

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.

BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Economic Development Council

President and Chief Executive Officer Kit Dunlap, Board of Directors Chairman Brian Rochester and Vice President of Economic Development Tim Evans represented the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Rochester thanked the City for its partnership before commenting on the recent Commercial Brokers call which highlighted economic development. He also commented on community accolades being a direct reflection of the staff's commitment.

Mr. Evans commented on projects over the last year which promote economic growth and development. He shared materials used to attract new businesses. He mentioned the Gainesville 85 Business Park and thanked the city for its support of the economic development team.

Ms. Dunlap displayed the Chicken Box delivered annually to legislators to keep Gainesville in the forefront. She briefly commented on several initiatives before asking for a slight funding increase.

Council Member Wangemann asked if he was on the Vision 2030 Committee.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Adoption of Amended Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual

Administrative Services Director Janeann Allison presented a periodic update to the referenced policy manual calling attention to the addition of a Pandemic Policy. She also commented on other policy changes including but not limited to social media, leave for more than two weeks and risk management as it pertains to workers compensation.

Placed on the March 2, 2021 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Resolution: Accepting a Portion of Millside Parkway as a City Street

Deputy Director of Engineering and Transportation Matt Tarver stated the proposed resolution accepts another portion of Millside Parkway bringing the entire stretch from Mundy Mill Road into the City of Gainesville. The proposed resolution authorized actions to accept the street and associated right-of-way.

Resolution: Right of Way Deed to Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Relating to Turn Lane Project on State Route 369

Deputy Director of Engineering and Transportation Matt Tarver stated the proposed resolution supports the construction of a right turn lane in front of the Ramada and the Solis Project. It approves the transfer of property to GDOT and authorizes the execution of documents necessary to complete the closing to transfer the property.

Placed both resolutions on the March 2, 2021 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Public Hearing Item: Request from Dave Odom to rezone a 1.56± acres tract located on the south side of Oak Street, west of its intersection with West Academy Street (a/k/a 341 and 361 Oak Street, NW) from General Business (G-B) to Planned Unit Development (P-U-D). Ward Number: Four. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-026-001-002A and 003. Request: Mixed-use residential and commercial.

City Attorney Abb Hayes briefly summarized the application and asked that questions be referred to the Community and Economic Development Department.

Advertised for Public Hearing at the March 2, 2021 Council Meeting

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Resolution: Tax Allocation District (TAD) Funding for City of Gainesville for Banks Street Trailhead

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard commented on the former Liberty Utilities site (422 SW Banks Street) purchased in 2019 indicating the Parker Street Pond is under development in this area as part of a Water Quality Project. The Highlands to Islands Trail Committee identified a need for trailhead parking. The multi-jurisdictional committee received support from the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization. Staff assisted with the design which offers 35 parking spaces and restroom facilities on the site. Mrs. Sheppard stated the financial investment totals \$2,992,707 to date. The TAD application is for \$350,000 with \$150,000 for the trailhead parking and the remainder for restroom facilities. The TAD Committee met on February 15 and recommended approval.

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Commercial Realtors Meeting

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on economic development projects discussed during this meeting.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Brooks

1. Summarized attendance at several virtual meetings.
2. Complimented staff on the Council Retreat.
3. Expressed pride in community response to the COVID vaccination.

Council Member Clay

1. Complimented staff on the Council Retreat.
2. Expressed appreciation to Council Member Brooks for getting people involved in the Georgia Municipal Association's COVID calls.

Council Member Thompson

1. Presented the Main Street ex-officio report.
2. Extended condolences to the family of Jim Walters.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Commented on a food distribution in conjunction with Deshaun Watson's return to Gainesville.
2. Commented on a community cleanup at Longwood Park.

Council Member Couvillon

1. Commented on an event hosted by Deshaun Watson at Harrison Square Apartments.
2. Presented the Housing Authority ex-officio report.

Mayor Dunagan

Complimented staff on the Council Retreat.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:52 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and legal matters.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:57 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

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

ADJOURNMENT: 10:57 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk