

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.

Minister David Simpson, Lanier Christian Church, delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

Police Department Employee of the Year Awards

Police Chief Jay Parrish shared information regarding the awards program noting this year's awards consisted of five categories and were broken up by division. The recipients were voted on by members of the agency. He recognized and presented awards to the following recipients:

- Uniform Patrol Officer of the Year - Officer Anthony Barrera
- Detective of the Year – Investigator Terry Barnes
- Specialized Services Officer of the Year - Officer Russell Clark
- Professional Staff Member of the Year - Kevin Foster, IT Representative
- Supervisor of the Year – Sargent Travis Barnette
- Gainesville Police Employee of the Year - Officer Anthony Barrera

Council extended words of appreciation.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Clay

Announced the final Food Truck Friday of the season will be held on Friday, September 10 from 5-9 PM at Lake Lanier Olympic Park.

Council Member Brooks

Provided a brief overview of the training during the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Annual Convention held in Savannah in August.

Council Member Thompson

Announced the final 2021 First Friday concert series was scheduled for 7-10 PM on September 3 on the historic downtown square.

Council Member Wangemann

Shared information about the upcoming Gainesville Department of Water Resources annual Stream Cleanup effort. Two ways to participate are 1) host your own cleanup between September 6-11 and/or 2) join the Water Resources cleanup from 9-11 AM, Saturday, September 11 at Flat Creek Water Reclamation Facility. Visit the city's website for more information.

Mayor Dunagan

Was pleased to share the Finance Department was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United

States and Canada. This Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Municipal Courtroom Renovations

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the renovation project for the Municipal Courtroom was scheduled to begin next week. Due to the timeframe of the construction, the scheduled meetings for the Planning and Appeals Board (September 14) and the Council Meeting (September 21) will be held at the Civic Center. The September 30 Work Session is scheduled to be held in the Municipal Courtroom.

COVID Vaccination Incentive

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on the results of the COVID-19 vaccination incentive for City staff noting approximately 50 percent have been vaccinated.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Next Work Session

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported the next scheduled Work Session is September 16.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Business Resolution 2021-40

Authorization to Execute First Amended Parking, Sign and Sale Agreement with the Arts Council, Inc.

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated the proposed resolution is an amendment to the 2018 agreement with the Arts Council to address any legal and real estate issues related to the potential sale/development of the property located adjacent to the Arts Council.

Motion to adopt the resolution BR-2021-40 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

ADJOURNMENT: 5:52 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk