

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, George Wangemann, Ruth Bruner, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks
TELECONFERENCE: Sam Couvillon
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Alisa Grayson
STAFF ABSENT: Denise Jordan

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.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

Board of Health

Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission

Mayor Dunagan briefly shared information about the two boards. He extended appreciation to Board of Health member Deborah Mack and to Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission members Jock Hornor, Emily (Sissy) Lawson, and RK Whitehead for their volunteer service to the community. Tokens of appreciation were presented.

TELECONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Attorney Abb Hayes stated Council Member Couvillon was participating in the meeting via teleconference, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(g), due to his absence from the jurisdiction.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Brooks

Announced the Gainesville–Hall County Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) will hold a Community Meeting on Saturday, April 13, 10:00 AM at the Civic Center to take part in the transportation survey, specifically targeting the intersection at Gaines Mill Road / US 129.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Reported a community clean up on Saturday, March 16 had 200 pounds of litter collected.
2. Announced a community clean up on April 1 and the Great American Clean Up on April 13.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Appointment: Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission - Position held by Jock Hornor

Appointment: Development Authority - Position held by Cooper Embry

Appointment: Friends of the Parks - Position held by Casey Cochran

Motion to reappoint Jock Hornor to serve another term on the Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission; to appoint RK Whitehead to replace Cooper Embry on the Development Authority; and to appoint Staci Tunkel to fill the unexpired term of Casey Cochran on the Friends of the Parks Board.

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

Resolutions:

A. BR-2019-10 Hotel-Motel Excise Tax

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

Council Member Wangemann commented on the need for the tax increase to pay for the Lake Lanier Olympic Park venue.

Motion to adopt the resolution as presented.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Business Resolution 2019-11

Transmittal of the FY2018 Annual Update to the Capital Improvements Element (CIE)

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

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar stated the proposed resolution authorized the transmittal of the draft update report to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs for the review/approval process. Upon any comments being received and addressed, the final CIE report will be presented to the governing body in June for the official adoption.

Attorney Hayes opened the floor for public comments. There being none, the hearing was closed and the matter was returned to the governing body for consideration.

Motion to adopt the resolution BR-2019-11 as presented.

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

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

March for Meals Campaign

City Manager Bryan Lackey announced the "March for Meals" campaign in recognition of national Meals on Wheels month. He encouraged everyone to participate in volunteering with the Meals on Wheels program this month.

Community Development Department Name Change

City Manager Bryan Lackey announced the Community Development Department name change to Community and Economic Development Department. He commented on the need for the city to play a greater role in the economic development initiatives. He recognized the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce staff for the great work they do indicating the change is an extension of economic development efforts. Rusty Ligon will remain as the Department Director and Matt Tate will serve as Deputy Director.

Council extended words of appreciation to staff for all their great work.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:44 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk