



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

Honorable Vince R. Williams, Mayor, *Presiding*
Honorable Angelette Mealing, Mayor Pro Tem
Honorable Christina Hobbs, Council Member
Honorable Brian K. Jones, Council Member
Honorable Lawanna Owens-Twaites, Council Member

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Vince R. Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Angelette Mealing
Councilmember Lawanna Owens-Twaites
Councilmember Christina Hobbs
Councilmember Brian Jones
City Attorney – Dennis Davenport
City Manager – Sonja Fillingame
Assistant City Manager – Tarsha Calloway
City Clerk – Sharday Freeman

Finance Comptroller – Britney Gordon
Human Resources Director – Brittany Harris
Operations Director – Cindy Givens
Police Chief – Cassandra Jones
Fire Chief – Joe Maddox
IT – Jim Moore

Absent:

Parks & Recreation Director – Lee Blitch

Public Services Director – Lonnie Ferguson

Community Development Director – Nina Shabazz

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Invocation completed by Min. Gavin Lane

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

IV. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- A. An Acknowledgement of Employee of the Month for February
Cheronda Brown was recognized as Employee of the Month for February.

- B. A Proclamation in recognition of Government Communicators Day
- C. A Proclamation in Honor of Black History Month
- D. A Presentation of EMLI Cohorts

V. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Karolen Mazyck, 5638 Liberty Rd., spoke regarding safety issues in the community.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. An Action of the Governing Authority to appoint and swear-in an individual to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission board.
On motion of Councilmember Hobbs seconded by Councilmember Jones, the Council appointed Booker T. Washington to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board. Vote was 4-0. Booker T. Washington was sworn in by Attorney Dennis Davenport.

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. An Action of the Governing Authority to amend the charter to move the organizational meeting of the Mayor and Council to December instead of January.
- B. An Action of the Governing Authority to approve the submittal of a request to enter a Memorandum of Agreement for the Development of the South Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- C. An Action of the Governing Authority to approve the submittal of a request to adopt the State of Georgia Department of Transportation Procurement Policy for The Procurement, Management and Administration of Engineering and Design Related Consultant Services and to adopt a Resolution Implementing its Policy for Competitive Negotiations Qualifications-Based Selection for Projects using Federal Aid Highway Program (FAHP) Funding; Providing for the Public Health, Safety and Welfare; and for Other Purposes
- D. An Action of the Governing Authority to accept the submittal of a request to adopt the updated classification and compensation salary scale and authorize the implementation pay adjustments.
- E. An Action of the Governing Authority to approve the Work Session Minutes from January 20, 2026.
- F. An Action of the Governing Authority to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2026.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Mealing seconded by Councilmember Owens-Twaites, the Council approved the Consent agenda. Vote was 4-0.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING:

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Fillingame thanked Mayor and Council for approving the Comp Study and she also thanked Director Harris and Assistant City Manager Calloway for their hard work with this study.

X. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dennis Davenport confirmed that the next meeting will take place on March 24, 2026 instead of March 17, 2026.

XI. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember Owens-Twaites:

Congratulatory acknowledgment extended to:
-EMLI Graduates

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for joining
- Discussed Women's Empowerment Luncheon
- Discussed South Fulton Municipal Association Meeting
- Discussed South Metro Development Outlook Meeting
- Acknowledged the Coffee with a Cop
- Recognized Lonnie and his team and discussed the trail across from Publix
- Discussed excitement about what's to come with DDA
- Acknowledged the suggestions given to handle the crime in the area
- Encouraged everyone to follow Union City on social media
- Discussed the upcoming MARTA meeting

Councilmember Jones:

Congratulatory acknowledgement extended to:

- Employee of the Month
- EMLI Graduates

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for coming
- Discussed his insight from the South Fulton Municipal Association Meeting and the South Metro Development Outlook Meeting in regards to what is going on in other cities.
- Acknowledged the Sneaker Ball
- Discussed the upcoming Marta meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Mealing:

Congratulatory acknowledgement extended to:

- Booker T. Washington
- Employee of the Month
- Her nephew on being the salutatorian at Global Impact

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for coming
- Discussed importance of Home Ownership
- Acknowledged Fire Department and discussed her ride along with them
- Encouraged HOA to partner with Police Department about safety concerns

Councilmember Hobbs:

Congratulatory acknowledgement extended to:

- Employee of the Month
- EMLI Graduates

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for coming
- Thanked staff
- Acknowledged Coach Blitch and Staff for the Sneaker Ball
- Acknowledged Chief Maddox
- Welcomed Senior Plan Devesh Doobay
- Acknowledged Finance Professionals
- Acknowledged Black History Month
- Extended Condolences to the family of Jesse Jackson

Mayor Vince R. Williams:

Congratulatory acknowledgement extended to:

- EMLI Graduates
- Chief Maddox

Remarks:

- Thanked everyone for coming
- Acknowledged Coffee with a Cop
- Thanked colleagues for meeting with him individually
- Acknowledged the South Metro Development Outlook Conference
- Acknowledged the Sneaker Ball
- Thanked Booker T. Washington
- Discussed the promise of the other applicants fulfilling another role
- Discussed the importance of crime
- Discussed the current House Bill issues

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.