

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Sam Couvillon, George Wangemann, Ruth Bruner, 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: Appoint Officers to Conduct Tax Sales

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry stated the City Marshal is no longer in the Finance Department creating the need to appoint the Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Financial Officer to conduct tax sales.

Placed on August 21, 2018 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Tax Update

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry complimented the Tax Coordinator for extra efforts to eliminate the need for a tax sale this year. He also displayed a sample of the new tax bill.

ICF Dragon Boat Championship Update

Communications and Tourism Director Nikki Perry stated the event is 26 days away and provided a brief update. She stated the City will welcome athletes from all over the world September 12 – 16 and provided a few details about the event.

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Moss discussed shuttle services for the athletes noting the dial-a-ride buses would be used for this shuttle (with approval from Hall County and the state) which eliminates the need for renting buses.

Council Member Bruner announced volunteers are needed for the Dragon Boat Championship.

Downtown Parking/Main Street Shuttle

Communications and Tourism Director Nikki Perry stated the parking deck will close for construction on September 24. The Main Street Shuttle will operate during the closure.

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss discussed the route for the shuttle noting signage will identify the stops. Initial plans provide for one van. Adjustments will be made as needed to meet the crowd's demand. The estimated wait time is 10 minutes.

Mrs. Moss stated employees will also be able to walk from the designated parking areas if so desired.

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the City Hall lot will be reserved for downtown customers with a few exceptions. A press release will announce the downtown parking and shuttle service information.

Water Resources August 2018 Update

Director of Water Resources Linda MacGregor presented a water update. The following information was noted:

- The lake is above full pool.

- Outdoor watering can occur any day before 10 AM and after 4 PM.
- DOT projects are continuing at multiple locations with construction expected through 2020.
- The Riverside Water Quality Building is being modernized which will make it a better neighbor. There was discussion about the water fountain on Riverside with a suggestion to add one at the Midtown Greenway.
- Staff continues to coordinate with regional, state and federal partners on policy issues and water litigation matters. City Manager Lackey stated the most recent action means the process has restarted.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Wangemann

1. Announced the Empty Bowl Luncheon will occur on September 25th (11 AM to 1 PM) at First Baptist. Proceeds will benefit the Georgia Mountains Food Bank.
2. Announced Clarks Bridge Park Shore Sweep events will occur on August 25 and September 15.
3. Announced the Flat Creek Cleanup will occur on September 27 through the Rivers Alive Program.

Council Member Couvillon

Presented the Parks & Recreation meeting and the Airport Advisory Committee meeting ex-officio reports.

Council Member Thompson

Presented the Golf Course Advisory Committee meeting ex-officio report.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Presented nominations to the Airport Advisory Committee and the Gainesville Redevelopment Authority. Both were placed on the August 21, 2018 Council Meeting Consent Agenda.
2. Stated future discussions will address SPLOST, Building Board of Appeals and Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation appointments.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

One Community Pep Rally

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the school system will host this event at City Park with assistance from community partners.

Joint Municipal Association (JMA) Meeting

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the next JMA Meeting will occur on August 27 at Flowery Branch. Hall County has been invited to attend.

Land Bank Authority

City Manager Bryan Lackey reported names for the Land Bank Authority appointments would be needed soon.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

September Meeting Schedule

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported there would be one Work Session and one Council Meeting during September.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session at 9:36 AM to discuss real estate and litigation matters.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

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OTHERS PRESENT: Jeremy Perry (attended a portion of the executive session)

Motion to close the Executive Session at 11:15 AM

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Special Events Permit

City Manager Lackey briefly commented on a protest to occur near the Old Joe Monument.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:17 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk