

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008
CITY OF UNION CITY
7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Ralph Moore, Councilmembers Shirley Jackson, Vince Williams, Angelette Mealing and Brian Jones, City Attorney Dennis Davenport, Interim City Administrator Ken Collins, City Planner Ann Lippmann, Interim Human Resources Director Jennifer Lunsford, Finance Director Angela Hudson, Interim Police Chief Charles Odom, Jail Chief John Mansch, Public Services Director William Landrum, Information Technology Consultant Kerry Summerour, City Engineers Charles Corbin and Sylvester Alexander, City Clerk Jacqueline Cossey, and Assistant to the City Clerk Derenda Moore

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Invocation by Councilmember Mealing

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Worksession Meeting, 12/10/07

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried the Minutes of December 10, 2007 Worksession Meeting were approved as written. Vote was unanimous.

Regular Council Meeting, 12/18/07

On motion of Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried the Minutes of December 18, 2007 Regular Council Meeting were approved as written. Vote was unanimous.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Public hearing** to consider a map amendment to the Official Zoning Map to rezone 21.72 acres of property located on Buffington Road from R-1 and R-4 to Light Industrial by YP Investments. (Applicant requests withdrawal)

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the aforementioned item was open for discussion.

City Planner Ann Lippmann provided a staff report stating that the applicant was requesting withdrawal.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to consider re-appointment of Department Directors:

City Attorney:	McNally Fox & Grant
City Clerk:	Jacqueline R. Cossey
Fire Chief:	Kenneth Collins
Jail Chief:	John Mansch
Police Chief:	
Public Services Director:	William Landrum
City Engineer:	Keck & Wood

Request to reappoint City Attorney, McNally Fox & Grant.

On motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

Request to reappoint City Clerk Jacqueline R. Cossey.

On motion of Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

Request to reappoint Fire Chief Kenneth Collins.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

Request to reappoint Jail Chief John Mansch.

On motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

Request to reappoint Public Services Director William Landrum.

On motion of Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

Request to reappoint City Engineer Keck & Wood.

On motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Jackson and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

2. Council to consider appointing Assistant Police Chief Charles Odom as interim Police Chief.

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On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

3. Council to consider appointment of Mayor Pro Tem for year 2008.

Request to appoint Councilmember Shirely Jackson as Mayor Pro Tem.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

4. **Public Hearing** to consider a request by Gibby Construction Inc. for the city to abandon a portion of Dodson Road right-of-way located in land lots 112 and 113.

City Planner Ann Lippmann provided a staff report.

Public hearing opened.

No one came forward.

Public hearing closed.

On motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

5. **Public Hearing** to consider a petition submitted by Wael Ibrahim for malt and vinous liquor license for package sales for Nevo Mart d/b/a/ Shell Food Mart located at Jonesboro Road

City Planner Ann Lippmann provided a staff report.

Public hearing opened.

The following citizens spoke in favor:

- Judy Abna
- Wael Ibrahim

Public hearing closed.

On motion of Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the aforementioned request was postponed until the January 22, 2008 Called Council Meeting.

6. Council to consider approval of the advertisement and bid opening dates for the Shannon Parkway Drainage Project.

Sylvester Alexander of Keck & Wood provided a staff report.

On motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

7. Council to consider approval of the housing authority waiver of its PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) account, a tax exemption, on the property taxes payable to the City of Union City for the current operating year.

Chief Collins provided a staff report.

On motion of Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

8. Council to consider accepting a Fire Act Grant Award from the Federal Government in the amount of \$48,000.00 and direct Finance to amend the FY 2007/2008 Budget. (Requires 2 motions)

Chief Collins provided a staff report.

Mayor Moore stated that this item would require two motions.

Request to accept a Fire Act Grant Award from the Federal Government in the amount of \$48,000.00.

On motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

Request to direct Finance to amend the FY 2007/2008 Budget.

On motion of Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

9. Council to consider approving payment of electronic ticketing for the Court Program Project.

Assistant Police Chief Charles Odom provided a staff report.

On motion of Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, the aforementioned request was unanimously approved.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

None

V. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Public Comments were made by the following citizens:

- Bob Croom of 6242 Longino Drive

VI. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Attorney Davenport stated that there were two items for executive session.

On motion of Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council entered into executive session.

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jackson and carried, Council reconvened into regular session.

At this time Mayor Moore stated that he would entertain a motion to increase Assistant Police Chief Charles Odom's salary equivalent to the former Police Chief's salary while serving as interim Police Chief.

On motion of Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, the aforementioned was unanimously approved.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Jacqueline R. Cossey, City Clerk

Ralph Moore, Mayor