

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.

BUDGET PRESENTATION(S)

Keep Hall Beautiful Agency

Executive Director Shanda Sexton shared activities/accomplishments for 2018. It was noted the agency collected 114,000 pounds of litter with 37% collected inside the city limits. The agency requested an additional \$5,000 to implement five new programs.

Elachee Nature Science Center

President/CEO Andrea Timpone distributed handouts and expressed appreciation for the city's support. It was noted this year is Elachee's 40th anniversary. She commented on parking problems and the need for more building space for growth.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: FY2019 New Water Meter Installation Project - Award of Contract

Distribution and Collection System Manager Jarrett Nash stated growth is happening and meter installation requires a lot of staff time. The purpose of this request is to move this work back to a contractor. The proposed resolution awards the contract to Classic City Mechanical, Inc. for \$1,529,000.

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Resolution: Downtown Utilities Improvements Phase II - Design and Bidding Services

Civil Engineer James Farmer summarized the project to replace sewer lines that have reached the end of their useful life noting staff is already working with other utilities to coordinate efforts which includes the downtown streetscaping plans. The proposed resolution authorizes an agreement with Keck and Wood Inc. for design and bidding services at a cost not to exceed \$300,000.

City Manager Bryan Lackey indicated the design work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Resolution: Demolition Program Funding for 905 Grove Street

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard introduced property owners David and Shannon Dorsey.

Mr. Dorsey commented on plans to support the vision of the area indicating the next steps will address architectural elements, landscaping and paving.

Mrs. Sheppard commented on the desire to utilize the demolition fund to support improvements to the property. The proposed resolution authorized reimbursement of \$37,389 with conditions as referenced in the resolution. If approved, an application would come forward through the Planning and Appeals Board.

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting

City Manager Bryan Lackey provided a brief report from the MPO meeting.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Couvillon

Presented the Airport Advisory Committee meeting ex-officio report.

Council Member Brooks

Presented the Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation, Friends of the Parks and Planning and Appeals Board ex-officio reports.

Council Member Thompson

1. Presented the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee meeting ex-officio report.
2. Pledged his commitment to curbing crime in Ward 2.

Board/Committee Appointments

Mayor Dunagan nominated Larry Merritt and Darryl Smallwood for reappointment to the Building Board of Appeals and the Housing Authority respectively.

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CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Spring Training

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported GMA is offering 3 and 6 hour courses on April 12-13 in Athens.

Georgia Municipal Association Annual Convention

City Clerk Denise Jordan distributed pre-registration paperwork for the June convention and requested responses by February 28 to prepare for online registration.

Affordable Housing Survey

City Clerk Denise Jordan announced there was an opportunity to participate via telephone interview.

Transportation Forum

City Clerk Denise Jordan announced the annual forum will be held on March 7, 2019 at the University of North Georgia Gainesville campus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:50 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel matters.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 11:04 AM.

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Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Meeting Protocol

There was a brief discussion about freedom of speech and special request related matters.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:09 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk