

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:

Resolution: Riverstone Medical Water Man Extension Reimbursement

Civil Engineer Nick Swafford stated this project is in Braselton near the hospital. The developer was asked to update the line from 8" to 12" based upon the departmental master plan. The proposed resolution authorizes reimbursement to the developer (\$33,190.07) from the Department of Water Resources Fund.

Placed on the May 21, 2019 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Ordinance: Amend Section 10-1-2 Entitled Hotel-Motel Excise Tax

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on a recent resolution of support for local legislation that (1) annexes Lake Lanier Olympic Park into the city and (2) increases the hotel-motel excise tax from 6% to 8% with proceeds promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows. Governor Kemp signed the legislation. The next step is to update the hotel-motel excise tax ordinance as proposed.

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Budget Video

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on the budget presentation scheduled for the next work session noting changes have been implemented to make the budget process more transparent. A budget website will go live later today which will include a budget video. The video was played.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Bruner

1. Commented on the Issues Committee Meeting.
2. Asked the Communications and Tourism Director to present a brief Main Street report.

Council Member Wangemann

Presented a Housing Authority ex-officio report.

Council Member Couvillon

Presented Airport Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation ex-officio reports.

Council Member Brooks

Announced the Butterfly Release is scheduled for May 19th.

Council Member Thompson

Thanked *The Times* for the article on the Golf Course Grill.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

GMA Annual Convention

City Clerk Denise Jordan announced cancellations for the upcoming convention after May 24th are non-refundable. Also, changes after May 24th must be addressed on site.

Memorial Day Parade

City Clerk Denise Jordan requested information to finalize seating arrangements for the upcoming parade.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:21 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:20 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VIII

City Manager Bryan Lackey provided an update on SPLOST VIII which included discussion about Hall County's Tier II Projects, Gainesville's six year cash flow projections and the proposed categories to be listed in the referendum question.

There was consensus to proceed with the following categories, i.e., (1) Public Safety Facilities and Equipment; (2) Roads, Bridges and Related Improvements; (3) Parks & Leisure Facilities and Equipment; and (4) Parking Deck.

Parks & Recreation

There was discussion about master planning options for the Parks and Recreation Agency considering the upcoming retirement of the Director.

Sanitation

Mayor Dunagan expressed a desire for future discussion about backdoor pickup.

Downtown Coalition

Council Member Couvillon confirmed the governing body was not inclined to allow the Downtown Coalition to use city amenities for an upcoming event due to gratuities clause concerns. This led to discussion of special event permits noting staff was working to improve this process.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:00 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk