

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

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

Public Works Department Goals and Accomplishments

Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky commented on the eight divisions within the department (Airport, Solid Waste, Vehicle Services, PL&B, Engineering, Traffic, Streets Maintenance and Cemetery) and highlighted some accomplishments and goals for each.

Council Member Wangemann suggested that the next Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) identify funds for roads and storm water projects.

Council Member Brooks complimented the department on response time to special requests and expressed excitement about plans to acknowledge unmarked graves at Alta Vista Cemetery.

Communications and Tourism Department Goals and Accomplishments

Communications and Tourism Director Catiel Felts commented on the Convention and Visitors Bureau being funded by hotel motel tax which makes it important to promote the city to subsequently increase the funding. She commented on FY2017 accomplishments then discussed the FY2018 goals.

TV18 Goals and Accomplishments

Communications and Tourism Director Catiel Felts commented on the FY2017 accomplishments and the FY2018 goals noting this division provides similar services to Hall County Government.

Parks & Recreation Board FY2018 Budget Presentation

Parks and Recreation Agency Director Melvin Cooper commented on the agency's national accreditation. He also commented on the community's investment and support as well as the agency's impact on quality of life.

Deputy Director Michael Graham used a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the agency's impact on the community, youth, health, environment and the economy. He also discussed FY2017 accomplishments as well as goals/objectives and major capital projects for FY2018.

Council Member Thompson inquired about facility rentals at the Civic Center.

Council Member Wangemann asked if the Frances Meadows Aquatic Center was impacted by developments that provide pools.

Community Service Center Goals and Accomplishments

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss stated 63% of the department's funding originated from grants and donations. She commented on FY2017 accomplishments and on FY2018 goals.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: FY2017 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Off-System Safety Program

Civil Engineer Matt Tarver commented on receiving a grant notice from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Several projects were identified that meet the criteria. The estimated total cost was \$100,000. A 30% local match was required. The proposed resolution authorized staff to apply for and accept the grant funds.

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Resolution: 2017 Planning and Appeals Board Meeting Calendar (July - December)

Planning Manager Matt Tate stated the proposed resolution established the Planning and Appeals Board Meeting schedule for the last half of 2017.

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**Public Hearing Item for the April 18, 2017 Council Meeting
Transmittal of the Five-Year Update to the Comprehensive Plan**

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon, Planning Manager Matt Tate and Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar presented information about the update. It was noted that the update is the result of an accelerated process conducted by a steering committee. There was a strong desire for a larger mix of housing options. The committee also expressed a desire for more focus on the midtown area and commented on the need for downtown event space.

This update will change the Comprehensive Plan to (1) include an executive summary, (2) include incentives for redevelopment, (3) modify residential zoning categories, (4) include a vision and goals statement; and (5) include previous plans by reference. A public hearing was advertised for the upcoming Council Meeting. The governing body was asked to consider a resolution to authorize submittal of the updated plan to the Department of Community Affairs.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Resolution: Rename Capital Project 91030 from "Land Bank Authority" to "Demolition Program"

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard stated the FY2017 budget included a capital project to establish a Land Bank Authority to revitalize dilapidated property. As staff worked through the state requirements/regulations and worked with the county, they identified some demolition projects to address in partnership with the property owners. The proposed resolution renames the capital project to "Demolition Program" with the intent of using these funds for demolition in a loan scenario without the official establishment of a Land Bank Authority.

It was confirmed that a Land Bank Authority capital project would be established in the FY2018 budget.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Thompson

Provided a Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee Meeting ex-officio report.

Council Member Brooks

1. Provided a Friends of the Parks Meeting ex-officio report.
2. Announced the Butterfly Release is scheduled for May 21 at 1:00 PM.
3. Announced Friends of the Parks will participate in the Chicken City Parade.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Provided a Planning and Appeals Board Meeting ex-officio report.
2. Announced he is in the process of relocating to the Mundy Mill community.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Reminded everyone of the groundbreaking ceremony for Mincey Marble today at 1:30 PM.
2. Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce submitted nominations for the Development Authority to fill the position currently held by RK Whitehead. He nominated Elisabeth Baldwin to fill the position. Placed on the April 18, 2017 Council Meeting Consent Agenda.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Joint Municipal Association (JMA) Meeting

City Clerk Denise Jordan reminded the group that Gainesville will host the April 24 JMA meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 11:16 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Wangemann, Thompson, Brooks

Absent: Bruner, Couvillon

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OTHERS: Sarah Wilson-Britt attended part of the Executive Session

Motion to close the Executive Session at 12:15 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Wangemann, Thompson, Brooks

Absent: Bruner, Couvillon

City Manager Bryan Lackey requested another Executive Session for litigation.

Motion to enter an Executive Session at 12:15 to discuss litigation matters.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 12:19 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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ADJOURNMENT: 12:19 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk