

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Sam Couvillon, George Wangemann, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks  
OFFICIALS ABSENT: Ruth Bruner  
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.

Minister Art Gallegos, Impact Ministries, delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

### **PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:**

#### **Proclamation: Voices of North Georgia**

Mayor Dunagan read a proclamation declaring Saturday, March 9, 2019 to be *Voices of North Georgia Day*. He presented the proclamation to the members of the Voices of North Georgia chorus. They performed a song afterwards.

#### **Gainesville Fire Department 2018 Recognition Awards Gainesville Fire Department 2018 Appreciation Awards**

Fire Chief Jerome Yarbrough recognized several members of the Fire Department for outstanding performance. He presented the following awards:

- Rookie of The Year – Firefighters Mason Savage and Sloan Strickland
- Firefighter of The Year – Firefighter David Franklin
- Officer of The Year – Lieutenants Zach Nix and Brandon Ellis

Chief Yarbrough recognized the following individuals for outstanding volunteer service and dedication to the department. He presented each with a token of appreciation.

- Dr. Bill Carr, Fire Department Chaplain
- Dr. Andrew Reisman

Chief Yarbrough recognized and presented lifesaving valor awards to the following individuals for life saving actions:

- C Shift Engine 24 Crew – Firefighters Dustin Oliver, Tim Simmons and Dustin Melton
- A Shift Engine 23 Crew – Lieutenant Josh Sheridan, Firefighters Jay Grizzle and Grant Myland

Mayor Dunagan and Council Member Couvillon extended words of appreciation.

### **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Council Member Wangemann**

1. Commended the Fire Department for their service noting it was representative of them having a Class 1 ISO rating.
2. Reported a recent community cleanup collected 1500 pounds of trash.
3. Announced a community cleanup was scheduled for later this month. Details will be provided at a later date.
4. Provided a report regarding the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission (GMRC) meeting.

5. Extended words of appreciation to Parks and Recreation Director Melvin Cooper and staff for bringing quality of life to Gainesville.

**Mayor Dunagan**

The Mayor read a memo requesting consideration of the following local legislation items:

1. Amendment to the Act creating the Gainesville Redevelopment Authority so as to provide that Authority members can serve two (2) consecutive terms of service;
2. Annexation of Clarks Bridge Park (aka Lake Lanier Olympic Park) into the City of Gainesville; and
3. Adoption of a Local Act by the General Assembly that would allow the City of Gainesville to adopt a resolution to amend the City's hotel/motel tax to eight percent (8%).

Later in the meeting, Mayor Dunagan recognized members of Boy Scout Troop 16.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Alex Fogle, 4118 Box Elder Path, commented on a residential parking issue and called attention to several city and state codes as well as court rulings regarding obstruction of walkways and sidewalks. He provided photographs of the obstructed sidewalks. Upon inquiry, Mr. Fogle confirmed the concerns had been reported to staff.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Appointment: Building Board of Appeals - Position held by David Smith**

**Motion to appoint Larry Bowman to replace David Smith on the Building Board of Appeals.**

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

**Absent: Bruner**

**Minutes: February 8, 2019 Mayor/Council Retreat**

**Minutes: February 14, 2019 Work Session**

**Minutes: February 19, 2019 Mayor/Council Meeting**

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

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

**Absent: Bruner**

**Resolution:**

PR-2019-03 Norfolk Southern Donation to the City of Gainesville Police Department

City Manager Bryan Lackey summarized the resolution.

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

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

**Absent: Bruner**

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

***Request from Fred O. Godbee to rezone a 0.5± acre tract located on the northwest side of the intersection of Thompson Bridge Road and Springview Drive (a/k/a 1831 Thompson Bridge Road, NW) from Residential-I (R-I) to Neighborhood Business (N-B). Ward Number: One. Tax Parcel Number: 01-097-005-004. Request: Security company office.***

• ***Proposed Zoning Ordinance No. 2019-04***

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

Planning Manager Matt Tate summarized the request. The Planning and Appeals Board and staff recommended approval with six (6) conditions:

1. The proposed use shall be generally consistent with the concept plan provided with this rezoning application and shall meet the Architectural Design Standards within Chapter 9-9-5 of the Unified Land Development Code.
2. The subject property shall be limited to the proposed office use or a single-family residence. In addition, all other permitted uses within the Neighborhood Business (N-B) zoning district shall be allowed excluding a convenience store, dollar-type store, coin laundry facility, tobacco or vaping store, massage parlor or tattoo parlor.
3. The existing trees located within the subject property shall remain except for what is only necessary to be removed for the development. If deemed necessary, the required tree/landscape plan shall provide for additional evergreen trees and deciduous trees to be planted to help screen the rear parking area from Springview Drive and the adjacent residential property to the west. The number, location, spacing, size and type of trees planted shall be subject to Community Development Department Director approval.
4. There shall be no building signs or freestanding signs permitted fronting Springview Drive.
5. All access point design for the subject property shall require review and approval by the Gainesville Public Works Department Director and the Georgia Department of Transportation. All required access/traffic/sidewalk improvements associated with the proposed development shall be at the full expense of the developer/property owner.
6. An updated as-built boundary survey/plat of the subject property, indicating all improvements required for the proposed use, shall be recorded prior to obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy.

City Attorney Hayes opened the floor for comments.

Fred Godbee, Vidalia, Georgia resident, commented on the property noting the main objective was to add value to the area.

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

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-04 AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING ON A 0.5± ACRE TRACT**

LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF THE INTERSECTION OF THOMPSON BRIDGE ROAD AND SPRINGVIEW DRIVE (A/K/A 1831 THOMPSON BRIDGE ROAD, NW) FROM RESIDENTIAL-I (R-I) TO NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS, WITH CONDITIONS (N-B-c); REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES **with conditions as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

**Absent: Bruner**

**CITY MANAGER ISSUES:**

City Manager Bryan Lackey shared the following information:

- A new WIFI application was launched in the downtown area with proceeds from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant.
- A new mobile application called Distrx through the National Main Street Program was launched to share Main Street Program events occurring nationally and locally.
- Announced the Gold on the Greenway event will be held at the Midtown Greenway Park on March 16.

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:08 PM**

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk