

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

City Manager Bryan Lackey delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

Proclamation: Constitution Week

Council Member Clay read a proclamation proclaiming September 17 – 23, 2020 to be *Constitution Week*. She presented it to members of the Colonel William Chandler Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A member of the Chapter expressed appreciation noting the National Daughters of the American Revolution reached a membership of one million members last year with 200 located in Gainesville. Mayor Dunagan extended words of appreciation.

North Georgia Community Foundation Partnership

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar briefly shared information about funding received through the Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV). She recognized the North Georgia Community Foundation (NGCF) for their partnership in administering funding in response to the impacts of COVID-19 on Gainesville residents and to address impacts of COVID-19 using the City's Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds. Mayor Dunagan presented a check in the amount of \$175,000 to NGCF representatives Michelle Prater, Executive Director, and Rob Fowler, Chairman. Mayor Dunagan and Council Member Couvillon expressed their appreciation. Ms. Prater stated she was proud to be a part of a community where these types of initiatives are created.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Brooks

Reported District 2 Public Health continues to offer free COVID-19 testing across Northeast Georgia. Testing is available at the Allen Creek Soccer Complex Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM and Saturday from 8:30 AM – 12 noon. Testing is also available in Franklin, Forsyth, Habersham, Lumpkin and towns counties. Check the District 2 Public Health website or Facebook page for details.

Council Member Clay

Announced the new City of Gainesville Visitor Center, located on the first floor of the Administrative Building, is almost complete. She shared some details about the new space.

Council Member Couvillon

1. Thanked everyone for being vigilant in wearing masks. He commented on the number of patients being treated for COVID-19 in the area hospitals noting it appears we're trending in

the right direction due to the community practicing safety measures as recommended by the CDC (Center for Disease Control).

2. Expressed appreciation for Police Chief Jay Parrish and the Gainesville Police Department for their community involvement in listening, addressing issues and putting initiatives learned into practice. He also thanked City Manager Bryan Lackey and Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard for their leadership.

Council Member Thompson

1. Thanked everyone for their participation in wearing masks and social distancing.
2. Shared information about the Scarecrows on the Square event coming in October.

Mayor Dunagan

Announced the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Gainesville Renaissance will be held on Wednesday, September 16th.

TELECONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT:

City Attorney Abb Hayes announced Council Member Wangemann was participating via teleconference pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(g) due to health reasons.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Appointments: Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee – Appoint Gary Palmer and Cleve Brown

Motion to appoint Gary Palmer to replace Bryson Worley and Cleve Brown to replace Mike Hulsey on the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

Via teleconference: Wangemann

Minutes: August 27, 2020 Work Session

Minutes: September 1, 2020 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Couvillon

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

Via teleconference: Wangemann

Resolutions

- A. BR-2020-35 Tax Allocation District (TAD) Funding for Peach State Bank & Trust at 332 Spring Street SW
- B. BR-2020-36 Transport & Disposal of Wastewater Bio-Solids Contract

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

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

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

Via teleconference: Wangemann

APPOINTMENT:

Municipal Court Solicitor

Motion to appoint Inez Grant as Solicitor.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

Via teleconference: Wangemann

OATH OF OFFICE:

Solicitor Oath of Office

Mayor Dunagan administered the Oath of Office to Inez Grant. The Oath read as follows:

"I do solemnly swear that I will conduct the Office of the 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."

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

**BR-2020-18 Approval of Exercising Power of Eminent Domain at 628 EE Butler Parkway
(Tabled at the August 18, 2020 Mayor/Council Meeting)**

City Manager Bryan Lackey requested to table the referenced business item. He indicated talks continued with the owner and they are continuing to make progress.

Motion to table the resolution BR-2020-18 to the October 6, 2020 Mayor/Council Meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Clay

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

Via teleconference: Wangemann

Downtown Gainesville Projects

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on construction in the downtown area and expressed appreciation for Council's support.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

City Attorney Abb Hayes confirmed Council Member Wangemann voted on all items of action presented during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:57 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk