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 Bryan Lackey announced the rolling trash cans are being delivered. They are being used to encourage citizens to bring their garbage to the curb.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2019-2023 HUD Consolidated Plan & 2019 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment to Include CDBG-CV Funds
Neighborhood Development Manager Jessica Tullar stated the City was awarded $282,736 in Community Development Block Grant funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act. She summarized the plans for using these funds noting an amendment to the Consolidated Plan is required. The amendment includes providing down payment assistance. The proposed resolution authorizes the execution of documents necessary to accept and administer the amendment.

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Resolution: Accept FY21 Legacy Link Grant Contract
Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss presented a resolution to adopt the standard contract with Legacy Link that provides funding for the Meals-On-Wheels Program, the Senior Life Center and coordinates transportation for older adults. The proposed resolution authorizes execution of the contract, addendums and other associated documents.

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Resolution: Accept Hall Area Transit Safety Plan
Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss stated the proposed resolution addresses a new requirement from Federal Transit Administration to adopt a policy document that ensures adherence to safe transit practices. Gainesville is ahead of other communities in many areas of transit safety and is one of the first cities in Georgia to complete a risk assessment. The proposed resolution approves and authorizes execution of the safety plan.

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Resolution: VIA Contract for Microtransit Software and Technical Support
City Manager Bryan Lackey summarized efforts to get to the point of making a recommendation noting the Metropolitan Planning Organization was involved in the process.

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss stated a request for proposals was released in January to provide transportation services in a more efficient manner. Six responses were received in April. Three candidates were interviewed. The committee selected VIA which is based out of New York City. There will be dedicated staff for the life of the project. It will operate like a van pool service with on-demand transit service that is more equitable and accessible with curb-to-curb service and a predictable custom-branded app. There will be two vehicle styles with seating for ten or twelve passengers depending on the vehicle style and the ability to transport two wheel-chair passengers in each van. Phase 1 begins in October. Mrs. Moss discussed the WEGO branding which was vetted through Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce. In closing, she shared general information about the contract noting the Federal Transit Administration will cover operating and capital expenses.

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Census Update
Upon inquiry from Council Member Clay, City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on a new Census website ranking Gainesville/Hall County at 29th in the State when considering responses. He felt the City was on track for meeting the last census data counts and hoped to achieve 80% participation. It was noted Census workers would deploy on August 1.

Meals on Wheels Updated
Upon inquiry from Council Member Wangemann, Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss stated the program is doing well. There are a large number of volunteers and there is an increase in the number of individuals needing services. Frozen meals are delivered to clients once a week to minimize contact.

Resolution: Tax Allocation District (TAD) Funding for Enclave Phase II at 891 Wills Street SW
Community & Economic Development Director Rusty Ligon stated this project was approved for funding by the TAD Committee. He used diagrams to show the positioning of seven two-story townhouse style apartments (1,584 square feet with $1,100 monthly rent). The request represents 8% of total project cost. The committee approved the request with one condition.

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Resolution: Tax Allocation District (TAD) Funding for G-4 Development Group at 743 Main Street SW and 722 Broad Street SW
Community & Economic Development Director Rusty Ligon stated this project was approved for funding by the TAD Committee. He used diagrams to show the area and a site plan while describing the proposed project. The request represents 19% of the total project cost. The committee recommended approval with conditions.

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Public Hearing Item: Request from the City of Gainesville to annex a 4.4± acres tract located at the west side of Athens Highway and Smallwood Road to include property located on the north, south and west side of Smallwood Road (a/k/a 0 and 2221 Smallwood Road; 2306 and 2312 Athens Highway) and to establish zoning as Planned Unit Development (P-U-D). Ward Number: Three. Tax Parcel Number(s): 15-032-000-002 (Part); 15-032-000-113; 15-032-000-125. Request: Business Park.

Public Hearing Item: Request from the City of Gainesville to rezone a 1,320± acres tract located between Athens Highway and Candler Highway, having road frontage on Monroe Drive, Allen Creek Road, Fulenwider Road and May Drive (a/k/a 1701 Fulenwider Road, SW) from Residential-I-A (R-I-A) and Heavy Industrial (H-I) to Planned Unit Development (P-U-D). Ward Number: Three. Tax Parcel Number(s): 15-023-000-167 (Part). Request: Business Park.

Public Hearing Item: Request from Kevin Pethel to rezone a 1.30± acres tract located southwest of the intersection of Crow Road and White Sulphur Road, having road frontage on the north side of Beverly Road (a/k/a 2092 Crow Road and 2005 White Sulphur Road) from Residential-I (R-I) to Light Industrial (L-I). Ward Number: Two. Tax Parcel Number(s): 09-124-000-038 (Part). Request: Plumbing and electrical contractor office/warehouse.

Public Hearing Item: Request from Juan Luna for a special use on a 1.66± acres tract located on the southwest side of the intersection of Washington Street and West Avenue, east of John Morrow Jr. Parkway (a/k/a 0, 903, 915, 919, 921, 925 and 927 Washington Street, SW), having a zoning of Neighborhood Business (N-B). Ward Number: Four. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-046-001-024A, 025, 026, 027, 028, 029 and 037. Request: 20 multifamily apartments.
City Attorney Abb Hayes summarized each request noting questions should be referred to the Community & Economic Development Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:49 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Clay
Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks
Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Wangemann, Couvillon, Brooks, Clay

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STAFF PRESENT:	Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Denise Jordan, Abb Hayes, Jay Parrish

Motion to close the Executive Session at 11:16 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Couvillon
Motion seconded by Council Member Clay
Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Wangemann, Couvillon, Brooks, Clay

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Brooks
Attended numerous virtual meetings since the last Work Session.

Council Member Clay
Attended numerous virtual meetings since the last Work Session.

Council Member Wangemann
1. Participated in numerous food distribution events since the last Work Session.
2. Provided a Keep Hall Beautiful ex-officio report.

3. Reported delivery of 19,500 invitations to Gainesville residents over the last 10 years.

Council Member Couvillon
1. Provided ex-officio reports from the Parks & Recreation and Housing Authority meetings.
2. Requested a proclamation be presented to Art Gallegos for his active involvement in the community.

Mayor Dunagan
1. Complimented the Communications & Tourism Department on successful weekend events.
2. Presented nominations to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board, Housing Authority, Metropolitan Planning Organization – Citizens Advisory Committee and Gainesville Redevelopment Authority. Placed on the July 21, 2020 Council Meeting Consent Agenda.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Resolution: City of Ethics Recertification
City Clerk Denise Jordan stated it is time to be recertified as a City of Ethics by the Georgia Municipal Association. This process requires submitting (1) a resolution signed by each elected official restating the City's commitment to five principles of ethical behavior as defined by GMA and (2) a summary of changes to the Ethics Ordinance since the last recertification in 2016.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Intersection Art
City Manager Bryan Lackey reported a request to allow intersection art with an agreement that the requester maintain the property. There was concern about establishing a precedent.

There was consensus for further evaluation before making a decision.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:35 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk