

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.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Fiscal Year 2021 Recommended Budget

City Manager Bryan Lackey thanked staff for their extra efforts during the unusual circumstances created by COVID-19. He discussed the budget process, summarized retreat discussions and shared the philosophy for building the budget before presenting his recommendations. The following statements were noted.

- The proposed budget represents a 9.8% decrease compared to the 2020 adopted budget.
- There will be a rollback from 3.322 to 3.250 mills, i.e., no tax increase.
- There are no pay adjustments and no additional positions in the General Fund.
- There are no planned furloughs.
- The High Deductible Health Plan incentives will continue.
- There are no water/sewer rate increases.

Additionally, Mr. Lackey reviewed budget information for Fire, Water, Golf, Parks & Recreation and Community Service Center Funds, summarized capital improvement projects and provided Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax updates. He closed by displaying the new city logo.

Public Hearing scheduled for June 2, 2020 Council Meeting

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Several elected officials thanked staff for their work on the budget.

Council Member Clay

1. Participated in the North Georgia Health Systems and Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 update. She thanked the community for its vigilance and encouraged everyone to continue safe practices.
2. Announced early voting is underway for the June 9, 2020 General Primary/Presidential Preference Election. She encouraged citizens to exercise their right to vote.

Council Member Wangemann

Expressed gratitude for community volunteers specifically mentioning a recent food distribution.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Encouraged the community to complete census forms.
2. Presented future board/committee appointment information.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUE:

Resolution: Gainesville Renaissance Land Swap

City Attorney Abb Hayes summarized the need for a land swap and the actions taken to date. The proposed resolution authorizes the swap and execution of deeds for development of the fourth side of downtown Gainesville.

Placed on the June 2, 2020 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Georgia Municipal Association District 2 Virtual Meeting

City Clerk Denise Jordan shared information about the referenced meeting to be held on Monday, June 8, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk