OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Ruth Bruner, George Wangemann, Sam Couvillon, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Tom Fitzgerald, Denise Jordan

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

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

Keep Hall Beautiful

Executive Director Kelly Norman requested $20,000 to help fund Keep Hall Beautiful (no increase from last year) noting the agency will work to increase revenue through sponsorship programs. She briefly summarized activities that occurred over the last year and commented on upcoming projects.

Elachee Nature Center

President/CEO Andrea Timpone and Chair of the Board of Trustees John Girardeau made presentations. There was discussion about the mission and uses for the Center. The 2016 By the Numbers Report was distributed and briefly reviewed. The agency requested $17,000 in funding (a $2,000 increase from last year).

Gainesville-Hall ‘96

Lake Lanier Olympic Venue Manager Morgan House and Gainesville-Hall ’96 Chair Mimi Collins made presentations. There was an overview of the 2016 activities with a notation that the venue is used for private events. There was discussion about renovations to the venue side of the park. The funding request was the same as last year, i.e., $150,000. There was discussion about a grant opportunity and about the 2018 Dragon Boat event.

Council Member Thompson inquired about the possibility of reducing future funding which led to a brief discussion about long-term goals for the venue. It was noted that the core elements of the master plan would take three to five years to implement.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: General Banking

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry stated the proposed resolution grants him authority to make financial transactions on the City’s behalf. He also commented on efforts to diversify investments to increase interest income.

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Resolution: Transfer of a Portion of the Airport Industrial Park (AIP) Lot A5 and Sale Property at 1080 Airport Parkway

Airport Manager Terry Palmer commented on ground leases at the AIP. He reported staff received a request to sell the building and transfer the ground lease to LCL Holdings Company. The proposed resolution authorizes the ground lease and the purchase of the building as well as authorizes execution of the appropriate documents.

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Resolution: Accept FAA-GDOT Grant for Runway Improvement Project, Award of Contract, and the Airport Layout Plan
Airport Manager Terry Palmer stated the Georgia Department of Transportation issued a grant for the referenced project. The proposed resolution accepts the grant funding and awards the construction contract to J J Cunningham LLC.

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Resolution: Authorization to Apply for and Accept an ARC Economic Development Grant – Airport Terminal
Airport Manager Terry Palmer stated the original airport terminal was built in 1943. There was interest in making short-term improvements. The City has an opportunity to participate in an Appalachian Regional Commission Grant (ARC) to help with this project.

Project Manager Jessica Tullar stated the grant could provide up to 50% of the cost from the Appalachian Regional Commission. The total project budget was almost $100,000. Half of the cost would be paid by the grant and the other half would be split between the city and the county. Staff was in the process of preparing an agreement with the County. The proposed resolution authorized staff to apply for and sign the necessary documents to accept ARC grant funding for this project.

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Resolution: Authorization to Apply for and Accept an ARC Economic Development Grant – Downtown Wireless Hot Zone
Project Manager Jessica Tullar stated this project was intended to help the downtown area and would require a 50/50 match. This grant would create a hotspot in the downtown area to allow millennials to enjoy the greenspace and electronic devices at the same time. The areas of focus were the downtown square and Roosevelt Square.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Resolution: Transfer of Urban Redevelopment Property to Gainesville Housing Authority
City Manager Bryan Lackey stated this resolution addresses the Walton Summit Project a/k/a the Old Atlanta Street Project.

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard stated the proposed resolution transfers the remaining public section of Atlanta Street, which does not meet public street design standards, to the Housing Authority for incorporation into the Walton Summit Project design. The Housing Authority will retain the property ownership. The city will retain the utility easements.

Council Member Brooks inquired about access to Peppers Grocery and asked if the Walton Summit Project would be enclosed.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Couvillon
Presented the Parks & Recreation ex-officio report.

Council Member Wangemann
1. Announced he would attend a Georgia Mountains Regional Commission training session on February 23.
2. Presented the Historic Preservation Commission ex-officio report.

Council Member Bruner
Reported she would be out of town most of next week and asked if someone could attend the Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission meeting on her behalf. Council Member Couvillon volunteered.

Council Member Thompson
Presented a Golf Course Advisory Committee ex-officio report.

Mayor Dunagan
1. Reported the State of the City would be presented at the upcoming Council Meeting.
2. Reminded everyone of Gainesville High School's 125th celebration noting the Deshaun Watson street sign would be unveiled during this event.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:06 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk