

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:

Ordinance: Amend Chapter 6-4 Section 6-4-81 Regarding Hours of Sale for Consumption on Premises of Alcoholic Beverages

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard stated voters addressed the Brunch Bill referendum question during the November 6, 2018 special election and approved an ordinance change. The next step is to amend the ordinance to change the start time from 12:30 PM to 11:00 AM on Sunday. The effective date (February 3, 2019) was coordinated with Hall County and other local municipalities so the local community would make this change at the same time.

Placed on the January 8, 2019 Council Meeting Agenda

Resolution: Intergovernmental Agreement with Hall County to Provide Inmates for Gainesville Corrections Officers

Deputy Director of Public Services Todd Beebe presented the proposed resolution to provide inmates. This replaces an older agreement that is no longer valid.

Placed on the January 8, 2019 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Dawsonville Highway/McEver Road Connectivity Study Presentation

Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky introduced Steve Cote, RS&H Engineering, who indicated the study began in January 2018 with the following in mind:

OBJECTIVES	GOAL: DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS
Existing Traffic Operations	Technical Resolution
Existing Travel Patterns	Outreach Activities
Potential New Connections	Benefit and Cost

He summarized the outreach activities which occurred via interactive online survey, open house meetings and monthly team meetings. The outreach findings (644 survey responses) indicated 44% use the corridor for shopping and 39% use it for commuting. Traffic analyses were conducted on two of the five alternatives. An alternate connection was not recommended based upon the results of the consultant's technical analysis. Other potential solutions were briefly discussed.

Mr. Cote indicated the next steps were to:

- Continue working with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for development of the turn lane conversion/third lane expansion.
- Pursue project development of Dawsonville Highway/McEver Intersection Operational Improvements
- Evaluate inter-parcel connectivity

Mr. Cote stated the study report would be finalized for presentation to Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Organization committees in January or February.

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated it was important to present this information to the governing body before proceeding with other forums. There are options that can be pursued and it is important for the community to know the city is trying to find an acceptable solution.

Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky commented on interim efforts to improve traffic flow along this corridor.

TV18

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on the discontinuance of TV18 noting information will be shared differently.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Mayor Dunagan nominated Bill Taylor and Jeff Morrison for appointment/reappointment to the Friends of the Parks Board.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Ex-Officio Appointment: Gainesville-Hall County Land Bank Board

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported ex-officio appointments will be made during the January 8, 2019 Council Meeting and asked if the Land Bank Board should be included.

There was consensus to add the Land Bank Board to the ex-officio appointment list with Council Member Couvillon as the appointee.

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 9:41 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: Couvillon, Wangemann, Bruner, Thompson, Brooks

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

NOTE: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes and Rusty Ligon left the Executive Session at 10:49 AM. Denise Jordan left the Executive Session at 11:05 AM. Bryan Lackey returned to the Executive Session at 11:05 AM.

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

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Couvillon

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Mayor's Day Conference

City Clerk Denise Jordan asked those planning to attend the reference conference to provide arrival/departure dates and to confirm participation in various activities.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:35 AM

/dj

C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk