

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Sam Couvillon, George Wangemann,  
Ruth Bruner, 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.

Council Member Wangemann delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Council Member Brooks**

1. Announced the Global Faith Fellowship Conference will be hosted in Gainesville on Friday, January 26 through Sunday, January 28.
2. Expressed appreciation to Administrative staff for assistance in providing information when needed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes: December 14, 2017 Work Session**

**Minutes: December 19, 2017 Mayor/Council Meeting**

**Minutes: January 4, 2018 Work Session**

**Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

**Resolutions**

- A. AR-2018-02 FY2017 Closure of Department of Water Resources Capital Projects
- B. AR-2018-03 FY2017 Closure of General Government Capital Projects
- C. AR-2018-04 FY2017 Closure of Grants Capital Projects
- D. AR-2018-05 FY2017 Closure of Parks and Recreation Capital Projects
- E. AR-2018-06 FY2017 Closure of SPLOST Capital Projects
- F. BR-2018-04 Approval of Lease Assignment and Lease Amendment (Lot A-7, Parcel 7-B of Gainesville Airport Industrial Park)
- G. BR-2018-05 Declaration of Surplus Property
- H. PR-2018-02 Request to Apply for and Accept FY2019 Legacy Link Grant Contract

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

**Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Relocation of Green Street Post Office**

City Attorney Abb Hayes called for the public hearing and outlined the public hearing process.

Sandra Rybicki, U.S. Postal Service (USPS) representative, shared information surrounding the proposed project to relocate the main post office located on Green Street. She used a power point to supplement her presentation. Notable comments were as follows:

- In accordance with federal regulation 39 CFR 241.4, the postal service must conduct a public meeting and notification process.
- The postal service is evaluating the possibility of relocating the retail to leased alternate quarters and disposing of the existing facility.
- The existing facility is substantially larger than needed.
- The postal service desires to retain a retail presence in close proximity to the current location. The preferred area will be within 3.5 miles of the current facility and will have approximately 6,000 square feet. It will be located on 1.36 acres and will have 50+ parking spaces.
- The public input process provides a 30 day period to submit written appeals and/or comments through February 22, 2018.

City Attorney Hayes opened the floor for comments.

Dr. Ed Schrader, President of Brenau University, stated they were happy to hear the USPS was considering moving the traffic away from Green Street. He briefly commented on the history of the university noting they have an interest in the location. He indicated the City Clerk received a packet of information about financing options if the property becomes available.

Upon inquiry from Linda Hutchinson, county resident, Ms. Rybicki confirmed the post office box numbers and zip codes would not change.

Council expressed excitement and their support of the plans to relocate the post office.

There being no further comments, the hearing was closed.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Business Resolution 2017-58**

**Administrative Services Department/HR Division Additional Personnel**

*(Tabled at the December 19, 2017 Council Meeting)*

**Motion to remove the item from the table.**

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the proposed resolution suggested adding an additional position for a Retirement Manager with 80% to be paid from the pension fund and 20% from the general fund.

**Motion to adopt the resolution BR-2017-58 as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

**ANNEXATION/ZONING:**

**Second Reading: Ordinance No. 2018-01**

**Amend Planned Unit Development at 970 McEver Road, NW**

**Motion to hold second reading on Ordinance 2018-01**, 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 Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

**CITY MANAGER ISSUES:**

**2017 Milken Institute Best-Performing Small Cities**

City Manager Bryan Lackey reported the City of Gainesville ranked third on the 2017 Milken Institute Best-Performing Cities in the Top 10 Small Cities category. Gainesville held the tenth spot in 2016.

**ADJOURNMENT: 5:52 PM**

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk