

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Ruth Bruner, George Wangemann, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks
OFFICIALS ABSENT: Sam Couvillon
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: 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Deputy Police Chief Jay Parrish requested permission to apply for and receive the referenced grant to replace rifle vests worn by officers in critical incidents. The grant amount was \$12,765 and did not require match funds.

Placed on the September 18, 2018 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

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

Human Resources Manager Vikki Fox-Wilson presented the following personnel policy changes:

1. Creation of a Personal Time Off (PTO) Bank to provide an option for employees with leave balances that exceed established limits. This policy allows balances above the maximum accrual to roll into this bank to use in Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) situations after exhausting all other leave. It was noted there is no payment for unused banked hours when the employee leaves the City.
2. Amendment to the Sick Leave Bank to loosen restrictions on usage of the existing banked leave.
3. Clarification of Military Leave to establish a policy for addressing voluntary military service situations.

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Resolution: Renovation of the Chattahoochee Golf Clubhouse Project

Engineer Chris McGauley commented on the renovation plans. Four bids were received. The low responsive bidder was Hartley Construction Company, Inc. with a total project cost of \$314,350 paid from the golf course fund. Furniture is not included in this cost.

City Manager Lackey confirmed furniture will be purchased from other funding sources. Construction is expected to begin by the end of the year.

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Resolution: Lake Knickerbocker Dam Improvements Project

Engineering and Construction Manager Myron Bennett presented the construction contract for the referenced project and shared a few details. The proposed resolution awards the construction contract to Griffin Brothers, Inc. and authorizes staff to enter into a professional services agreement with Schnabel Engineering, Inc. The total authorized expenditure (\$3,074,107) will be paid from the Department of Water Resources Capital Projects Fund.

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Resolution: Riverside Drive Water Treatment Plant Solids Dewatering Upgrade Project
Design & Permitting Section Chief Jason Perry stated this project addresses post treatment processes. The existing equipment is 25 years old. The proposed resolution awards the construction contract to M.B. Kahn Construction Company, Inc. and authorizes staff to enter into a professional services agreement with Hazen and Sawyer for construction phase services. The total authorized expenditure (\$2,150,000) would be paid from the Department of Water Resources Capital Projects Fund.

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Resolution: Sanitary Sewer Service Annexation Policy

Director of Water Resources Linda MacGregor stated there has been an internal policy for sanitary sewer service. This resolution allows the Council to formally adopt these procedures.

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Resolution: Water Resources Data Management

Director of Water Resources Linda MacGregor stated a lot of data is collected on a daily basis creating the need to better organize the data. The proposed resolution authorized the expenditure of \$300,000 for updated data management services.

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Public Hearing Item for the September 18, 2018 Council Meeting

Request from LLJ Development, LLC to rezone a 6.854± acres tract located on the east side of Dawsonville Highway, southeast of Beechwood Boulevard (a/k/a 0 and 1010 Dawsonville Highway) from Office and Institutional (O-I) and General Business (G-B) to General Business (G-B). Ward Number: One. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-115-001-002 and 061. Request: Fitness Center, retail and restaurant.

Planning Manager Matt Tate reviewed the application. The Planning and Appeals Board approved the request with six conditions.

Public hearing item placed on the September 18, 2018 Council Meeting Agenda

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Ordinance: Amend Chapter 6-4 entitled "Alcoholic Beverages"

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard summarized changes related to the following subjects:

1. Licensing, operation and hours of sale for distilled spirits
2. Growler sales, sales volume ratio and the elimination of volume ration exemptions
3. Downtown Dining District
4. Temporary limited licenses
5. Happy Hour extension
6. Open area and patio sales
7. Catered events
8. Wine tasting

Placed on the September 18, 2018 Council Meeting Agenda

Downtown Parking Update

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on the closing of the Main Street parking deck (scheduled for September 24 continuing for 60 days) and the parking options for the downtown area during this time. A map is on the City's website identifying free parking options and designated parking for employees working on the Administrative Building campus. A downtown shuttle service will be available during business hours.

Resolution: Establish Fees Related to Alcohol Licensing

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the proposed resolution modifies the distillery fees.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Bruner

Reported the Place Making Conference was a good event.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Announced the Housing Authority will hold a special meeting in the near future.
2. Stated the Dragon Boat Championship events were off to a good start.
3. Announced the Rivers Alive Cleanup is scheduled for September 22 at Flat Creek.
4. Expressed sadness regarding the flooding incident that indefinitely closed Interactive Neighborhood for Kids (INK).

Council Member Brooks

1. Presented a Friends of the Parks ex-officio meeting report.
2. Announced the Shore Sweep Cleanup will be held at Longwood Park on September 15.
3. Thanked Public Works for the repairs and street work occurring all over Gainesville.

Council Member Thompson

Announced he was glad to be home from a mission trip to Haiti.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Commended the organizing committee, Gainesville-Hall '96, volunteers and staff for making the Dragon Boat Championship events a success.
2. Nominated Etherean Williams to replace Michelle Mintz on the SPLOST VII Citizens' Review Committee. Placed on the September 18 Council Meeting Consent Agenda.
3. Stated Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation appointments would be addressed at the next Work Session.
4. Stated the Building Board of Appeals and the Gainesville-Hall County Land Bank appointments would be addressed in the near future.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Board/Committee Recognition

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated community volunteers serve on boards/committees formed by the governing body. Appointees will be recognized at future Council Meetings to express appreciation for their commitment to the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:52 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

Absent: Couvillon

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NOTE: Council Member Brooks did not return after the Executive Session.

Motion to close the Executive Session at 11:30 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

Note: The Mayor voted to provide the fourth affirmative vote required by the Charter.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:30 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk