

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:

FY2022 Parks & Recreation Budget Presentation

Cooper Embry, Past Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board, invited everyone to visit the Civic Center to see the renovation and thanked Council for everything they do for the community.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kate Mattison summarized accomplishments including but not limited to the skate park, the city park renovation, the purchase of new park land, new park signage, new programming, software upgrades and reaccreditation all while working through COVID. The goals in progress include the Civic Center renovations, the Youth Athletic Complex, Splash Zone upgrades, the Midland Wye Project, pavilion improvements and Lanier Point upgrades. Initiatives include expanded programming, park renovations and new amenities. Mrs. Mattison presented a balanced budget of \$7,519,067 then displayed a summary of revenues and expenditures followed by a summary of capital projects. In closing, the five-year capital improvements plan was displayed.

COMMUNITY ISSUE:

Resolution: Authorization to Apply for and Become Designated as an AARP Age-Friendly Community

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss stated the proposed resolution requested approval to apply for and accept an Age-Friendly Community Designation which aligns with AARP and the World Health Organization Global Network. She spoke about the eight domains of livability associated with the designation noting the community has worked on them for years. She presented proposed partners and commented on existing documents that align with this designation. Mrs. Moss shared the next steps before naming other Georgia communities that have already joined.

Council Member Clay confirmed the Brenau's Gerontology and the BULLI Programs would be included in this endeavor.

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DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Conservation Easement at the 85 Gainesville Business Park

Director of Water Resources Linda MacGregor stated development of the Business Park requires a stream buffer variance from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division (EPD). EPD is requiring a conservation easement designation to preserve the portion of the site along the stream corridors. The proposed resolution provides approval to execute the easement. This does not affect the lots.

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Resolution: Authorization to Accept GEFA Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loans and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loans

Director of Water Resources Linda MacGregor stated as part of the ten-year plan approved in October, the department has pursued low interest loans to expedite the capital improvement plan. The proposed resolution authorizes the execution of three loans that (1) address sewer collection system improvements, (2) address dewatering improvements at Flat Creek and (3) complete upgrades at water treatment plants. These loans are administered by GEFA with a 0.13% interest rate. The proposed resolution authorized a maximum total indebtedness of \$60,500,000 and authorized execution of the necessary documents to accept the loans.

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Resolution: Authorization to Enter into a Water Storage Subcontract with the State of Georgia

Director of Water Resources Linda MacGregor stated the water wars litigation in the 1990's was about securing water storage contracts with the Corp of Engineers. In January 2021, the Corp of Engineers and the State of Georgia signed a storage contract for water supply withdrawals from Lake Lanier. The proposed resolution authorizes a subcontract between the State of Georgia and the City of Gainesville for the City's share of the water storage supply. This action removes uncertainty about water supply and represents a significant milestone.

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Public Hearing Item: Transmittal of the FY2020 Annual Update to the CIE

Planner Heather Deweese stated the referenced update will be sent to Georgia Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs. This report is required to retain Qualified Local Government Status. Mrs. Deweese summarized information within the document and requested a public hearing at the next meeting before addressing the resolution.

Public Hearing advertised for April 20, 2021 Council Meeting

Public Hearing Item: Request from Roberto A. Palacios to annex a 0.36± acres tract located on the west side of Cherry Circle, north of Cherry Lane (a/k/a 7 Cherry Circle) and to establish zoning as Residential-I (R-I). Ward Number: Four. Tax Parcel Number(s): 08-015-005-007. Request: Sewer for an existing single-family home.

City Attorney Abb Hayes summarized the application noting the Planning and Appeals Board recommended approval.

Public Hearing advertised for April 20, 2021 Council Meeting

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Construction Projects

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on downtown construction and called attention to the demolition of the old Turner Wood and Smith Building. He also commented on golf course renovations that are underway and shared information about the process for changing the greens.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Clay

1. Commented on bi-centennial events and encouraged everyone to share historical information.
2. Commented on the Greater Gainesville Sports Alliance kick-off meeting.

Council Member Thompson

Presented the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee meeting ex-officio report.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Presented the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission meeting ex-officio report.
2. Presented a Community Cleanup report.

Council Member Couvillon

Presented the Planning and Appeals Board meeting ex-officio report.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Presented appointment nominations for the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee, the Development Authority and the Historic Preservation Commission. All were placed on the April 20, 2021 Council Meeting Consent Agenda.
2. Commented on pending appointments to the Friends of the Parks.
3. Announced the State of the City will be presented at the April 20, 2021 Council Meeting covering the last two years.
4. Presented a Certificate of Recognition from the Georgia Municipal Association to Council Member Juli Clay.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Ordinance: Amend Section 1-6-4 entitled "Compensation; Expenses Allowance; Reimbursement

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated the proposed ordinance addresses a meeting fee. It keeps the fee at the same amount (\$150 per meeting), allows payment for a maximum of 16 meeting per month for Council Members and 18 meeting per month for the Mayor and allows payment for up to two meetings per day.

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CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Transportation Forum

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported the referenced forum will be offered virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 10 AM. Registration is required.

Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Annual GALA

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated this event will be held on May 13, 2021 at 6 PM at the Chattahoochee Country Club with a limit of 175 guests.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:46 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 10:36 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Clay

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Agreement with Brenau

City Manager Bryan Lackey discussed an agreement to maintain landscaping in the same manner as other parks and requested approval to submit it to Dr. Slater for review and consideration.

Proposed Projects in Midtown

Council Member Brooks expressed a desire to look ahead to determine where apartments and retail establishments should be placed from Jesse Jewell to Industrial Boulevard and from EE Butler Parkway to Queen City Parkway.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:52 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk