

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

Pastor Tommy Hunt, Union Baptist Church and Public Works employee, delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

Proclamation: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Volunteer's Day

Council Member Couvillon read a proclamation declaring May 18, 2021 to be CASA Volunteer's Day. Advocacy Director Natalie Vinzant, Director Janet Walden, and CASA volunteer Gertrude Rhein represented and received the proclamation on behalf of the Hall-Dawson CASA Program, Inc. Ms. Vinzant shared information about the program.

Proclamation: National Public Works Week

Mayor Dunagan read a proclamation declaring May 16-22, 2021 to be National Public Works Week. Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky received the proclamation on behalf of the Public Works Department.

Mr. Rotalsky bragged on the Public Works Department and expressed his appreciation for staff. Although they were met with the challenges of the pandemic they never wavered and continued to exert and maintain the exceptional service level to the community.

Mr. Rotalsky shared the following accomplishments in the department:

- Airport Manager Lisa Poole received her private pilot license.
- Tommy Hunt completed the Certificate of Public Works Management Program in 2021.
- Announced Christie Beck as the Public Works Employee of the Year in 2020.

Council made congratulatory remarks and expressed appreciation for the Public Works staff.

Special Recognition of Frances Meadows Aquatic & Community Center Staff

Director of Parks & Recreation Kate Mattison recognized staff members Zandrea Stephens (Division Manager), Shannon Parris (Aquatics Manager), Cailean Bice-Bey (lifeguard), and Collin Oleksuik (lifeguard) for their life-saving actions on May 10, 2021 to save a patron. She presented each with a meritorious service certificate. Council extended words of appreciation.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Clay

Announced the Blue Sky Concert Series resumes on the square on Wednesday, May 19 from 12 – 1 PM.

Council Member Brooks

1. Wished all a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend noting City administrative offices along with the Community Service Center and transit services will be closed May 31.
2. Commented on a rewarding experience in serving with the Sunshine Seniors at St. John Baptist Church on last Tuesday.

Council Member Thompson

Announced the return of the First Friday Concerts on the downtown square beginning Friday, June 4 from 7 – 10 PM.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Reported a Keep Hall Beautiful cleanup event on Saturday, May 22, 8 AM at corner of EE Butler Parkway and Summit Street.
2. Announced the inaugural Lake Life Festival is slated for 9 AM – 2 PM, Saturday, May 22 at the Lake Lanier Olympic Park.
3. Reported Food Truck Friday was a great event.

Council Member Couvillon

1. Commented on the CASA program and the dire need for foster families.
2. Announced Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis-Moss was recently recognized as the recipient of a John Jacobs Citizenship Award.
3. Announced Ashley Thompson, daughter of Council Member Zack Thompson, won state championship in the 3200-meter run for Class 7A indicating it was the first in Gainesville history.

Mayor Dunagan

Recognized May 9-15 as National Police Week and May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day. He thanked the men and women in law enforcement for all that they do and thoughts and prayers for those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: April 29, 2021 Work Session

Minutes: May 4, 2021 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

Resolutions:

- A. BR-2021-27 Agreement for Construction Management Services by Walton Construction Services
- B. BR-2021-28 Corporate Hangar AA1 Sublease and SASO Agreement
- C. BR-2021-29 Transfer of City of Gainesville Owned Property (between Washington Street, Spring Street and Maple Street)

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

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

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

GENERAL LEGISLATION:

Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Budget

City Attorney Abb Hayes opened the budget hearing and confirmed the public notice had been advertised.

City Manager Bryan Lackey briefly commented on COVID and the effects it has had on everyone noting we are in a better place than a year ago and continue to move through it. He presented the proposed budget supplemented by a power point presentation which briefly detailed information about the 2021 Council Retreat; general fund proposed budget, budgeted fund balance, revenues and expenditures; CARES Act funding; American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 & FY22 millage rates; general fund capital; and capital projects. Notable highlights were as follows:

- Roll-back millage rate exceeding the total net assessed value added by reassessments. (Full Roll-Back)
- 1.0 mill Credit Due To ARPA Funds
- Establish a Police Special District
- Compensation Adjustments
- Continued High Deductible Health Premium (HDHP) Incentives
- \$122.2M in Capital Projects (All Funds)
 - Water & Sewer Treatment & Infrastructure projects
 - SPLOST VIII projects
 - Transportation / Traffic Investments

Adoption of the budget is scheduled for the June 15 Council Meeting.

Mayor Dunagan expressed appreciation for a great budget.

Public Comments Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

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

ADJOURNMENT: 6:30 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk