

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.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Powers, Military Chaplain, delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENTATION(S):

Special Recognition - Beth Morris

Mayor Dunagan recognized Beth Morris for her 31 years, 6 months and 30 days of service with the City of Gainesville. He read a testimonial and presented tokens of appreciation. Council Member Couvillon and Council Member Bruner extended words of appreciation.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Brooks announced a Homebuyers Workshop on Saturday, May 20.

Council Member Bruner recognized members of Boy Scout Troop 16 in attendance. Mr. Frank Norton, Jr., Assistant Scout Master for Troop 16, stated they were working on their Communications Merit Badge.

Council Member Wangemann announced the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a job fair on Wednesday, March 22.

Council Member Wangemann thanked the First United Methodist Church for their day of service project to be held on Saturday, March 25.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Appointments: Planning and Appeals Board - Position held by Lemuel Betancourt

Motion to appoint Richard White to replace Lemuel Betancourt on the Planning and Appeals Board.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

Minutes: February 16, 2017 Work Session

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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-2017-13 Approval of TAD Funding for "The Enclave" Redevelopment Project

B. BR-2017-14 2017 Work Session/Council Meeting Calendar (July thru December)

C. BR-2017-15 Updated Elected Officials Credit Card Policy

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

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

GENERAL LEGISLATION:

First Reading on Proposed Ordinance

Amend Chapter 1-9 Entitled "Code of Ethics"

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated the proposed ordinance was discussed thoroughly at the Work Session and Council Retreat. The changes consisted of a few amendments to track the Georgia Municipal Association's (GMA) model ordinance as well as to make it more usable to the citizens.

Motion to hold first reading on Ordinance 2017-04, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1-9 ENTITLED "CODE OF ETHICS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE BY ELIMINATING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN ITS PLACE THE LANGUAGE SET FORTH BELOW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

BR-2017-16 Transmittal of the FY2016 Annual Update to the Capital Improvements Element (CIE)

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

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon stated this was the annual update to the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan noting a public hearing was required prior to transmitting to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission. He felt this matter was discussed thoroughly at the Work Session.

City Attorney Hayes opened the floor for public comments. There being none, the matter was closed and returned to the Council for a decision.

Motion to adopt resolution BR-2017-16 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

ADJOURNMENT: 5:51 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk