

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Zack Thompson, Juli Hayes, Abigail Guzman, Jon Elliott, Bob Norton
OFFICIALS ABSENT: Barbara Brooks
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Alisa Grayson

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and served as the presiding officer.

Mayor Thompson provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

Law Day Presentation and Contest Winner Announcement

Administrative Services Director Janeann Allison stated Law Day is observed annually on May 1st in recognition of the importance of the rule of law and understanding of the legal system. She shared information about a contest held in celebration of Law Day. Contest winners were recognized as Eliseo Perez Gomez and Nathalie Gonza. Judge Law presented each of them with a certificate and token of appreciation. Council Member Juli Hayes commented on the beautiful artwork and congratulated both winners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Golf Cart Violations

Anneka Baldwin, 410 Dixon Drive, expressed concerns surrounding golf carts and violations with children car seats/boosters noting there are state laws requiring all motorized vehicles on a public road to employ safety standards. She commented on the many injuries witnessed and shared some statistics on golf cart accidents and the injuries sustained by children. She felt Georgia state law should be followed as the standard to promote clarity for the types of motorized vehicles. Mayor Thompson thanked Mrs. Baldwin for sharing the information.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Appointment – Gainesville-Hall County Development Authority – Appoint Brett Fowler

Motion to appoint Brett Fowler to the Gainesville-Hall County Development Authority as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Elliott, Norton

Absent: Brooks

Minutes: April 16, 2026 Work Session

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Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Guzman

Motion seconded by Council Member Hayes

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Elliott, Norton

Absent: Brooks

Resolutions

- A. BR-2026-16 Application Deadline for Midtown TAD
- B. BR-2026-17 Establishing Just Compensation for the CDBG Program and Authorizing Property Acquisition from Alvin Gibson
- C. BR-2026-18 Property Acquisition from Outer Banks, LLC
- D. GR-2026-02 FY2026 Local Road Assistance (LRA) Administration Grant

City Manager Bryan Lackey briefly summarized the resolutions.

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Elliott
Motion seconded by Council Member Hayes
Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Elliott, Norton
Absent: Brooks

RESOLUTION:

Business Resolution 2026-19

Authorization of Participation in Amicus Brief in Chang V. City Of Milton on Remand Before The Georgia Court of Appeals or, if Warranted, The Georgia Supreme Court

City Attorney Abb Hayes commented on a legal case against the City of Milton noting they have solicited the city's support for their efforts to preserve sovereign municipal immunity. The proposed resolution authorizes the City's participation in the amicus brief.

Motion to adopt the resolution BR-2026-19 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Guzman
Motion seconded by Council Member Norton
Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Elliott, Norton
Absent: Brooks

PUBLIC HEARING:

Business Resolution 2026-20

Capstone Property Group, LLC Application Under the Georgia Tourism Development Act

City Attorney Abb Hayes opened the public hearing and confirmed the public notice was properly advertised. Mr. Hayes stated the application relates to a recently presented hotel resort project zoning item. State law requires the city to conduct the public hearing. The proposed resolution authorizes the city's endorsement of the application.

Attorney Hayes opened the floor for public comments. There being none, the hearing was closed and the matter returned to the governing body for consideration.

Motion to adopt the resolution BR-2026-20 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes
Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman
Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Elliott, Norton
Absent: Brooks

ADJOURNMENT: 5:49 PM

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Zack Thompson, Mayor

Alisa Grayson, City Clerk