

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and served as the presiding officer.

PRESENTATION:

Good News at Noon Children's Ministry

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard commented on the Council's practice of donating to a non-profit charity in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts noting Good News at Noon was selected this year. Representatives from the Children's Ministry accepted the donation and attended the meeting to discuss the impact of the donation.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: 2018 Planning and Appeals Board Meeting Calendar

Planning Manager Matt Tate presented the 2018 Planning and Appeals Board calendar.

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Resolution: Amendment to the City of Gainesville Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual

Administrative Services Director Janeann Allison presented amendments to the personnel policy as it pertained to weapons in the work place, smoke free work place in regards to vaping and the leave policy in regards to short term leave.

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Resolution: Administrative Services Department/HR Division Additional Personnel

Administrative Services Director Janeann Allison presented a resolution that added one additional staff member to the Human Resources Division specifically to address retirement related responsibilities. The Retirement Plan A Board agreed to pay 80% of the cost for the position.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Wangemann

Presented the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission ex-officio report.

Council Member Couvillon

1. Presented the Parks & Recreation ex-officio report.
2. Recognized Attorney Burns Marlowe who was shadowing Attorney Abb Hayes.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Plans to attend the unveiling of Northeast Georgia Medical Center's residency program.
2. Asked Council Members to attend the Public Safety Appreciation event.

APPOINTMENTS:

Cemetery Committee

Mayor Dunagan nominated Nancy Kelemen and Margaret Howington for reappointment.

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Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee

Mayor Dunagan nominated Gene Weschler, Will Hicks and Will Peeples for reappointment.

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Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee

Mayor Dunagan nominated Rob Fowler to replace Joe Biddy.

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Pending Appointments

Mayor Dunagan reviewed the pending appointments and requested suggestions from the Council.

Ex-Officio Appointments

Mayor Dunagan distributed the 2017 ex-officio appointment list and asked the Council to be prepared to discuss and offer changes as needed at the next Work Session.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Resolution: 2018 Governing Body Meeting Schedule

City Clerk Denise Jordan presented the Work Session and Council Meeting schedule for the upcoming year noting a few adjustments were made to address conflicts.

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Mrs. Jordan also noted the next work session was scheduled for January 4 during which there would be discussion about the 2018 organizational meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Mayor Dunagan requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion to close the Work Session at 10:27 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel matters.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Couvillon

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

Absent: Thompson

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 11:35 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

Absent: Thompson

OTHER ISSUES:

Water Issues

1. City Manager Bryan Lackey reported an upset customer may attend the upcoming Council Meeting to discuss his water bill.
2. City Manager Bryan Lackey reported staff would be contacting some local restaurants regarding issues with water taste and smell. Staff has been addressing these issues. The next step is to flush the fire hydrants.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:52 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk