

UNION CITY  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Vince Williams, Councilmembers Brian Jones, Shayla Nealy, Angelette Mealing, and Christina Hobbs; City Attorney, Dennis Davenport; City Manager, Sonja Fillingame; and Interim City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett

Staff Present: Tarsha Calloway - Finance Director, Rhonda Jones – Human Resource Manager, Lonnie Ferguson - Public Services Director, Maurice Unger (The Collaborative Firm) – Community Development, Trey Bennings – Information Technology Manager, Lee Blich – Park and Recreation Director, Cassandra Jones – Police Chief, and Joe Maddox – Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Invocation by Minister Gavin Lane.

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

Yvonne Barber, 6385 Church Street, shared concerns about Union City's Police Department, Code Enforcement, and Public Services.

Honorable Rosie Jackson, 4365 Melanie Drive, expressed concerns for residents in District 5 and 7 as it related to the rezoning of property located on the southeast corner of Flat Shoals Road and Buffington Road.

Michael L. Pointer, 77 Mosby Woods Drive, shared concerns regarding sidewalks and drainage. Additional concerns were noted regarding the City's utility bills.

Glenda Collins, 3740 Morning Creek Drive, spoke about warehouses and environmental impact.

III. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Announcement and presentation of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award.

J.T. Williams presented Mayor Vince Williams with the President's Volunteer Service Award and the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award. A photograph was taken.

- Announcement and recognition of "Employee of the Month" for May 2017.

Marcella White, Administrative Assistant (Fire Department) was selected as "Employee of the Month".

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

***All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Council 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.***

1. Approval of the Minutes:
  - 04/18/2017 Worksession Meeting
  - 04/18/2017 Regular Council Meeting
2. Council to consider approval of the Permanent Water Quality BMP and Access Easement Agreement between the City of Union City and RP Union Station 85 LLC. Union Station Water Maintenance Agreement.
3. Council to consider approval of Resolution 2017-06 and a Transportation Improvement Grant Application for Multi-Use Trail Connection between US Highway 29 Ballfields and Ronald Bridges Park.

***On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.***

V. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to consider the utility adjustment request for LaShondra Lee.

***On motion of Councilmember Nealy, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council agreed to adjust Ms. Lee's utility bill dating back three months. Vote was unanimously approved.***

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. **Public Hearing** to consider a request by Majestic Realty Co. to amend the Official Zoning Map by rezoning 97.6 acres located at 3650 Flat Shoals Road on the southeast corner of Flat Shoals Road and Buffington Road from OI & RM to the M1 Light Industrial zoning classification. Case No. RZ17-001. (On 4/18/17, this item was tabled for 30 days.) (Planning Commission Recommended Approval)

Public Hearing Opened.

- Attorney William W. Galloway of The Galloway Law Group, LLC, 3500 Lenox Road, N.E., spoke in favor of the item.
- Beverlyn Parham, 3435 Ravenwoods Drive spoke in opposition of the rezoning.
- Hazel Blackmon, 7806 Bell Tower Lane, spoke in opposition of the rezoning.
- Jarman Bryant, 5605 Sable Bay Point, spoke in opposition of the rezoning.
- Amethyst Harris, 4000 Carriage Brook Lane, spoke in opposition of the rezoning.
- Amanda Buck, 5720 Barrington Run, spoke in opposition of the rezoning.
- Bernard Lewis, 3850 Pebble Beach Drive, spoke in opposition of the rezoning.
- Glenda Collins, 3740 Morning Creek Drive, spoke in opposition of the rezoning.

- Craig Raglin, 5660 Morning Creek Circle, spoke in opposition of the rezoning.
- Rosie Jackson, 4365 Melanie Drive spoke in opposition of the rezoning.
- Attorney William Galloway gave rebuttal remarks in response to the oppositions.

Public Hearing Closed.

***On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, the aforementioned item was unanimously approved. Councilmember Mealing voted in opposition of this item.***

***On amended motion of Councilmember Jones, and amended second by Councilmember Nealy and carried, the aforementioned item was approved with conditions and the rezoning of a Town Center Mixed Use Classification. Motion passed on a 4 to 1 vote. Councilmember Mealing voted in opposition of this item.***

**CONDITIONS:**

1. Increase the size of the right turn radius and lessen the steep turn angle of the intersection for trucks coming from I-85 and turning right off of Flat Shoals Road onto Buffington Road to go southbound.
2. From the Flat Shoals and Buffington Roads intersection, driving south, Buffington Road would be widened from the existing two (2) lanes to three (3) lanes, which would provide:
  - A. A dedicated right turn lane down to the Oakley Industrial Blvd. connection, and a dedicated right turn lane from there to the Proctor & Gamble parking lot entrance.
  - B. A dedicated through traffic lane from the intersection all the way southbound.
  - C. A dedicated left turn lane down to the north entrance to the proposed facility, and a dedicated left turn lane from there to the south entrance to the proposed facility.
3. On northbound Buffington Road from approximately 300 feet south of the south entrance into the proposed facility, the following road shoulder improvements would be made:
  - A. The applicant would widen the road all the way north to the intersection.
  - B. The applicant would provide new curb, gutter and ADA sidewalks along the east side of Buffington Road to the intersection.
  - C. The applicant would provide new ADA crosswalks and ramps across and on both sides of the north and south entrances into the proposed facility.
4. On northbound Buffington Road from approximately 300 feet south of the south entrance into the proposed facility, the road would be widened from the existing two (2) lanes to four (4) lanes, which would provide:
  - A. A dedicated right turn lane to the south entrance into the proposed facility, and a dedicated right turn lane from there to the north entrance into the proposed facility.
  - B. A dedicated through lane all the way through the intersection to the north. People wanting to turn right onto Flat Shoals Road would turn right out of this through lane.
  - C. A dedicated left turn lane from north of the south entrance into the proposed facility to the Oakley Industrial Blvd. connection, and from that point north to the intersection, an additional second dedicated left turn lane will be added.
5. On all sides of the property which abut residentially zoned properties, the required 75 foot wide landscape screen buffer would be further enhanced to provide the opacity equivalent to a solid wall for sound and sight screening.

**City Manager Report(s):**

- Appreciation extended to staff.

- Fire Services Day, Law Enforcement and Public Services Week.
- Kids to Park Day.
- Kiss 104.1 agreed to partner with Parks and Recreation regarding a movie event at the park.
- Hometown Connection.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Nealy made comments regarding the following:

- Recognition of Councilmember Rosie Jackson for attending Council meeting.
- Acknowledgment of Mayor Williams as the recipient of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award and the President's Volunteer Service Award.
- Recognition extended to Marcella White for receiving the "Employee of the Month" award.
- Thanks extended to staff.
- Served as a delegate of the American Israeli Education Foundation.

Councilmember Jones made comments regarding the following:

- Acknowledgment of Mayor Williams as the recipient of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award and the President's Volunteer Service Award.
- Community Health Day was successful.
- Congratulations to police officers who received promotions last week.
- Thanks extended to staff.

Councilmember Hobbs made comments regarding the following:

- Thanks extended to staff.
- Acknowledgment regarding Mother's Day.
- Acknowledgment regarding National Day of Prayer.
- Acknowledgment regarding Swearing in Ceremony for the new City of South Fulton elected officials.
- Community Health Day was successful.
- Welcomed Safelite Auto Glass to Union City.
- Remarks regarding the City's upcoming Kids to Park Day.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Marcella White for receiving the "Employee of the Month" award.
- Thanks extended to former Councilmember Joyce Robinson for attending the Council meeting.
- Acknowledgment of Mayor Williams as the recipient of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award and the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Councilmember Mealing made comments regarding the following:

- Welcoming remarks for Councilmember Nealy's returned trip from Israel.
- Acknowledgment of Mayor Williams as the recipient of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award and the President's Volunteer Service Award.
- Acknowledgment regarding Mother's Day.
- Kudos to Marcella White for receiving the "Employee of the Month" award.
- Community Health Day held on April 22, 2017 was successful.
- Acknowledgment given to Google for the demonstration at C.H. Gullatt Elementary School.
- Remarks regarding the City's upcoming Kids to Park Day.
- Remarks regarding upcoming Hometown Connection event.

- Kudos to the police department and public works for excitement and passion displayed as employees working in Union City.
- Recognition extended to Councilmember Rosie Jackson and former Councilmember Joyce Robinson for attending the Council meeting.
- Thanks extended to staff.

Mayor Vince Williams made comments regarding the following:

- Welcoming remarks for Councilmember Nealy's returned trip from Israel.
- The City's focus on creating opportunities for economic development, job growth, and additional quality of life amenities.
- Future amenities that will accommodate large events including the upcoming community center.
- South Fulton Municipal Association Meeting.
- Acknowledgment regarding National Day of Prayer.
- Community Health Day was successful.
- Comcast Cares Day was successful.
- The start-up of the new City of South Fulton.
- Contractual agreement for the grass cutting season.
- Mayor and Council's Annual Retreat.
- Google Computer Science Tour/STEM Kick Off at C.H. Gallat Elementary School.
- Recognition given for Law Enforcement, Fire Services, City Clerk, and Public Works Week.
- Congratulatory remarks were extended to Melvin Echols (Cops Lieutenant), Clifford McClure (Internal Affairs Lieutenant), Christopher Murphy (Certification Manager/Administrative Sergeant), Barry Walker (Detective Sergeant), Michael McElroy (Uniform Sergeant), Genevieve Nelson (Detective), and Douglas Walls (Uniform Sergeant) on their promotions.
- Recognition was given to City Attorney Davenport for celebrating 30 years of marriage.
- Recognition extended to Councilmember Rosie Jackson and former Councilmember Joyce Robinson for attending the Council meeting.

At this time, Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to enter into Executive Session for two items: threatened litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from April 18, 2017.

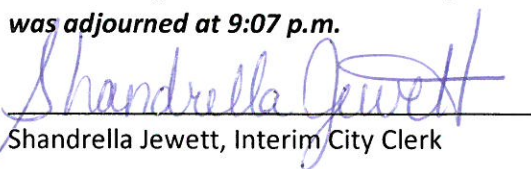
***On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to consider the following two items: threatened litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from April 18, 2017.***

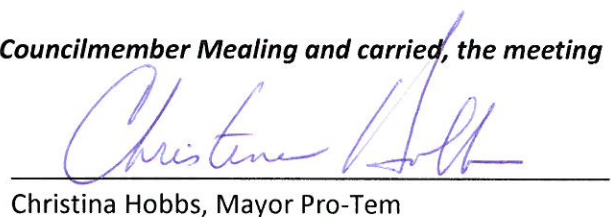
***On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council reconvened to Regular Session. Vote was unanimous.***

***On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Nealy and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from April 18, 2017 were unanimously approved.***

X. ADJOURNMENT:

***On motion of Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.***

  
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 Shandrella Jewett, Interim City Clerk

  
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 Christina Hobbs, Mayor Pro-Tem