

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

Mayor Elect Sam Couvillon called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and served as the presiding officer.

Reverend Jamey Prickett, First United Methodist Church, delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor W. Samuel Couvillon

The Honorable Judge Steve Jones administered and presented the Oath of Office as follows:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of Mayor of the City of Gainesville and that I will support and defend the Charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America; that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this State or any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the laws of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia; that I have been a resident of Ward 1 and the City of Gainesville for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this State and by the Municipal Charter; and that I will perform the duties of my office in the best interest of the City of Gainesville to the best of my ability without fear, favor, affection, reward, or expectation thereof."

Council Member C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Ward 1

City Clerk Denise Jordan administered and presented the Oath of Office as follows:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of Council Member of the City of Gainesville and that I will support and defend the Charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America; that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this State or any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the laws of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia; that I have been a resident of Ward 1 and the City of Gainesville for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this State and by the Municipal Charter; and that I will perform the duties of my office in the best interest of the City of Gainesville to the best of my ability without fear, favor, affection, reward, or expectation thereof."

Council Member George Wangemann, Ward 4

City Clerk Denise Jordan administered and presented the Oath of Office as follows:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of Council Member of the City of Gainesville and that I will support and defend the Charter thereof as well as the

Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America; that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this State or any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the laws of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia; that I have been a resident of Ward 4 and the City of Gainesville for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this State and by the Municipal Charter; and that I will perform the duties of my office in the best interest of the City of Gainesville to the best of my ability without fear, favor, affection, reward, or expectation thereof.”

Mayor Couvillon took a moment of personal privilege to share a few thoughts. In summary, he was humbled and honored to become the Mayor of Gainesville. He served as a Council Member for the last eight years and didn't feel his voice was less than any other Council Member. He regretted his parents not being alive to witness his success as a Council Member and now as the Mayor. They taught him to serve the community and to give back which he does by mentoring two sixth graders. Mayor Couvillon thanked his wife and daughters for unconditional love; his mother-in-law who has been a mother to him; and the mentors in his professional life, naming a few and sharing the lessons learned. Mayor Couvillon closed with comments about the City. He commented on his relationship with the elected officials. He acknowledged the talent of staff. He expressed excitement about finishing \$150 million in downtown development and the transformation forthcoming. He was also excited about the new business park. He stressed the importance of public safety and his commitment to provide resources to remain safe. Mayor Couvillon looked forward to a prosperous and safe 2022.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Business Resolution: 2022-01 Emergency Interim Successors

Motion to adopt BR-2022-01 establishing the emergency interim successors as follows: Mayor W. Samuel Couvillon; Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Brooks; Council Member Zack Thompson; Council Member Juli Clay; Council Member C. Danny Dunagan, Jr; and Council Member Georgia Wangemann.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

Absent: Thompson

Appointment: Municipal Court Solicitor

Motion to reappoint Inez Grant as Municipal Court Solicitor for a two-year term.

Motion made by Council Member Clay

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

Absent: Thompson

Appointment: Administrative Hearing Officer

Motion to reappoint G. Hammond Law, III as Administrative Hearing Officer for another one-year term.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann
Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan

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

Absent: Thompson

Appointment: Legal Organ

Motion to reappoint The Times as the legal organ for another one-year term.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan
Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

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

Absent: Thompson

Appointments: Board/Committee Ex-Officio Members

Motion to appoint the 2022 Ex-Officio Members as follows:

American Red Cross	Mayor Couvillon
Economic Development Council	Mayor Couvillon
Gainesville-Hall County Development Authority	Mayor Couvillon
Gainesville Redevelopment Authority	Council Member Thompson
Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors	Mayor Couvillon
HALLmark Initiative	Mayor Couvillon
Lake Lanier Olympic Park Foundation	Council Member Dunagan
Board of Health	Council Member Brooks
Gainesville Non-Profit Development Authority	Council Member Brooks
Airport Advisory Committee	Council Members Brooks & Clay
Friends of the Park	Council Member Clay
Parks & Recreation Board	Council Member Clay
Gainesville-Hall County Land Bank Board	Council Member Brooks
Housing Authority	Council Member Thompson
Planning and Appeals Board	Council Member Brooks
Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee	Council Member Thompson
Main Street Gainesville Advisory Board	Council Member Dunagan
Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission	Council Member Wangemann
Keep Hall Beautiful/Hall County Green Alliance	Council Member Wangemann
Historic Preservation Commission	Council Member Wangemann

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan
Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

Absent: Thompson

Appointment: Georgia Mountains Regional Commission

Motion to reappoint George Wangemann to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission for another one-year term as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Clay
Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan

Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Clay, Dunagan, Wangemann
Absent: Thompson

Appointment: Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee

Motion to reappoint Danny Dunagan to the Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee for another one-year term as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks
Motion seconded by Council Member Clay
Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Clay, Dunagan, Wangemann
Absent: Thompson

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Wangemann

Thanked the citizens of Gainesville, his family and his wife for their support noting he was grateful for the opportunity to serve. He commented on the teamwork that occurs.

Mayor Dunagan

Congratulated Mayor Couvillon and was looking forward to being able to vote. Stated it's an honor to serve on the Council and to serve the citizens of Gainesville noting the Council works well together and the staff is second to none.

Council Member Brooks

Announced the City will observe the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Monday, January 17 and shared details about activities planned by the Newtown Florist Club.

Council Member Clay

Stated an interactive google map for public art in Gainesville is available on the website. The abundance of art installations in the area were made possible by Vision 2030.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: December 2, 2021 Work Session

Minutes: December 7, 2021 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to adopt the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan
Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks
Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Clay, Dunagan, Wangemann
Absent: Thompson

ADJOURNMENT: 5:58 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk