

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, George Wangemann, Sam Couvillon, Barbara Brooks, Juli Clay
TELECONFERENCE: Zack Thompson
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.

Gainesville Police Chief Jay Parrish, delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

TELECONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT:

City Attorney Abb Hayes announced Council Member Thompson was participating via teleconference pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(g) due to his absence from jurisdiction.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Clay

Thanked the community and leaders, law enforcement and Council Member Brooks for the peaceful gatherings and conversations in light of the recent tragic event.

Council Member Brooks

1. Thanked the Gainesville and Hall County residents for a successful organizational meeting at the City View lot. Expressed appreciation to law enforcement and Council Member Couvillon for their attendance.
2. Announced a free COVID-19 testing will be held at the St. John Baptist Church. Additional information forthcoming. She encouraged all African-Americans to get tested especially in light of the large gatherings over the last week.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Announced a food distribution with the Georgia Mountain Foods Bank on Saturday, June 6 from 8:30 AM to 4 PM.
2. Thanked the Police Department for their guardianship over the past few days.

Council Member Couvillon

Extended appreciation to Police Chief Parrish, Council Member Brooks and Reverend Rose Mackey-Johnson for organizing a peaceful gathering. He commented on challenging people to come outside of their comfort zone to have the difficult discussion as we move forward in a positive direction.

Mayor Dunagan

Read the following prepared statement:

As all of us are aware, the death of George Floyd has sparked mass civil unrest nationwide, resulting in some peaceful protests and rightfully so. To those demonstrating peacefully, I want to say we hear you, we stand with you and we thank you for making your voices heard in hopes of a better tomorrow. With that being said, I'm sure when we imagine a "better tomorrow," we don't picture our historic buildings and local businesses being torched, vandalism of private property or public monuments being defaced. While we're thankful this is not completely the case in Gainesville, our hearts

go out to these cities facing unimaginable circumstances. Those who truly want to be heard and work together for the good of this city are always welcome in Gainesville, however, we have zero tolerance for those ill-intentioned individuals, many from outside Gainesville, using this platform to incite violence and unlawful behavior. When the day comes we can move forward together, Gainesville will still be our home, where many of us raise our families, earn an honest living and degrees. We thank those who continue to make their voices heard, while being respectful of the community in which their fellow demonstrators reside.

We also thank our local law enforcement officers, the Gainesville and Oakwood Police Departments and Hall County Sheriff's Office, among others who have left their families at home to keep demonstrators, bystanders and the greater community safe during turbulent times. I assure you we are continuing to monitor the situation and weighing possible options to address these demonstrations should they get out of hand. Until that time, we ask those in our community remain vigilant, but also patient and understanding. We will soon move to less unsettling times, but not without us working hand in hand.

Mayor Dunagan commended Council Member Brooks, Police Chief Parrish and Reverend Johnson in the organizing of the recent demonstration event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Dunagan requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion to enter an Executive Session at 5:40 PM to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Wangemann, Couvillon, Brooks, Clay

Inaudible Vote: Thompson

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VIA TELECONFERENCE: Thompson

STAFF PRESENT: Lackey, Sheppard, Hayes, Ligon, Perry, Jordan

Motion to close the Executive Session at 6:07 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Votes favoring the motion: Wangemann, Couvillon, Brooks, Clay

Inaudible Vote: Thompson

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: May 14, 2020 Work Session

Minutes: May 19, 2020 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

Votes favoring the motion: Wangemann, Couvillon, Brooks, Clay

Inaudible Vote: Thompson

Resolutions

A. BR-2020-22 Gainesville Renaissance Land Swap

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

Motion to adopt the resolution as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Clay

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Wangemann, Couvillon, Brooks, Clay

Inaudible Vote: Thompson

BUDGET HEARING:

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

Fiscal Year 2021 Recommended Budget

City Manager Bryan Lackey began by providing a brief history of the actions surrounding and leading up to the proposed budget. He used a power point presentation to supplement the information. Highlights from the presentation were as follows:

- \$28.8M budget (a 9.8% decrease from FY2020 budget)
- Full roll-back on the general fund tax rate with no tax increase
- No compensation adjustments and no planned furloughs
- Continuation of the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) incentives
- No water/sewer rate increases
- \$35.2M for the capital projects program

Mr. Lackey stated the budget adoption was scheduled for June 16, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

In closing, Mr. Lackey commented on and displayed the City's new logo.

Council Member Brooks expressed appreciation for a good budget and commended City Manager Lackey and staff on a job well done in light of the COVID-19 and economic downturn.

Public Comments Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

City Attorney Hayes opened the floor for comments. There being none, the hearing was closed.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:43 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk