

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.

NOTE: Council Member Couvillon joined the meeting at 9:53 AM.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Inmate Boarding Agreement Between Hall County and the City of Gainesville
Police Chief Jay Parrish stated it has been a few years since the agreement was updated. The agreement addresses city charges only and will renew annually, until amended, for up to fifty years.

Placed on the June 4, 2019 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Ordinance: Amend Section 1-7-2 Entitled Prohibited Acts as it Pertains to Recreation and Parks

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard summarized a proposed ordinance implementing changes in relation to Lake Lanier Olympic Park's annexation into the city. The changes make provisions for alcohol and swimming in lakefront parks. There's also an exception for being in the park after dark if/when the trail is lighted.

Placed on the June 4, 2019 Council Meeting

Fiscal Year 2020 Recommended Budget

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry distributed the budget memo and a budget brief.

City Manager Bryan Lackey extended appreciation to the budget team. He began with a recap of five areas of discussion from the 2019 Council Retreat. The budget video was played and a few comments were made about the budget brief. The proposed fiscal year 2020 budget totals \$31.96 million and provides \$3.5 million for capital projects. The following statements were noted:

- A roll back rate from 3.364 to 3.222 mills (no tax increase) is recommended.
- There's an increase in revenues from Title Ad Valorem Tax (13.43%), property taxes (5.11%), Local Option Sales Tax (1.92%) and franchise fees (1.75%).
- There's a 4.97% increase in departmental expenditures which includes a 2% COLA and 2 additional full-time positions.
- Hall County is planning to call for a SPLOST VIII referendum to address the following Projects: Parking Deck (\$4 million); Public Safety Facilities and Equipment (\$8.5 million); Parks & Leisure Facilities and Equipment (\$9.15 million); and Roads, bridges and related improvements (\$15 million).
- Health care claims have decreased but it's too early to know this is sustainable.
- There will be no water/sewer rate increase.

A budget hearing will be held on June 4th at 6 PM. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for June 18th.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Bruner

Presented the Hall '96 (Lake Lanier Olympic Park Foundation) and Chicopee Woods Area Parks Commission ex-officio reports.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Keep Hall Beautiful ex-officio report including notice of an upcoming community cleanup in midtown area.
2. Plans to attend the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission meeting tonight.

Council Member Brooks

Presented the Friends of the Parks ex-officio report.

Council Member Thompson

1. Complimented the Parks and Recreation Agency on the Butterfly Release event.
2. Presented the Main Street ex-officio report.

Mayor Dunagan

Complimented the community on another great Memorial Day Parade.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:51 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

Absent: Couvillon

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OFFICIALS ABSENT: Sam Couvillon

STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Rusty Ligon, Denise Jordan

NOTE: Council Member Couvillon joined the meeting at 9:53 AM.

Motion to close the Executive Session at 11:09 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Recycling

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard reported staff is spending a lot of time and money disposing of recycling. Other options are being explored. A possible solution was under review and will be presented at a later date if it's reasonable and the governing body is open to changes. It was noted a messaging campaign will occur if any changes are implemented.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:15 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk