

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 16, 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
Public Services Director – Lonnie Ferguson
Human Resources Director – Brittany Sainnatus
Operations Director – Cindy Givens
Interim City Clerk – Sharday Freeman

Absent:

Finance Comptroller – Britney Gordon
Park & Recreations Director - Lee Blitch

Fire Chief – Joe Maddox
Police Chief – Cassandra Jones

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Mayor Vince R. Williams

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites and carried, Council changed item B under Old Business to B1 and added item B2 under Old Business and added Item A under New Business. Vote was unanimous.

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

V. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Acknowledgement & Recognition of the Employee of the Month
This item was held until next month.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter a Memorandum of Agreement with Clayton County Government.

-Director Ferguson presented.

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

- B1. 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.

-Director Givens presented and stated that the amount requested is \$858,488.00.

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

- B2. Council to approve the submittal of a request to move \$478,979.10 from the ARPA Small Business grant to the funding for the Veterans Parkway Project.

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

- C. A **Public Hearing** for Council to consider the submittal for a request to rezone 48.29 +/- acre tract of land Parcel ID: 09F210100880087, 09F170200751242, 09F170200750012, 09F170100744685, 09F170100742382 on property zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development) to create a new PUD (Planned Unit Development) with an underlying R-6 Zoning District, generally located east of Vickers Rd. and approximately 150 feet from Hwy 92 to construct 105 single family dwelling units.

Janna Keller presented.

Director Alston added to the presentation.

Janna Keller continued the presentation.

Petitioner Michelle MaCauley presented.

Councilwoman Hobbs expressed her concerns regarding the elevations and asked if the petitioner had any other elevations to show

Petitioner stated no

Councilwoman Hobbs expressed her displeasure with the Robie styled home because it has no front windows.

Petitioner stated that having a Robie home allows for a mixed style of homes.

Councilwoman Mealing asked if it was possible not to have the Robie style home in the community and she also wanted to ask about the proximity of the dog park to the playground.

Petitioner stated that the dog park is near the playground and that it will be a leashed dog park

Councilwoman Mealing expressed her concerns regarding an incident with a dog and a child and a child being attacked by a dog.

Petitioner stated that D.R. Horton does have the ability to add a fence to the area.

Councilwoman Mealing stated that she would prefer a fence to separate the dogs from the children.

Councilwoman Owens-Twaites asked if there is a 10% rental cap on the developer.

Petitioner stated that these homes will be sold and these are not rental homes

Councilwoman Owens-Twaites asked about the square footage of the amenity area.

Petitioner stated that she is not sure but roughly it is the same size as a lot.

Councilwoman Owens-Twaites asked about parking spots spacing.

Petitioner stated that she is not sure.

Councilwoman Owens-Twaites asked about the price point.

Petitioner stated that it will be market rate but it will be in the low 400s.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked what is a non-chain fence.

Petitioner stated that it would be a wood fence or a rod iron fence.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones requested that someone speak with GDOT about placing a traffic light at the intersection of 138.

Councilmember Mealing asked if the fencing will be vinyl

Petitioner stated that Director Alston will be able to have the final say about what the fence will look like.

Public Hearing Opened

Bryant Burns, 6193 Tennis Dr. Fairburn, Ga expressed his opposition to this project.

Ms. Levinia Jackson expressed her opposition to this item.

Mr. Lewis, 5197 Redtop Loop, stated that he is not against the development, but safety comes first and he is concerned about the wildlife in the area.

Petitioner addressed the concerns of the citizens.

Councilwoman Mealing asked if conversations have been had on the good faith effort in relation to the easement portion.

Petitioner stated yes they have had discussions with the property owners

Councilmember Mealing asked how many property owners

Petitioner answered 2

Councilmember Mealing asked if those conversations were positive

Petitioner answered yes

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked about the site plan appearing to have a cul-de-sac in the middle

Petitioner stated that it is a traffic calming device in order to slow traffic down.

Councilwoman Owens-Twaites asked about the two owners that petitioner speaking with not deciding to move forward

Petitioner stated that D.R.Horton has not entered into an agreement since this property is not entitled but it is an easement and they have to grant it unless the city chooses to condemn it.

Councilwoman Mealing asked if a conversation regarding the traffic concern been had with DOT regarding this development.

Director Alston answered no

Councilwoman Mealing stated that the board is very concerned about safety.

Councilwoman Hobbs commented that when you are asking for low 400,000.00 for the property the Robie is not acceptable.

Petitioner stated that this is just what was discussed

Councilwoman Hobbs stated that she will not agree with the Robie

Councilwoman Owens-Twaites stated that she does not agree with it either and that she does not believe that people should have to settle for a home that does not even offer any windows in the front of the home and she feels that it is an insult to the community

Petitioner stated that the Robie home is actually a bigger home

Councilwoman Owens-Twaites stated that we were given 7 elevations and we are asking that they remove one

Petitioner stated that she is not authorized to do that.

