

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:

Brenau University Business Incubator

Associate Vice President for Development Robert Shippey thanked the City for its support. Executive Director Carol Turner provided an overview of the incubator's accomplishments. He commented on leading edge medical studies and on the syndicated radio program before showing a video summarizing a cancer research project occurring at the incubator.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Hall County Library Renovations Update

Jeff Crocker, BCA Studios Architects, reported the proposed expansion will add 9,000 square feet without losing any parking because the expansion is occurring on the second floor. The project will achieve every tier 1 and tier 2 priority except the additional parking component. Scroggs and Grizzle was selected as the construction team with construction to be completed in one year.

Resolution: Donation of Naloxone Kits from Billy's Place, Inc.

Police Chief Jay Parrish introduced Lieutenant Nina Harkins as the Director of Training who also oversees medication administered in overdose situations. He requested permission to accept a donation of Naloxone kits from Billy's Place, Inc. Dallas Gay was mentioned and thanked for his efforts to save lives.

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Resolution: Main Street Gainesville Service Boundaries Update

Communications and Tourism Director Nikki Perry commented on the Main Street boundaries, i.e., the area encompassing the Civic Center in the north, Brenau University campus in the east, the Midtown railroad tracks in the south, and Lake Lanier in the west. This update doesn't change anything. It allows businesses within the boundaries to participate in the Main Street Program.

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Resolution: Declaration of Surplus Property

Senior Accountant Karen Denson stated the recent GovDeals auction produced \$111,000 in revenue. Everyone has worked together to follow the capital assets policy. The proposed resolution declares items to be surplus property and available for public sale or disposal.

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Resolution: Write-Off of Delinquent Personal Property Tax

Financial Services Manager Beverly Williams introduced property Tax Coordinator Dee Dee Stephens. The proposed resolution authorizes the write-off of delinquent personal property for businesses that have closed and the fifas have expired. The city's portion of the write-off is \$7,787.62 and the school board's portion is \$19,317.10. School board approval also required.

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Resolution: Write-Off of Delinquent Utilities

Financial Services Manager Beverly Williams stated the proposed resolution allows the write-off of delinquent water bills on behalf of the Department of Water Resources for account holders that are deceased or have declared bankruptcy.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Resolution: Lake Lanier Olympic Park Renovations – Phase II

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the proposed resolution allows the City to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission to prepare a grant application for capital renovations at the park. There is no fee to prepare the application. Mr. Lackey noted State Legislators took official action that allows the city to annex the park. The bill is awaiting the Governor's signature.

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Announcements

1. The Annual Spring Chicken Festival will occur on April 27 at Longwood Park. Upon inquiry, there was some discussion about parking for this event.
2. The next Joint Municipal Association meeting will be hosted by the City of Oakwood on April 22. A legislative update will be presented.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Thompson

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

Council Member Brooks

Announced a Community meeting will occur on Saturday at the Civic Center. This is a joint meeting with the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization for the purpose of (1) increasing survey responses and (2) receiving comments about the intersection of Gaines Mill Road and US 129.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Presented the Planning and Appeals Board ex-officio report.
2. Commented on the dangers of making a left hand turn out of Mundy Mill Subdivision onto Mundy Mill Road.
3. Commented on recent and upcoming community cleanup events.
4. Attended the Chamber Healthcare Committee meeting.
5. Commented on United Way publication entitled Community Game Plan.

Council Member Bruner

Commented on the Place Making Meeting in LaGrange.

Mayor Dunagan

Commented on an upcoming HUB Cities meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Ordinance: Oath of Office

City Attorney Hayes stated the proposed ordinance changes the code to allow the Police Chief and Fire Chief to administer the oaths to public safety employees.

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CITY CLERK ISSUES:

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated several invitations were forthcoming. She specifically mentioned the National Day of Prayer Breakfast on May 2 and the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce GALA on May 16.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:58 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 11:00 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager Lackey reported an RFP would be issued soon for micro-transit services and asked if there were any concerns. He also shared employee benefit related information and provided an update on a recent retail recruiter discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk