

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: FEMA's Debris Removal Program

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry stated the program started in 2013 and defines the scale for reimbursement from FEMA and GEMA. The process started on December 15 and the city has 60 days to submit its reimbursement request. The proposed resolution authorized participation in the program and allowed the City Manager to execute the required documents.

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Resolution: Authorization for Additional Funding for Desota Park Renovation Project

Parks and Recreation Agency Director Melvin Cooper reported the Board approved a project to reconstruct tennis courts and basketball courts as well as replace the fencing and interior sidewalks at Desota Park. The project was bid and advertised. Twelve contractors were targeted. Three contractors attended the pre-bid meeting and one bid was received. The project will be completed in approximately 90 days.

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Resolution: Wal-Mart Foundation Local Facility Giving Program

Police Chief Carol Martin reported receipt of \$2500 for law enforcement education programs to be used for the Explorer Program with no cash match. The proposed resolution authorized acceptance of the funds.

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Resolution: Increase Funding and Staffing for School Resource Officer Program

Police Chief Carol Martin reported the Superintendent of the Gainesville City School System requested an additional School Resource Officer and offered to increase the school's funding level from 75% to an 80% match. The department will benefit by gaining another position at the existing funding level.

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Public Hearing Item for the January 9, 2018 Council Meeting

Tabled to the January 16, 2018 PAB Meeting and February 6, 2018 Council Meeting

Request from EDRE Assets, LLC to annex a 5.21± acres tract located on the north side of Ramsey Road at its terminus (a/k/a 0, 2608 and 2611 Ramsey Road) and to establish zoning as Planned Unit Development (P-U-D). Ward Number: Two. Tax Parcel Number(s): 09-110-000-019, 024 and 027. Request: 3 single-family lots.

Planning Manager Matt Tate reported this item was tabled at the Planning and Appeals Board Meeting and rescheduled for the January 16, 2018 meeting. There was no action for the governing body at this time.

Public Hearing Item for the January 9, 2018 Council Meeting

Request from McEver Extension Properties, LLC to amend the existing Planned Unit Development (P-U-D) zoning on a 3.32± acres tract located on the north side of McEver Road and west of its intersection with Dawsonville Highway (a/k/a 970 McEver Road, NW). Ward Number: One. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-116-002-032. Request: Office building addition.

Planning Manager Matt Tate summarized the application. Staff along with the Planning and Appeals Board recommended approval with five conditions.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Appointments: Planning and Appeals Board

Mayor Dunagan nominated Doug Carter and Eddie Martin, Sr. for reappointment.

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CITY CLERK ISSUES:

2018 Organizational Meeting Business Items

City Clerk Denise Jordan reviewed the items to be addressed during the organizational meeting.

- Oath of Office for those reelected in 2017 administered by the City Clerk
- Emergency Interim Successors Resolution
 - Mayor Dunagan presented the order of succession to be Couvillon, Wangemann, Bruner, Thompson and Brooks
- Appoint the Solicitor and Deputy Solicitor
- Oath of Office to the Solicitors administered by the Mayor
- Appointment of Administrative Hearing Officer
- Appointment of the Legal Organ
- Appointment of the Ex-Officio Members
 - Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission – Bruner
 - Airport Advisory Committee – Couvillon
 - Beautification Steering Committee – Wangemann
 - Board of Health – Wangemann
 - Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee – Thompson
 - Friends of the Parks – Brooks
 - Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation – Brooks
 - Historic Preservation Commission – Wangemann
 - Housing Authority – Wangemann
 - Main Street – Bruner
 - Parks and Recreation – Couvillon
 - Planning and Appeals Board – Brooks
- Appointment to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission
- Asked Council to secure ministers to deliver the invocation at the regularly scheduled Council Meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:27 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 9:54 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor's Day Conference Update

City Clerk Denise Jordan shared details regarding the referenced conference.

February 9, 2018 Council Retreat

City Manager Bryan Lackey shared details about the upcoming retreat and requested guidance on a few items for planning purposes.

March 9-10 Infrastructure Retreat

City Manager Bryan Lackey provided a reminder about this retreat.

Police Pay

City Manager Bryan Lackey discussed proposed changes to the Police Department pay scale that would increase the minimum pay and address salary compression. The purpose was to improve the department's ability to retain officers. The proposed change will permanently impact the annual budget. Officer retention would be monitored to determine if an additional adjustment was needed through the budget process. Mr. Lackey stated officers are working mandatory overtime due to the shortage of officers. The Police Chief is scheduled to talk with the media soon and will make an announcement to officers when the paperwork is signed.

There was consensus to proceed with the proposed changes.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:18 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk