

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Ruth Bruner, George Wangemann, Sam Couvillon,
Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks

STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Denise Jordan

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and served as the presiding officer.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Contract with J.P. Morgan for Real Estate Investments

Retirement Plan A (RPA) Board Chairman David Frazier stated the Board desires to enter into a contract to invest \$4 million (5% of the RPA portfolio) into J.P. Morgan Chase Strategic Property Fund. Proceeding will add real estate investments to the portfolio. He shared information about the fund and about the process for making this selection. The proposed resolution authorized the City Manager to sign the contract.

Placed on the January 24, 2017 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Resolution: Memorandum of Understanding for Main Street Gainesville

Communications and Tourism Director Catiel Felts presented a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Department of Community Affairs to maintain accreditation. City Attorney Abb Hayes briefly commented on changes to the agreement.

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Resolution: Wal-Mart Foundation Local Facility Giving Program

Police Chief Carol Martin stated the Department was selected to receive funding for law enforcement programs and educational materials. The proposed resolution authorized the acceptance of \$2,000.

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Resolution: FY2016 Closure of Department of Water Resources Capital Projects

Resolution: FY2016 Closure of General Government Capital Projects

Resolution: FY2016 Closure of Parks and Recreation Capital Projects

Budget and Purchasing Manager Alisha Gamble reviewed three capital projects resolutions noting the financial audit had been completed. Their purpose was to close capital projects and reallocate balances to (1) restricted funds and/or (2) the appropriate capital projects fund. Ms. Gamble discussed each resolution and the action to occur upon adoption.

Placed all three resolutions on the January 24, 2017 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Resolution: Biogas Site Assessment Grant

Director of Water Resources Linda MacGregor commented on energy efficient improvements to reduce operating cost. A grant had been identified to assist with the biogas assessment which offered the potential for obtaining \$25,000. The resolution authorized staff to apply for and accept the grant.

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Resolution: Capital Improvements Project (CIP) Funding for Crosswalk Upgrades on Jesse Jewell and E.E. Butler Parkways

Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky requested approval to reallocate CIP funds for the referenced project. The work was scheduled to occur in the spring at night. It was clarified that this resolution addresses the thermoplastic work. A grant would address the landscaping portion of the project.

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Council Member Wangemann expressed concern about U-turns at the intersection of Jesse Jewell Parkway and Academy Street; requested sidewalks on Browns Bridge Road; asked staff to revisit the intersection of Athens Street and Myrtle Street in regards to the traffic lights being too close; and requested synchronized traffic signals along Browns Bridge Road and Dawsonville Highway.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Thompson

1. Presented the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee ex-officio report.
2. Commented on a community effort to display a banner honoring former Gainesville High School student Deshaun Watson on the old Regions Bank Building.

Council Member Brooks

Presented the Friends of the Parks ex-officio report.

Council Member Wangemann

Presented the Planning and Appeals Board ex-officio report.

Council Member Couvillon

Presented the Parks & Recreation Board ex-officio report.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Commented on a request for a parade/event honoring former Gainesville High School student Deshaun Watson.
2. Requested input on addressing appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Friends of the Parks.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Gainesville High School 125 Anniversary Celebration

City Attorney Hayes extended an invitation to Gainesville High School's anniversary celebration on February 26 from 1 to 5 PM.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Resolution: Qualifying Fees for the 2017 Municipal Election

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported the City's next General Election will occur on November 7, 2017 to address several seats. The appropriate parties from the City and School System provided salary information to calculate the fee as provided by State law. The proposed resolution sets the fees and directs the City Clerk to publish the qualifying fees no later than February 1. The Board of Education's qualifying fees were presented at their last meeting.

SEAT	QUALIFYING FEE
Mayor	\$831.00
Council, Ward 1	\$786.00
Council, Ward 4	\$786.00
Board of Education, Ward 1	\$174.60
Board of Education, Ward 4	\$174.60

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager Lackey requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:38 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

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Note: Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky and Civil Engineer Matt Tarver attended part of the Executive Session.

Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:41 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Meeting with Governor Deal

City Manager Bryan Lackey summarized discussions at a meeting with Governor Deal. City and County officials attended the meeting.

Joint Municipal Association (JMA) Meeting

It was noted that the next JMA meeting was scheduled for January 23 and would be hosted by the City of Oakwood.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:51 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk