

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Zack Thompson, George Wangemann, Sam Couvillon, Barbara Brooks, Juli Clay
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Alisa Grayson
STAFF ABSENT: Denise Jordan

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and served as the presiding officer.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Keep Hall Beautiful

Executive Director Shanda Sexton shared program and event accomplishments over the past year to include clean-ups and volunteer hours. She stated the agency had a successful year considering the affects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Elachee Nature Science Center

President/CEO Andrea Timpone commented on her upcoming retirement. She introduced Board Chairperson Emily Bagwell. Ms. Timpone briefly shared the agency's activities over the past year noting there was a fifty percent increase in participation. However, due to the pandemic, they were unable to continue the school and field trip programs resulting in a \$180,000 loss. She commented on adjustments made to provide for other positive initiatives. Ms. Bagwell shared information about the transition plan and announced Sarah Bell as Ms. Timpone's successor beginning May 1, 2021. Council expressed appreciation to Ms. Timpone for her years of service.

Brenau University Business Incubator

Vice President for External Relations Matt Thomas commented on the Incubator being a few years into the transition process. He briefly shared the mission and vision for the agency noting they have been able to continue to propel forward considering the current conditions brought on by the pandemic.

Council Member Couvillon inquired about the establishment timeline for new clients/businesses.

Upon conclusion of the budget presentations, City Manager Bryan Lackey confirmed each agency requested the same budget amount as last year.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Investment and Cash Management Policy

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry stated the major change in the policy is to extend the maximum maturity on investments from a 0-3 year to a 0-5 year period. The proposed resolution authorizes the adoption of the updated Investment and Cash Management Policy.

Resolution: Raymond James & Associates Inc. Agreement for Investment Advisor Services

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry requested authorization to hire Raymond James & Associates to serve as the city's investment advisor for certain services. He briefly commented on the investment strategy and fees associated with their services. The proposed resolution authorizes the city to enter into an agreement with Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

Both resolutions placed on the February 16, 2021 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Resolution: Chattahoochee Golf Course Renovations Project - Award of Contract

Golf Director Rodger Hogan provided a brief overview about the project. He introduced Robert Simmons with Water Resources noting he assisted in the process. He commented on the Request for Proposals and stated four bids were received. The proposed resolution authorizes the award of a contract to Wadsworth Golf Construction Company in the amount of \$1,449,601. The total expenditures for the project shall not exceed \$1,700,000.

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Resolution: Property Acquisition from Rahab's Rope, Inc.

Airport Manager Lisa Poole stated the proposed resolution authorizes the purchase of the property for runway safety improvements.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Funeral Service for Frankie Osborne

City Manager Bryan Lackey shared information surrounding the services for City Clerk Denise Jordan's mother.

North Downtown Parking Deck

City Manager Bryan Lackey shared an update on the North Downtown Parking Deck procurement process noting it has been completed. A kick-off meeting is scheduled for next week.

Public Works

Expressed appreciation to the Public Works staff for addressing issues associated with inclement weather over the past weekend.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Brooks

1. Reported she attended her first Airport Advisory Committee meeting.
2. Reported participation in a Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) virtual conference to discuss a new COVID-19 vaccination service initiative.

Council Member Clay

1. Provided an Airport Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Board ex-officio report.
2. Announced a Gainesville High School Student (Holden Casey) was named as a National Merit Scholar.

Council Member Thompson

Provided a Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee ex-officio report.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Provided a Georgia Mountain Regional Commission ex-officio report.
2. Reported several citizens inquired about the traffic light at Mundy Mill and Millside Parkway.

Council Member Couvillon

Provided a Planning and Appeals Board ex-officio report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:38 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and legal matters.

Motion made by Council Member Clay

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:01 AM.

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Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Options for Memorial Programs

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard reported receiving several inquiries about available memorial programs (i.e. Adopt-A-Tree) through the city. Parks and Recreation had a program in place; however, there was no city-wide program. Options for development of a program and/or partnering with existing programs was discussed.

Council Retreat

City Manager Bryan Lackey shared information about the upcoming Council Retreat.

Funeral Service for Jackie Cooley

Council Member Clay announced funeral service information for Jackie Cooley was available.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:10 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk