

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Zack Thompson, George Wangemann, Sam Couvillon, Barbara Brooks, Juli Clay
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: Pilgrim's Pride Donation for Youth Based Programs

Police Chief Jay Parrish stated Pilgrim's Pride makes an annual donation for youth programs. The \$3,000 donation will be used for the Shop with a Cop Program.

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Resolution: North Georgia Community Foundation Grant (NGCF)

Police Chief Jay Parrish stated law enforcement across the nation is dealing with mental health issues and shared his goal to decriminalize mental health. Chief Parrish stated the NGCF offered an opportunity grant as seed money for a new program with the Police Department. The grant (\$55,000) will pay the first year's salary of a Licensed Clinician and the city will pay fringe benefits. He discussed the timeline for hiring someone. Chief Parrish hoped the program would become a model for other communities.

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Resolution: FY2019 Closure of General Government Capital Projects

Resolution: FY2019 Closure of Department of Water Resources Capital Projects

Resolution: FY2019 Closure of SPLOST Capital Projects

Resolution: FY2019 Closure of Parks and Recreation Capital Projects

Resolution: FY2019 Closure of Airport Capital Projects

Resolution: FY2019 Closure of Golf Course Capital Projects

Financial Analyst Fabiola Alberto stated these resolutions close projects and reallocate funds to the appropriate funding sources. She reviewed the details as summarized below.

- The general government fund completed eighteen capital projects. The proposed resolution authorizes funds to be returned to the General Fund and the TV18 Fund. It also allows \$180,514.65 to be recaptured for future appropriation.
- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) completed ten projects. The proposed resolution authorizes \$99,601.34 to be reappropriated for future DWR projects.
- Two projects were completed using Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds leaving \$83,699.00 available for other SPLOST projects as allowed by the intergovernmental agreement.
- The Parks and Recreation Agency completed three projects. The proposed resolution authorizes the return of \$12,398.46 to Parks and Recreation Fund.
- The Airport capital project was completed with no excess funds.
- The Golf Course capital project was completed. The proposed resolution allows the unused balance (\$4,804.28) to remain in the Golf Fund for future needs.

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Resolution: Sanitary Sewer Extension Cost Participation Agreement

Civil Engineer Nick Swafford stated the Department of Water Resources is in the design phase of a Gillsville Highway/Athens Highway project. A property owner in a residential subdivision wants to develop property. This presents an opportunity for sewer service expansion in the area at a discounted cost to the city. The proposed resolution authorized a cost sharing agreement (the property owner will contribute \$1,400,000 toward the sewer service expansion cost) and the execution of necessary documents.

City Manager Bryan Lackey shared how expanding sewer service in this area would be helpful.

Council Member Wangemann inquired about sewer capacity along Athens Highway.

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Gainesville 2030 Parks, Greenways, and Open Spaces Master Plan Presentation

Parks and Recreation Director Kate Mattison stated master plan work began in December 2018. The Parks and Recreation Board approved the plan in December 2019. She discussed the PowerPoint presentation that summarized the master plan and its three-prong approach, i.e., (1) inventory, (2) research and analysis, and (3) recommendations. The recommendations addressed funding, personnel, existing facilities and new facilities. In closing, Mrs. Mattison summarized the five-year and ten-year focus for the agency.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

***The Times* Headline: Gainesville Making \$2.1 Million in Upgrades to Administration Building**

City Manager Bryan Lackey was compelled to comment on today's headline. He explained this is a four-year, pay-as-you-go project. He shared some details specifically mentioning the most expensive component is the new data center for Information Technology. The project, approved in the annual budget, is the last phase of renovations to the building. The Public Relations Manager will provide talking points to address questions from the community. Some Council Members also commented on the article.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Brooks

Reported she is working with the Police Department to provide active shooter training.

Council Member Clay

Commented on attending her first Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Council Member Thompson

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

Council Member Wangemann

Presented the Keep Hall Beautiful Meeting ex-officio report.

Council Member Couvillon

Presented the Housing Authority Meeting ex-officio report.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Nominated Lynn Kearns for reappointment to the Friends of the Parks Board.
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2. Commented on upcoming appointments to the Loan Review Committee and the Ethics Committee.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Cities United Summit

Asked everyone attending the Cities United Summit to review their travel packets and contact the Clerk's Office with questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:46 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and litigation matters.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:50 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Couvillon

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

SPLOST VIII Committee Members

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on the structure of the SPLOST VIII Committee noting Hall County is ready to form the committee. Gainesville will make two appointments. There was discussion about potential candidates.

Fireworks Ordinance

Council Member Brooks shared information about a recent incident involving fireworks and unsupervised juveniles. There was consensus that the situation was in the nuisance and/or vandalism category and should be addressed by the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:58 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk