

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

Public Hearing Item for the August 7, 2018 Council Meeting

Request from REB Land Development, LLC to rezone a 2.744± acres tract located on the northwest side of the intersection of Dawsonville Highway and Lakeshore Drive (a/k/a 621 Lakeshore Drive, NW) from Residential-I (R-I) to General Business (G-B). Ward Number: One. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-117-004-025. Request: Multi-tenant retail, office and restaurant.

City Attorney Abb Hayes reported the applicant filed a request for withdrawal.

Community Development was asked to notify citizens that have submitted comments regarding this request and the media was asked to help notify the community.

Ordinance: Amend Unified Land Development Code Article 9-20 Entitled Building Regulations

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon introduced the amendment noting it makes maintenance related additions to the code.

Planning Manager Matt Tate and Mr. Ligon summarized requirements for the following additions:

1. Registered Agent
2. Outdoor Furniture
3. Plastic or Impervious Covers
4. Boarding-Up Structures
5. Community Donation Boxes
6. Inoperable Accessory Items

Placed on the August 7, 2018 Council Meeting Agenda.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Ordinance: Amend Chapter 1-5 to Establish the Gainesville-Hall County Land Bank

Resolution: Intergovernmental Contract Between the City of Gainesville and Hall County to Create the Gainesville-Hall County Land Bank

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated these two items have been in the works for a while to address and improve housing issues noting Land Bank Authorities must be a joint effort of the city and county. Hall County has already approved the land bank. The proposed ordinance establishes the land bank and the resolution authorizes the intergovernmental contract. Mr. Lackey generally summarized the benefits of the land bank. The Board of Directors will be appointed by the City and County. City staff will oversee operations.

Ordinance and resolution placed on the August 7, 2018 Council Meeting Agenda

Place Making Pilot Program

City Manager Bryan Lackey reported Gainesville, Greensboro and Bainbridge were asked to participate in the referenced pilot program.

Neighborhood Development Manager Jessica Tullar stated the three-year program is a collaboration between the Georgia Municipal Association, the Georgia Cities Foundation, the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and Georgia Power. Gainesville has been asked to create a team to participate in the retreats (two per year). She requested one elected official serve on the team and stated the upcoming retreat is scheduled for August 29-30. It was noted this is a new concept still in the developing stages.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Brooks

Complimented the Parks and Recreation Agency on the renovations of DeSota Park.

Council Member Thompson

Complimented the Parks and Recreation Agency on the renovations to Riverside Park.

Mayor Dunagan

Presented nominations to the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee and the Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee.

Placed on the August 7, 2018 Council Meeting Agenda

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:32 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

Absent: Wangemann, Bruner

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:34 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

Absent: Wangemann, Bruner

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Dunagan provided a brief report on a recent meeting with the Department of Transportation Commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:39 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk