard work on the Union City Art Show


Remarks:

- Thanked UC Staff for all of their hard work
- Thanked Rashaun Kemp for attending the meeting
- Discussed his anticipation and excitement for the groundbreaking of Veterans Park
- Discussed his anticipation and excitement for the Blight Press Conference
- Expressed concerns related to the maintenance and cleanliness of Shannon Parkway
- Discussed his excitement for Union City being named Georgia's fastest growing city and for becoming the nation's fourth (4th) fastest growing city.
- Discussed his anticipation and excitement for the continuation of the Citizens Academy.

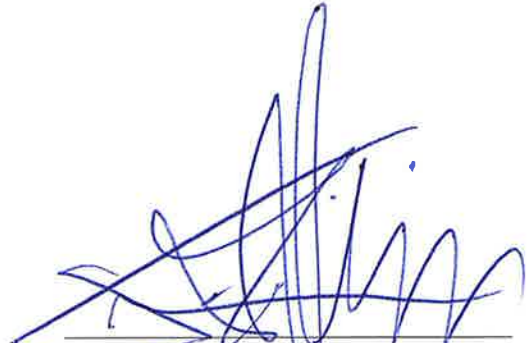
XI. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Hobbs, and seconded by Councilmember Mealing, the Council adjourned the meeting. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.



Darryl J. Terry, II, City Clerk



Vince R. Williams, Mayor