Councilmember Mealing asked if it was possible for petitioner to go back to D.R. Horton to ask if they will consider dropping that particular style

Jack Hovis with D.R. Horton stated that the Robie is one of their top sellers and that they can look at possibly changing the front elevation.

Mayor Williams stated that the body is asking to change the front elevation to give more openness and a window view.

David Ball, 6141 Rex Mill Dr, expressed his opposition to this.

Petitioner stated that D.R. Horton's concern is safety and that they want to perform a second point of access.

Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Williams ensured the community that this body is concerned about safety issues and will do all that they can to ensure the safety of the community.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council approved this item with the 11 conditions. 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 06/18/2024.
- B. Council to accept the submittal of a request to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 06/18/2024.
- C. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter an Indemnification, Maintenance, and Land Use Agreement for Private Improvement with Fulton County
- D. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter an agreement with Georgia Power's Electric Transportation Make Ready Program
- E. Council to accept the submittal of a request to update the schedule of fees outlined in Resolution 2014-7 pertaining to services provided by the fire department to insurance companies.
- F. Council to approve the submittal of a request to enter into an agreement with The Corbett Group, LLC for Veterans Park (RFB-PS-24-09)

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council approved items A through F. Vote was unanimous.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Council to accept the submittal of the appointment of the new City Clerk Darryl Terry.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council appointed Darryl Terry as the new City Clerk for Union City. Vote was unanimous.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

X. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. The Atlanta Regional Commission 2024 Regional Excellence Award Nominations Update. Director Ferguson stated that they have submitted the adoption of The Union Station Multi Use Trail and The Union Station Greenline for the Visionary Award and are in hopes to receive this award.

City Manager Fillingame welcomed Mr. Terry to the team and thanked Mrs. Freeman for standing in the gap.

City Manager Fillingame also discussed the upcoming Light Up the Night event.

City Manager Fillingame informed Mayor & Council that we received a Art Grant

Assistant City Manager Callaway thanked Vivian Lett for all her hard work and informed Mayor and Council that she will be leaving the team.

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

XIII. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Hobbs:

- Thanked everyone for coming out
- Thanked the staff for all of the events throughout the summer
- Thanked Community Development for their work
- Thanked Mrs. Freeman for stepping in.

- Welcomed Mr. Terry back to the team
- Told everyone to be mindful of the weather and to stay hydrated.

Councilmember Mealing:

- Welcomed Mr. Terry back
- Thanked Mrs. Freeman for her work
- Thanked Community Development for everything
- Gave Kudos to Fire & Police for everything that they do.
- Thanked Parks & Rec for their hard work
- Acknowledged the hard work for Operations
- Thanked HR for hiring some good people to come and work for the city
- Thanked Public Works for their hard work.

Councilmember Owens-Twaites

- Thanked everyone for coming
- Acknowledged the busy summer
- Acknowledged the book mobile
- Acknowledged the Employee Appreciation Day
- Stated that she had fun at the Senior Events
- Acknowledged Mayor Pro Tem Jones birthday

Mayor Pro Tem Jones:

- Acknowledged Marcom for the great job that they are doing
- Wished the teachers and students a successful year
- Acknowledged his 46th birthday

Mayor Williams:

- Addressed the concerns of the community with the new housing project and informed the residents that we will work with the petitioner to ensure the community's safety.
- Congratulated everyone at the meeting and stated that they all are superheroes.
- Thanked Community Development for their hard work and charged them with making sure that we are focusing on elevating the fees that we are charging.
- Discussed his visit to Fulton County to discuss concerns about the jail
- Informed everyone that Fulton County unanimously voted 7 to 0 in support of the \$19M Grady facility.
- Discussed the rise of homelessness in Union City.
- Thanked everyone for coming
- Thanked Darryl for joining the team

-Thanked Mrs. Freeman for her work

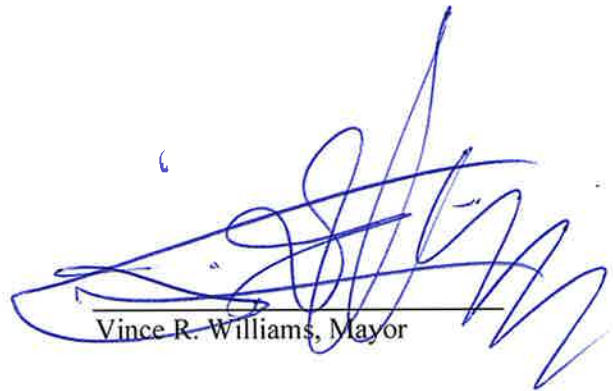
-Thanked Vivian for her time with Union City

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs and carried, Council adjourned the meeting. Vote was unanimous.


Sharday Freeman, Deputy City Clerk


Vince R. Williams, Mayor