OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, George Wangemann, Sam Couvillon, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks
OFFICIALS ABSENT: Ruth Bruner
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: Chattahoochee Golf Course Additional Personnel
Director of Golf Rodger Hogan presented a request to add a full-time assistant golf professional noting this position has been vacant for several years. Part-time hours would be decreased to make this change. Mr. Hogan stated the Advisory Committee supports the change.

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Resolution: Cleveland Highway Bridge Replacements Utilities Relocation – Contract Item Agreements with GDOT
Civil Engineer Jason Perry stated this relocation is in conjunction with the Department of Transportation (DOT) project to replace both bridges. The agreement states the city will pay DOT all costs associated with installing water mains. The proposed resolution authorized the expenditure of $4,125,000 from the Department of Water Resources Capital Projects Fund and authorized the execution of the appropriate documents.

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Resolution: FY2016 Water Main Extensions and Improvements – Phase II
Civil Engineer Jason Perry stated this project was initiated by a resident's petition for water service. Staff received competitive bids from pre-qualified contractors. The proposed resolution authorized (1) awarding the contract to the low bidder (Griffin Bros., Inc.), (2) the expenditure of $1,262,041.20 from the Department of Water Resources Capital Projects Fund and (3) execution of the necessary documents to complete the project.

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Resolution: Land Acquisition and Easement Rights to Construct Turn Lanes on State Route 369
Civil Engineer Matt Tarver stated the project will add right-hand turn lanes on Jesse Jewell Parkway at West End Avenue and Auburn Avenue. It has been underway for a while and is currently in the right-of-way acquisition phase. The proposed resolution allows staff to prepare documents to acquire the necessary properties.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Department of Water Resources May 2017 Update

Director of Water Resources Linda MacGregor provided an update on the manhole adjustments and the odor elimination projects. She also discussed the drought status and provided a financial update.

Resolution: Purchase and Development of City of Gainesville Owned Property – Main Street Lots

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the proposed resolution will finalize the development of downtown property by awarding the Request for Proposal to the partnership of Carroll Daniel Construction Company and Knight Commercial Real Estate. The resolution also authorized execution of documents to complete the project.

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FY2018 Budget

City Manager Bryan Lackey thanked staff for their commitment to the budget process then presented the proposed budget using visual aids from a power point presentation. Highlights were noted as follows:

- Revenue assumptions are strong for the next fiscal year.
- The General Fund Budget is $34.1 million which represents a 2.8% increase. However, this increase will not change the General Fund millage rate.
- There will be no increase to water/sewer rates.
- Parks & Recreation will not be able to offer a full roll-back which means they will have a 0.04 mill increase (1.42%).
- Several projects were included in the Capital Improvements Plan.
- Employees will receive a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase.
- Three additional full-time positions were added – two in Public Works and one in Police as a result of the HEAT Grant.
- The challenges beyond FY2018 focus on rising operational costs and health insurance.
- Future budget implications are anticipated in relation to employee compensation, infrastructure needs, implementation of the Information Technology Master Plan, public safety needs/service demands, transportation and community service.

Mr. Lackey stated the schedule to adopt the budget was built to provide three public hearings as required by state law due to the Parks & Recreation increase. The tentative public hearing dates were presented as June 1 after the Work Session, June 6 at 10 AM and June 20 at the regular scheduled Council Meeting.

Council Member Brooks requested a list of the streets to be included in the sidewalk project.

Council Member Couvillon requested information about the retiree portion of healthcare cost.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Thompson

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

Council Member Brooks
1. Announced the Butterfly Release is scheduled for May 21.
2. Presented an appeal to make donations to the annual Friends of the Parks fund raiser.
3. Announced a Home Buyers Workshop is scheduled for May 20.

Council Member Wangemann
1. Provided a Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Meeting ex-officio report.
2. Shared information about a recent litter cleanup effort.

Council Member Couvillon
1. Provided an Airport Advisory Committee Meeting ex-officio report.
2. Provided a Parks & Recreation Meeting ex-officio report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:59 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 11:02 AM to continue the meeting.

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

NOTE: Council Member Couvillon did not return to the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Service Delivery Strategy (SDS)
City Manager Bryan Lackey and Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry provided an update on SDS negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:26 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk