OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Ruth Bruner, George Wangemann, Sam Couvillon, Zack Thompson and 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 Evelyn Johnson, Bethel AME Church, delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENTATION(S):

Meritorious Service Award – Brad Raper
Police Chief Carol Martin presented Officer Brad Raper with a Meritorious Service Award in recognition of lifesaving actions on November 16, 2017. This was his second Meritorious Service Award.

Council Member Couvillon commented on compliments received from Hall County Sheriff's Office regarding Officer Raper. Mayor Dunagan extended words of appreciation.

ELECTED OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE:

A. C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor
B. Warren Samuel Couvillon, Council Member, Ward 1
C. George Wangemann, Council Member, Ward 4

City Clerk Denise Jordan administered the Oath of Office to C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor; Warren Samuel Couvillon, Council Member, Ward 1; and George Wangemann, Council Member, Ward 4 who were reelected to serve another four-year term during the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election. The following Oath was presented to each official individually.

> "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of Mayor/Council Member of the City of Gainesville and that I will support and defend the Charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America; that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this State or any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the laws of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia; that I have been a resident of Ward 1 and the City of Gainesville for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this State and by the Municipal Charter; and that I will perform the duties of my office in the best interest of the City of Gainesville to the best of my ability without fear, favor, affection, reward, or expectation thereof."

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Appointments: Municipal Court Solicitor and Deputy Solicitor

Motion to reappoint Ann Marie Bishop as Solicitor and Inez Grant as Deputy Solicitor for another two-year term.

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

Solicitor and Deputy Solicitor Oath of Office
Mayor Dunagan administered the Oath of Office to Solicitor Anne Marie Bishop and Deputy Solicitor Inez Grant. The Oath reads as follows:

"I do solemnly swear that I will conduct the Office of the Solicitor/Deputy Solicitor of the Municipal Court of Gainesville, Georgia, in accordance with the law, that I will prosecute all cases made in said court to the very best of my ability, and that I will so conduct myself in carrying out the duties of the office in such a manner as will reflect credit upon the municipality in its administration of justice."

Resolution: BR-2018-01 Emergency Interim Successors

Motion to adopt Resolution BR-2018-01 naming the Emergency Interim Successors as follows: Mayor C. Danny Dunagan, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tem W. Samuel Couvillon; Council Member George Wangemann; Council Member Ruth H. Bruner; Council Member Zack Thompson; and Council Member Barbara B. Brooks.

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

Appointment: Legal Organ

Motion to reappoint the *Gainesville Times* to serve as the Legal Organ for another one-year term.

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

Appointments: Board/Committee Ex-Officio Members

Motion to appoint the following to serve as 2018 Ex-Officio Members for a one-year term:

Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission - Council Member Bruner
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 - Mayor Dunagan
Airport Advisory Committee - Council Member Couvillon
Keep Hall Beautiful/Hall County Green Alliance - Council Member Wangemann
Board of Health - Council Member Wangemann
Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee - Council Member Thompson
Friends of the Parks - Council Member Brooks
Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation - Council Member Brooks
Historic Preservation Commission - Council Member Wangemann
Housing Authority - Council Member Wangemann
Main Street Gainesville Advisory Board - Council Member Bruner
Parks and Recreation Board - Council Member Couvillon
Planning and Appeals Board - Council Member Brooks

Motion made by Council Member Thompson
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

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Wangemann commented on the upcoming GMA (Georgia Municipal Association) Mayors' Day Conference.

Mayor Dunagan thanked the citizens of Gainesville for entrusting him to serve another term as Mayor. He also thanked staff and Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Appointment: Planning and Appeals Board
Positions held by Doug Carter and Eddie Martin, Sr.

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

Minutes: November 30, 2017 Work Session
Minutes: December 5, 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. AR-2018-01 Authorization for Additional Funding for Desota Park Renovation Project
B. BR-2018-02 FEMA's Debris Removal Program
C. BR-2018-03 Increase Funding and Staffing for School Resource Officer Program
D. PR-2018-01 Wal-Mart Foundation Local Facility Giving Program

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

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Annexation/Zoning Items

Tabled to the January 16, 2018 PAB Meeting and February 6, 2018 Council Meeting
Request from EDRE Assets, LLC to annex a 5.21± acres tract located on the north side of Ramsey Road at its terminus (a/k/a 0, 2608 and 2611 Ramsey Road) and to establish zoning as Planned Unit Development (P-U-D). Ward Number: Two. Tax Parcel Number(s): 09-110-000-019, 024 and 027. Request: 3 single-family lots.

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated this item was tabled to the January 16, 2018 Planning and Appeals Board Meeting and February 6, 2018 Mayor/Council Meeting.

Request from McEver Extension Properties, LLC to amend the existing Planned Unit Development (P-U-D) zoning on a 3.32± acres tract located on the north side of McEver Road and west of its intersection with Dawsonville Highway (a/k/a 970 McEver Road, NW). Ward Number: One. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-116-002-032. Request: Office building addition.

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

Planning Manager Matt Tate reviewed the application noting the Planning and Appeals Board along with staff recommended approval with the following five conditions:

1. The proposed office building shall be generally consistent with the standards depicted on the architectural elevation provided with this rezoning application.
2. The existing wooden fence shall be extended for the length of the subject property adjacent to the Beechwood Estates Subdivision.
3. The rear of the entire office building shall be painted an earth tone color so as to blend with the natural environment.

4. The existing vegetated buffer areas adjacent to the Beechwood Estates Subdivision shall remain undisturbed except for where storm water improvements are required. Additional evergreen buffer trees shall be planted between the proposed building/parking lot/service areas and the Beechwood Estates Subdivision where needed. The intent of the buffer is to supplement the existing vegetation with buffer trees to provide for an effective buffer. The location, spacing, size and type of trees planted shall be subject to Community Development Department Director approval.
5. An updated as-built boundary survey/plat of the subject property indicating all improvements required for the proposed use and conditions of zoning shall be recorded prior to obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy.

City Attorney Hayes opened the floor for comments.

Ed Myers, 752 Chattahoochee Place, stated he was the site engineer for the project. He commented on the project noting it was primarily for an expansion of the existing facility and to improve the aesthetics on the inside and outside of the building.

There being no further comments, the hearing was closed and the matter returned to the governing body for consideration.

Motion to approve first reading on Ordinance 2018-01 with conditions as set forth by staff, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, BY AMENDING THE EXISTING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, WITH CONDITIONS (P-U-D-c) ZONING ON A 3.32± ACRES TRACT LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MCEVER ROAD AND WEST OF ITS INTERSECTION WITH DAWSONVILLE HIGHWAY (A/K/A 970 MCEVER ROAD, NW); REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

City Manager Bryan Lackey expressed appreciation to Council for their support of the mid-year pay adjustments for the Police. He felt the changes will allow for retainage and attraction of qualified personnel for the public safety department.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:01 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk