



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

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

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Present:

Finance Comptroller – Britney Gordon
Public Services Director – Lonnie Ferguson
Human Resources Director – Brittany Sainnatus
Operations Director – Cindy Givens
Police Chief – Cassandra Jones
Court Services Director – Shenika Wright
Fire Chief – Joe Maddox
Parks & Recreation Director – Lee Blitch
IT – Jim Moore
Community Development Director – Nina Shabazz

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Invocation given by Min. Gavin Lane

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing, the Council approved the agenda with amendment to remove the Public Hearing items. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: (2 minutes per person)

- Bolaji Cole, 9518 Lakeview Rd, spoke regarding his concerns about the meetings for the data center being cancelled and suggested other things to bring to the community.

- Patricia Christian, 4042 Ravenwood Ct, thanked Councilmember Mealing and Mayor Pro Tem Owens-Twaites for helping with the clean up on Highpoint Rd.
- Neryanda Mitchell Hall, 5090 Alexander Ave., spoke regarding real estate fraud with the property adjacent to her property.
- Linda Morrison, 7347 Red Oak Rd, spoke regarding her concerns about the data centers being placed in the community, also her concerns about traffic flow at 138 and Buffington Rd., also the lack of patrol.
- Dorothy Collins Simpson, 5173 Highpoint Rd., spoke regarding the city's current limitations in terms of the infrastructure and resources required to support the development of a data center.
- Phyllis Murray-Smith, 2040 MeadowGlen Cir. Spoke regarding the death of her granddaughter who was hit by a hit and run at 4300 Flat Shoals Rd., and spoke about her concerns about placing more lights on this road.

V. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- A Proclamation in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- An Acknowledgement in recognition of Employee of the Month for October.

Eric Staples was recognized as Employee of the Month for October.

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. An Action of the Governing Authority to adopt a resolution approving the 2025 Union City Comprehensive Plan.
- B. A Resolution of the Governing Authority to designate the terms for the current members of the Planning Commission.
- C. An Action of the Governing Authority to review an agreement between Life Safety Inspection Vault LLC and the Union City Fire Department.
- D. An action of the Governing Authority to approve the submittal of a request to approve an agreement with Manhattan Construction Company as the company to provide services for the Reimagine Park Construction Manager at Risk project. (RFP-PS-25-02)
- E. An Action of the Governing Authority to approve a request submitted by Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC for a 3% rate increase for professional engineering services.
- F. An Action of the Governing Authority to accept the submittal of a request to enter into an Agreement with Motorola Solutions.
- G. An Action of the Governing Authority to approve the submittal of a request to adopt the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
- H. An Action of the Governing Authority to review the Work Session minutes dated September 16, 2025.
- I. An Action of the Governing Authority to review the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated September 16, 2025.

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

VII. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

- A. A **Public Hearing** to review an application submitted by Douglas Brent Benson Enterprise LLC, to rezone approximately 3.03 acres of land from the GC (General Commercial) zoning district to the TCMU (Town Center Mixed Use) zoning district to allow for the development of a proposed 80-unit townhome community on this parcel and adjacent parcels. The subject property is located at 0 Jonesboro Road, Union City, GA 30349. (Parcel ID: 09F160200650148)
This item was removed.
- B. A **Public Hearing** to review an application submitted by Douglas Brent Benson Enterprise LLC, to rezone approximately 4.32 acres of land from the RM (Residential Multifamily) zoning district to the TCMU (Town Center Mixed Use) zoning district to allow for the development of a proposed 80-unit townhome community on this parcel and adjacent parcels. The subject property is located at 0 Jonesboro Road, Union City, GA 30349. (Parcel ID: 09F160200650627)
This item was removed.
- C. A **Public Hearing** to review an application submitted by Douglas Brent Benson Enterprise LLC, to rezone approximately 0.42 acres of land from the R-3 (Single-Family Residential District) zoning district to the TCMU (Town Center Mixed Use) zoning district to allow for the development of a proposed 80-unit townhome community on this parcel and adjacent parcels. The subject property is located at 0 Jonesboro Road, Union City, GA 30349. (Parcel ID: 09F160200650619)
This item was removed.
- D. A **Public Hearing** to review an application submitted by Douglas Brent Benson Enterprise LLC, to rezone approximately 0.99 acres of land from the R-3 (Single-Family Residential District) zoning district to the TCMU (Town Center Mixed Use) zoning district to allow for the development of a proposed 80-unit townhome community on this parcel and adjacent parcels. The subject property is located at 5180 Jonesboro Road, Union City, GA 30349. (Parcel ID: 09F160200650361)
This item was removed.
- E. A **Public Hearing** to review an application submitted by TA Realty LLC c/o The Galloway Law Group, LLC to rezone property owned by Bright Star Commercial Properties, LLC, from the GC (General Commercial District) to the OI (Office Institutional District) for the purpose of combining with adjacent properties for the development of a data center. The property consists of +/- 9.193 acres and is located east of Buffington Road and north of Jonesboro Road at 0, 7000, and 7170 Red Oak Road, Union City, GA 30291 (comprising part of the western portion of Parcel ID: 09F130000590992, part of the western portion of Parcel ID: 09F130000591388, and part of the southwestern portion of Parcel ID: 09F130000591305). The property consists of those portions of the aforementioned parcels that are identified as Parcel D on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Commission at its June 30, 2025, meeting.
This item was removed.
- F. A **Public Hearing** to review an application submitted by TA Realty LLC c/o The Galloway Law Group, LLC to rezone property owned by Bright Star Commercial Properties, LLC, from the PUD (Planned Unit Development) to the OI (Office Institutional District) for the

purpose of combining with adjacent properties for the development of a data center. The property consists of +/- 58.212 acres and is located east of Buffington Road and north of Jonesboro Road at 0 Red Oak Road, Union City, GA 30291 (comprising Parcel ID: 09F130000591370, Parcel ID: 09F130000591396, Parcel ID: 09F130000591404, the northern and eastern portions of Parcel ID: 09F130000591305, the eastern portion of Parcel ID: 09F130000591388, and the eastern portion of Parcel ID: 09F130000590992). The property consists of all those portions of the aforementioned parcels that are currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development) and which are identified as Parcel E on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Commission at its June 30, 2025, meeting.

This item was removed.

- G. A **Public Hearing** to review an application submitted by TA Realty LLC c/o The Galloway Law Group, LLC to rezone property owned by Bright Star Commercial Properties, LLC, from the PUD (Planned Unit Development) to the OI (Office Institutional District) for the purpose of combining with adjacent properties for the development of a data center. The property consists of +/- 58.212 acres and is located east of Buffington Road and north of Jonesboro Road at 0 Red Oak Road, Union City, GA 30291 (comprising Parcel ID: 09F130000591370, Parcel ID: 09F130000591396, Parcel ID: 09F130000591404, the northern and eastern portions of Parcel ID: 09F130000591305, the eastern portion of Parcel ID: 09F130000591388, and the eastern portion of Parcel ID: 09F130000590992). The property consists of all those portions of the aforementioned parcels that are currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development) and which are identified as Parcel E on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Commission at its June 30, 2025, meeting.

This item was removed.

- H. A **Public Hearing** to review an application submitted by TA Realty LLC c/o The Galloway Law Group, LLC to rezone property owned by Bright Star Commercial Properties, LLC, from the GC (General Commercial District) to the OI (Office Institutional District) for the purpose of combining with adjacent properties for the development of a data center. The property consists of +/- 0.381 acres and is located east of Buffington Road and north of Jonesboro Road at 0 Buffington Road, Union City, GA 30291 (comprising the northern portion of Parcel ID: 09F130000580720). The property consists of that portion of the aforementioned parcel that is identified as Parcel A on an exemption plat approved on June 30, 2025 by the Department of Community Development.

This item was removed.

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Comments:

- Acknowledged the team for all of their hard work with all of the events that have occurred.
- Thanked Mayor and Council for their support.

IX. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Owens-Twaites, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the Council approved the Executive Session Minutes dated September 16, 2025. Vote was unanimous, 4-0.

X. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember Hobbs:

Congratulatory acknowledgements extended to:

- Employee of the Month of October Eric Staples.

Remarks:

- Thanked staff for their hard work.
- Emphasized the importance of regularly conducting self-examinations as part of breast cancer awareness and early detection efforts.
- Encouraged citizens to vote

Councilmember Mealing:

Congratulatory acknowledgements extended to:

- Employee of the Month of October Eric Staples.

Remarks:

- Discussed her excitement for the events that have taken place.
- Discussed her excitement for the clean-up on Highpoint Rd.
- Encouraged everyone to pray for the Federal workers and the nation
- Encouraged everyone to vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Owens-Twaites:

Congratulatory acknowledgements extended to:

- Employee of the Month of October Eric Staples.

Remarks:

- Discussed the importance of Civic Engagement
- Discussed the importance of voting and the different things that are on the ballot.
- Proposed a moratorium on data centers for the next 100 days to examine the ramifications to protect the health, safety, and welfare, of the city's residents and businesses.
- Discussed the zoning changes she requested, specifically regarding the reduction of additional package stores and ensuring adherence to the Roosevelt Highway overlay in relation to Buy Here Pay Here car lots.

Councilmember Jones:

Congratulatory acknowledgements extended to:

- Employee of the Month of October Eric Staples.

Remarks:

- Discussed the new health care facility, Concentra, opening in Union City
- Discussed excitement about Pinktober
- Thanked Staff for their hard work.

Mayor Vince R. Williams:

Congratulatory acknowledgements extended to:

- Employee of the Month of October Eric Staples

Remarks:

- Welcomed new Community Development Director Nina Shabazz.
- Discussed the Highpoint Rd clean up

- Addressed the concerns of Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Owens-Twaites

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.