

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (AT BRENAU DOWNTOWN CENTER):

Mayor Dunagan made an announcement regarding the Request for Proposals for the City View property noting several proposals were received and reviewed. Staff is negotiating a contract with Terwilliger Pappas for a mixed-use development on the unused side of the pedestrian bridge. Representatives from Terwilliger Pappas shared details about the project and showed a video depicting how the site will look upon completion.

Mayor Dunagan called the Work Session to order at 9:18 AM and served as the presiding officer.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Resolution: Ratify and Approve Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2019, for the Melrose Homes Redevelopment Project

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated this is a TEFRA resolution to bond the referenced project. He commented on IRS regulations noting the resolution does not bind the City in any way.

Housing Authority Executive Director Beth Brown stated the Authority is preparing to rehabilitate approximately 200 units. She commented on the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program utilized for this project and the funding provided by the Authority. The primary reason for the renovation is to install HVAC and to make units handicap accessible. She named the six sites to be addressed indicating the work is scheduled to begin mid-October. The project will be completed in phases and residents will be relocated at no cost to them.

Placed on the September 17, 2019 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Public Hearing Items for September 12, 2019 Council Meeting

Note: Agenda item should have referenced September 17, 2019 Council Meeting

1. Request from the City of Gainesville to rezone a 395.69± acres tract located south of the terminus of Fulenwider Road (a/k/a 1701 Fulenwider Road, SW) from Residential-I-A (R-I-A) to Heavy Industrial (H-I). Ward Number: Three. Tax Parcel Number(s): 15-023-000-167 (Part). Request: Future industrial use.
2. Request from QuikTrip Corporation to abandon a 0.293± acre (309.51± linear foot) portion of Gordon Avenue, extending southeast from its intersection with Jesse Jewell Parkway (State Route 13). Ward Number: Three. Request: Abandon to petitioner for a QuikTrip gas station / convenience store.

City Attorney Abb Hayes reported public hearings are scheduled for the upcoming meeting. He encouraged Council to review the materials and contact the Community and Economic Development Department with questions.

Public Hearing Items for September 17, 2019 Council Meeting

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Georgia Governor's Tourism Conference

City Manager Bryan Lackey announced Gainesville will host the 2020 Governor's Tourism Conference (August 31-September 2). He also reported Convention and Visitor's Bureau Manager Regina Dyer received an award for the Free Range Project.

Later in the meeting, Council Member Thompson expressed excitement about the Conference coming to Gainesville in 2020.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Resolution: Supporting Locally-Established Building Design Standards for Residential Dwellings

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated House Bill 302 was introduced via committee during the last legislative session. It did not pass; however, the Georgia Municipal Association believes this will be a topic of discussion at the next session. As such, they asked communities to voice their opinion about the bill. The proposed resolution expresses support of locally established building design standards for residential dwellings.

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Council Member Wangemann

1. Presented the Keep Hall Beautiful and Georgia Mountains Regional Commission ex-officio reports.
2. Invited everyone to the Empty Bowl Luncheon at the Ramsey Conference Center on September 24.
3. Reported attendance at the Housing Authority Meeting.

Council Member Brooks

1. Presented the Friends of the Parks ex-officio report.
2. Announced the North Georgia Community Foundation's budget was approved.
3. Commented on the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival.

Council Member Thompson

Commented on the City View announcement being well attended and commended all involved parties.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported Gainesville High School will hold its annual homecoming parade on September 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:39 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk