

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Ruth Bruner, George Wangemann, Sam Couvillon, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Denise Jordan, Alisa Grayson

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

Reverend Douglas Saxton delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENTATION(S):

Recognition of Christmas Giving

Mayor Dunagan and Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard recognized Pilgrims Pride and Cadillac of Lake Lanier for their sponsorship of the Shop-with-a-Cop program.

Police Chief Carol Martin and Sergeant Kevin Holbrook shared information about the Shop-with-a-Cop Program and named the officers that participated.

Lieutenant Kevin Gaddis and Lieutenant Andy Smith shared information about efforts to help two families with cancer patients.

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon recognized the Code Enforcement staff for providing gifts to a family in need.

Council and the City Manager extended words of appreciation.

The Assistant City Manager expressed appreciation to the Council for contributing to the Empty Stocking Fund.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Couvillon commended the Police Department on the apprehension of a suspect involved in a recent a robbery.

Council Member Brooks congratulated Deshaun Watson and the Clemson Tigers for winning the National Championship.

Council Member Thompson thanked City Manager Bryan Lackey, Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard and the Public Works staff for being prepared for the anticipated weather event.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Resolution: BR-2017-01 Emergency Interim Successors

Motion to adopt Resolution BR-2017-01 naming the Emergency Interim Successors as follows: Mayor C. Danny Dunagan, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tem Ruth H. Bruner; Council Member George Wangemann; Council Member W. Samuel Couvillon; Council Member Zack Thompson; and Council Member Barbara B. Brooks.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

Appointment: Administrative Hearing Officer

Motion to reappoint G. Hammond Law, III to serve another one-year term as the Administrative Hearing Officer.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

Appointment: Georgia Mountains Regional Commission

Motion to reappoint Council Member Wangemann to serve another one-year term on the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

Appointment: Legal Organ

Motion to reappoint the *Gainesville Times* to serve as the Legal Organ.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

Appointments: Ex-Officio Members to Boards/Committees

Motion to appoint the following to serve as 2017 Ex-Officio Members for a one-year term:

Council Member Bruner - Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission

Mayor Dunagan - Economic Development Council

Mayor Dunagan - Gainesville-Hall County Development Authority

Mayor Dunagan - Gainesville Redevelopment Authority

Mayor Dunagan - Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Mayor Dunagan - HALLmark Initiative

Council Member Couvillon - Airport Advisory Committee

Council Member Wangemann - Beautification Steering Committee

Council Member Wangemann - Board of Health

Council Member Thompson - Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee

Council Member Brooks - Friends of the Parks

Council Member Brooks - Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation

Council Member Wangemann - Historic Preservation Commission

Mayor Dunagan - Housing Authority

Council Member Bruner - Main Street Gainesville Advisory Board

Council Member Couvillon - Parks and Recreation Board

Council Member Wangemann - Planning and Appeals Board

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: December 13, 2016 Service Delivery Strategy

Minutes: December 15, 2016 Work Session

Minutes: December 20, 2016 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

Resolutions

- A. BR-2017-02 Declaration of Surplus Property
- B. PR-2017-01 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Tracking Tool
- C. PR-2017-02 Georgia Emergency Management FY2016 GSAR Grant Award
- D. PR-2017-03 Governor's Office of Highway Safety 2017 HEAT Grant

City Manager Bryan Lackey provided a brief overview of each resolution item.

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Annexation/Zoning Request from Rochester and Associates, Inc., to rename Howard Road, located on the east side of State Route 365, to Lanier Tech Drive. Ward Number: Two. Request: Road name change.

City Attorney Hayes called for the public hearing, confirmed the public notice was properly advertised and outlined the public hearing process.

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon reviewed the application. The Planning and Appeals Board and staff recommended approval.

Brian Rochester, Rochester & Associates, in partnership with Lanier Technical College, briefly shared details about the project. He felt renaming the street was a great way to recognize the importance of Lanier Technical College.

Dr. Ray Perren, President of Lanier Tech, thanked Council for their support and consideration of this request. Upon inquiry, he commented on the timeframe for the project.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed and the matter was returned to the Council for a decision.

Motion to hold first reading on Ordinance 2017-01, AN ORDINANCE TO RENAME HOWARD ROAD, LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF STATE ROUTE 365, TO LANIER TECH DRIVE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Appalachian Regional Commission Grants

City Manager Bryan Lackey reported the city will receive grant funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission to help with the downtown Wi-Fi project and terminal renovations at Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport.

Winter Storm Preparation

City Manager Bryan Lackey commended staff on efforts to prepare for the recent winter storm.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Mayors' Day Conference

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported travel information was ready for release.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:18 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk