

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 10:00 AM and served as the presiding officer.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Police Chief Jay Parrish stated the department is eligible for block grant funds. Security discussions identified a need for after-dark safety precautions at the skate park. The proposed grant allows the purchase of 6 to 8 cameras that will deter crime and give a sense of security to families utilizing the park.

Parks and Recreation Director Kate Mattison addressed a few questions from Council.

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Resolution: Municipal Advisor Agreement with Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry reported the financial advisor contract with PFM ended in March. Interviews were conducted and Raymond James & Associates was selected to provide these services. He hoped this change would yield an upgrade to the City's bond rating.

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Resolution: Coronavirus Relief Fund Terms and Conditions Agreement

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry indicated the City must enter into an agreement with the State to receive Coronavirus Relief Funds. He described how the funds were dispensed by the Secretary of State and approved in two phases. The City is eligible to receive \$2,263,095 in Phase One. The proposed resolution authorized execution of the agreement.

City Manager Bryan Lackey extended appreciation to the Finance team for swift action. Gainesville is 1 of the 25 cities that has completed Phase One and 1 of the 13 cities approved to receive Phase Two funds.

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Public Hearing Item: Request from Darrell W. Wiley to annex a 0.16± acre tract located on the northeast side of the intersection of Mundy Mill Road and Millside Parkway (a/k/a 0 Mundy Mill Road) and to establish zoning as Planned Unit Development (P-U-D). Ward Number: Four. Tax Parcel Number(s): 08-030-000-102 (Part). Request: Right-of-way.

Public Hearing Item: Request from the City of Gainesville to rezone 25 parcels totaling 39.0± acres located within the Midtown Overlay Zone (a/k/a 319 Abby Place, SW; 422, 435 Banks Street, SW; 722 Bradford Street, SW; 506 and 508 Davis Street, SW; 0 Pine Street, SW; 603, 609, 619, 625 and 631 Gordon Avenue, SW; 729, 878, 901 and 905 Grove Street, SW; 636 High Street, SW; 687, 711, 721 and 743 Main Street, SW; 409, 427 and 435 Parker Street, SW; 701 and 757 Queen City Parkway, SW; 504 Summit Street, SW) from Heavy Industrial (H-I), Light Industrial (L-I), General Business (G-B) and Residential-II (R-II) to Office and Institutional (O-I). Ward Number: Three. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-013-003-

001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008 and 009; 01-014-002-001, 014 and 019; 01-015-001-006, 008, 009, 011 and 012; 01-015-003-006; 01-017-001-003; 01-018-001-014, 019 and 022; 01-019-003-005A; 01-030-001-001 and 023. Request: No change in use.

Public Hearing Item: Request from the City of Gainesville to amend Section 9-8-2-4 of the Gainesville Unified Land Development Code entitled "Dimensional Requirements" for the Gateway Corridor Overlay Zone.

City Attorney Abb Hayes summarized the three applications to be addressed at the upcoming Council Meeting. Questions should be referred to the Community and Economic Development Department.

Advertised for public hearing at the September 1, 2020 Council Meeting

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Resolution: Authorization to Execute Declaration of Covenants and Grant of Easements with 106 Spring, LLC for "Gainesville Renaissance"

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard shared details about the referenced project. The proposed covenants capture agreements related to City property. Topics of discussion included a balcony easement, a pedestrian bridge to the parking deck, the temporary construction easement area and sidewalk closures during construction with pedestrian as well as vehicular access points. Important dates were noted as follows:

- On September 13, 2020, the parking lot will close to the public.
- A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for September 16, 2020.
- The projected completion is winter 2021.

A canvas will be posted at the site so the community knows what's coming. The proposed resolution authorizes execution of the referenced documents. Mrs. Sheppard indicated a few details are being finalized so there could be minor changes to the agreement before adoption at the Council Meeting.

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Solid Waste Update

Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky stated 6,700 new garbage carts have been distributed on a voluntary basis. There has been great success with this change and with recycling the old cans. The number of customers bringing garbage to the curb and the average volume of garbage collected have increased resulting in a more efficient operation. He extended appreciation to Council and the customers for being open to this change.

Council Member Brooks asked several questions and asked residents to periodically rinse their garbage cans.

Council Member Wangemann suggested community education about recycling after commenting on his experience working with the solid waste staff.

Administration Building Renovation Project

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the first floor renovation was closer to completion. He reported the data center will be relocated this weekend which means the City will be without phone service

during this transition. Emergency calls will operate as usual. There will be messaging to the media/community.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Mayor Dunagan

Excitedly announced the bonds for the City View Project were validated. He thanked everyone for their efforts toward this accomplishment.

Council Member Brooks

Presented a Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation ex-officio report.

Council Member Clay

1. Participated in the Parkhill Corridor presentation offered through the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce.
2. Thanked the school system for its leadership in mask compliance.

Council Member Thompson

Presented the Main Street Advisory Committee ex-officio report.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Commented on a Keep Hall Beautiful litter pick-up project at Longwood Cove.
2. Announced the Empty Bowl luncheon will occur on September 22, 2020.
3. Commented on involvement in the Red Bud Project.
4. Presented the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission ex-officio report.
5. Announced he has a Meals-On-Wheels route in the East Hall area.

Council Member Couvillon

Expressed concern about trends and spikes in COVID cases after holidays.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Resolution: Tax Levy Resolution for School District General Obligation Bonds

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated the school board is requesting \$75 million in bonds for school improvement projects and a variety of other items. The proposed resolution authorizes the tax levy.

Dr. Jeremy Williams shared details about a few projects.

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Resolution: Settlement Agreement with Atlanta Gas Light (AGL) Company

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated AGL miscalculated their franchise fee in 2016-2017 and ultimately paid an extra \$197,000. They later realized the error and started withholding franchise fees. He worked with the Finance Department to prepare an agreement that refunds 2/3 of the overpayment and saves the City \$48,000. The proposed resolution authorizes execution of the agreement.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 10:51 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 11:39 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Couvillon

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

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

ADJOURNMENT: 11:39 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk