

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

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

Lake Service Minister John Simpson, Lanier Christian Church and Lakeview Academy Head of School, provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

### **PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:**

#### **You're the Reason Scholarship Awards**

Mayor Thompson briefly shared information about the scholarship program. He recognized and presented awards to the following 2026 award recipients: Jiya Johnson (13<sup>th</sup> Place), Emma Brooke Anderson (12<sup>th</sup> Place), Olivia Morris (11<sup>th</sup> Place), Matelyn Allison (10<sup>th</sup> Place), Lily Clay (9<sup>th</sup> Place), Olivia Swafford (8<sup>th</sup> Place), Heidi Griffin (7<sup>th</sup> Place), Taylor Reid (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Kaylee Trammell (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Violet Nosal (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Garrett Matthews (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Addison Sheppard (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), and Harrison Tullar (1<sup>st</sup> Place).

#### **Gainesville Chicken Scholarship Awards**

Mayor Thompson briefly shared information about the scholarship program. He recognized and presented awards to the following 2026 award recipients: Allison Christiansen (7<sup>th</sup> Place), Isabelle Williams (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Sawyer Fleming (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Molly White (4<sup>th</sup> Place) (absent), Resse Sorrow (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Kylianne Brown (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), and EmmaGrace Wilkes (1<sup>st</sup> Place).

#### **Proclamation: National Public Works Week**

Mayor Thompson read a proclamation declaring May 17-23, 2026 to be *National Public Works Week* and presented it to Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky.

### **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Council Member Elliott**

Recognized and thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work, professionalism and service to the city.

#### **Council Member Hayes**

Reported attendance at the GMA Robert E. Knox Municipal Leadership Institute program in Athens this week noting she received many compliments about the City of Gainesville. She was proud to be able to represent the City of Gainesville.

#### **Mayor Thompson**

Commented on his attendance at the GMA Robert E. Knox Municipal Leadership Institute program in Athens noting he was humbled by all the positive feedback received regarding Gainesville.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Sally Williams, 3224 Overlook Drive, commented on a contract between Outer Banks, LLC and the City of Gainesville. She shared concerns about a lack of transparency in the purchase of the property and traffic safety related to the proposed golf course parking lot. She referenced a

letter received from Chattahoochee Estates regarding the proposed project and requested information surrounding it. In closing, she noted they opposed the planned project.

Charles Nash, 3203 Overlook Drive, commented on living in a quiet neighborhood of which is supported by the covenants. He spoke in opposition to the planned golf course parking lot and shared his concerns noting the effects it will have on his property and the neighborhood.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes: April 30, 2026 Work Session**

**Minutes: May 5, 2026 Mayor/Council Meeting**

**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, Brooks, Elliott, Norton**

**CITY MANAGER ISSUES:**

Deputy City Manager Angela Sheppard recognized and extended appreciation to the Public Works Department for all that they do for the city. Mayor Thompson echoed Mrs. Sheppard's comments regarding appreciation for the Public Works staff.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 6:02 PM

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Zack Thompson, Mayor

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Alisa Grayson, City Clerk