OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, George Wangemann, Ruth Bruner, Barbara Brooks
OFFICIALS ABSENT: Sam Couvillon, Zack Thompson
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Denise Jordan, Alisa Grayson

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and served as the presiding officer.

BUDGET PRESENTATION:

FY2020 Parks and Recreation Board Budget

Parks and Recreation Board Member Cooper Embry commented on Parks and Recreation Director Melvin Cooper's retirement. He expressed appreciation for Melvin Cooper and Michael Graham for being great assets to the department and the community.

Parks and Recreation Director Melvin Cooper reported the award winning, nationally accredited Parks and Recreation Agency is strong. The Parks and Recreation Board approved a FY2020 budget totaling $5,791,258. This balanced budget includes an additional cost center (Lake Lanier Olympic Park), six (6) new staff positions, and a cost of living adjustment.

Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Graham summarized the department's current budget goals in progress, accomplishments, initiatives for the upcoming fiscal year, and challenges. He presented the projected FY2020 revenues, fees/charges and expenditures. He also reviewed the major capital allocations for FY2020.

There was a brief discussion about funding operations of the Lake Lanier Olympic Park.

Mr. Cooper commented on the agency preparing for its fifth reaccreditation with the National Recreation and Parks Association.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Graham stated the greatest staff needs are for parks.

NOTE: City Clerk Denise Jordan joined the meeting.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Transmittal of the FY2018 Annual Update to the Capital Improvements Element (CIE)

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar introduced Senior Planner Heather Bryan. Mrs. Tullar stated the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) requires an annual audit of the City's Impact Fees program to maintain its Qualified Local Government status. The proposed resolution authorized the draft document to be submitted to DCA for approval. A public hearing has been advertised.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Resolution: Hotel-Motel Excise Tax

City Manager Lackey reminded Council of the request submitted to the local legislative delegation. The proposed resolution addresses the hotel/motel tax item and states the City is in support of an increase from 6% to 8%. Once the bill passes and is signed, an ordinance will be presented to implement the change.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Bruner

1. Announced a Hall '96 Board meeting on tomorrow.
2. Commented on information received at the Urban Land Institute dinner.

Council Member Wangemann

Announced a community cleanup on Saturday, March 16 at 8:30 AM.

Council Member Brooks

1. Reported a community meeting was held on last Tuesday. She thanked Community Development staff for attending and for the information they provided.
2. Expressed appreciation to the Council, management, and staff for investing in all of Gainesville.

Mayor Dunagan

Presented the following board/committee nominations:

- Jock Horner for reappointment to the Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission
- RK Whitehead for appointment to the Development Authority
- Staci Tunkel to fill the unexpired term of Casey Cochran on the Friends of the Parks Board

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CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Regional Clerk's Training

City Clerk Denise Jordan provided a report on the training sessions hosted by the City of Gainesville at the Brenau Downtown Center.

City Manager Bryan Lackey expressed appreciation to Brenau for their support and partnership.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:39 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Wangemann, Bruner, Brooks
Absent: Couvillon, Thompson
The Mayor provided the fourth affirmative vote required by Charter Section 2.22.

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:31 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner
Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks
Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Wangemann, Bruner, Brooks
Absent: Couvillon, Thompson
The Mayor provided the fourth affirmative vote required by Charter Section 2.22.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on the need to identify historical areas/districts.

Department Announcements
City Manager Bryan Lackey indicated announcements are forthcoming pertaining to the Community Development Department and Police Department.

Place Making Meeting
Upon inquiry, Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard briefly stated today's meeting was designed to prepare for the upcoming LaGrange visit.

Building Design Standards
There was a brief discussion about House Bill 302 (legislation to prohibit local governments from regulating building design elements in single or double family dwellings) with a suggestion to address this via the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC).

Heritage Pointe Community Meeting
Council Member Brooks reported a community meeting request from Sam Baker for residents to discuss issues/concerns about the intersection of Gaines Mill Road and Highway 129.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:50 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk