

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Zack Thompson, Juli Clay
PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: George Wangemann
OFFICIALS ABSENT: Sam Couvillon, Barbara Brooks
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 Attorney Abb Hayes announced Council Member Wangemann was participating via teleconference due to health reasons pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(g) and confirmed he was able to hear the conversation.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Transport & Disposal of Wastewater Bio-Solids Contract

Director of Water Resources Linda MacGregor reported the process of cleaning wastewater creates bio-solids which are used as compost. There have been a lot of changes in this market including increased cost. Staff is working with other utilities to find a long-term reliable solution. Staff recommends continuing the current practice until another option is available. Ms. MacGregor requested approval of the proposed resolution which authorized renewal of the contract with ERT Products, LLC. It was noted the pricing is competitive.

Council Member Clay asked if other companies provide this service.

Placed on the September 15, 2020 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Administrative Building Renovation Project

City Manager Bryan Lackey announced renovations should be complete before the next Work Session.

Resolution: Tax Allocation District (TAD) Funding for Peach State Bank & Trust at 332 Spring Street SW

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard stated Peach State Bank purchased property at the corner of Academy and Spring Streets with plans to renovate the space for mortgage lender offices. She displayed renderings then shared details about the requested funds and the proposed renovation. The TAD Committee reviewed the request and recommended approval with two conditions. The proposed resolution approved the application for up to \$63,540.

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Highlands to Islands Trail Update

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard discussed the trail connection from Industrial Boulevard to Palmour Drive noting SPLOST VIII funds will be available for the trail. This is a collective effort between Gainesville, Hall County, Flowery Branch and the Vision 2030 Greenspace Committee to create a regional trail. Representatives from this group walked the area to identify options for making the connection. Mrs. Sheppard displayed segments of the proposed trail path which, in summary, will travel underneath Queen City Parkway following the sewer easement, cross Aviation Boulevard, follow the GDOT right-of-way between Queen City Parkway and Lee Gilmer Airport and meander through the woods behind Ace Hardware to connect at Palmour Drive.

Mrs. Sheppard discussed a grant funding option that could provide an additional \$3,000,000. The pre-application process requires submission in October. She also discussed how Rochester & Associates will help with the preliminary design and various documents required for the grant application. They will also assist with the project budget and the civil design process for this 2.53-mile segment of the multi-use trail. Mrs. Sheppard closed indicating a resolution will be presented at the next Work Session for the grant application.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Wangemann

Completed the last trail through the Red Bud Project last Friday. Everything is in great shape and 3,000 native plants were received.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Presented appointment nominations for the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee. The appointments were placed on the September 15, 2020 Council Meeting Consent Agenda.
2. Shared information about future appointments.
3. Reminded everyone of the ribbon cutting for the Gainesville Renaissance Project.
4. Asked if the City View Project had scheduled ribbon cutting.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

City Attorney Abb Hayes confirmed Inez Grant would be appointed as Solicitor at the September 15, 2020 Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager Lackey requested an Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:31 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation matters.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Thompson, Clay

Votes via teleconference: Wangemann

Absent: Couvillon, Brooks

(The Mayor voted to provide the fourth affirmative vote required by the Charter.)

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 9:50 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Thompson, Clay

Votes via teleconference: Wangemann

Absent: Couvillon, Brooks

(The Mayor voted to provide the fourth affirmative vote required by the Charter.)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Grove Street

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard discussed code violations needing some attention. City Attorney Abb Hayes recommended staff visit the location(s) then contact the property owner(s). If necessary, the Municipal Court Judge could be approached to secure an inspection warrant.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:04 AM

/City Clerk Denise Jordan

C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk