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.

Pastor Dwayne Wellborn, Free Chapel Worship Center, delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dunagan announced the public hearing concerning the zoning request for Dawsonville Highway and Ahaluna Drive is scheduled for the March 14, 2017 Planning and Appeals Board Meeting and the April 4, 2017 Mayor/Council Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pat Horgan, 1004 Lakemont Drive, stated he represented the Lakeshore Heights community. He commented on traffic issues during the holidays and stated problems are still ongoing. She felt it was important to address current traffic conditions before any additional development is allowed.

Mandy Harris, 1459 Douglas Drive, commented on traffic problems along Dawsonville Highway noting roadways have not been upgraded to accommodate growth. Approval of additional development in this area without traffic infrastructure upgrades would further increase exposure. She expressed a desire to plan for the success of all involved by taking time to proactively address traffic issues. Ms. Harris stated the residents wanted to be kept informed and wanted to be an active part of the solution. She closed by stating the residents look forward to an opportunity to meet with staff to share ideas.

Gene Korzeniewski, 1813 Watauga Drive, stated he was happy to hear the Council was working with the GDOT (Georgia Department of Transportation) to develop a plan for addressing traffic problems. He felt an immediate need was the ability to obtain current traffic count data for the Dawsonville Corridor. He shared his experience with obtaining data from GDOT and shared data is not collected every year. He asked Council to approach GDOT to request increased data collection, i.e., once a year.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: January 24, 2017 Mayor/Council Meeting
Minutes: February 2, 2017 Work Session
Minutes: February 3, 2017 Mayor/Council Retreat
Minutes: February 7, 2017 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann
Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson
Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

Resolutions

A. BR-2017-10 Donation of Structural Firefighting Gear to Lanier Technical College
B. BR-2017-11 Abandonment of a Portion of New Harvest Drive
C. BR-2017-12 Inland Western Gainesville Village Water Main Easement Abandonment Agreement

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

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

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Tree City USA 30 Year Award
City Manager Bryan Lackey displayed a plaque from the Arbor Day Foundation recognizing Gainesville as the recipient of the Tree City USA 30th Year Growth Award. Council Member Wangemann commented on the award.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:49 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk