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

Mayor Pro Tem Zack Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and served as the presiding officer. He expressed condolences to the Mayor and his family during their time of bereavement.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Accept FY2022 Legacy Link Grant Contract
Community Service Center Deputy Director Karina Costantini requested permission to accept a $1.6 million grant to provide funding for the Meals on Wheels Program.

Placed on the August 3, 2021 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Resolution: Woodmen of The World Chapter 29 Donation
Fire Chief Jerome Yarbrough requested permission to accept a $500 donation from Woodmen of the World Chapter 29 to replace small equipment on the fire trucks.

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Resolution: Cooks Communities Development Annexation Waiver
Water Resources Director Linda MacGregor commented on a Pine Valley Road project near White Sulphur noting this is a residential community requesting sewer connection. The land use is non-conforming to the Land Use Plan. The department recommends allowing the connection without annexation.

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NOTE: Council Member Couvillon joined the meeting at 9:04 AM.

Resolution: Adoption of an Amendment to the 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan
Neighborhood Development Manager Jessica Tullar stated this resolution allows a second amendment to incorporate CARES Act funds. She indicated the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development changed their position which requires additional action by the governing body. In summary, the resolution authorizes the acceptance of an additional $326,624 in Community Development Block Grant funds.

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Resolution: Adoption of 2021 CDBG Annual Action Plan and to Rescind Grant Resolution GR-2021-03
Neighborhood Development Manager Jessica Tullar stated this request rescinds a resolution adopted in May allowing the acceptance of additional funds due to a change in direction from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Resolution: Adopt 2021 Community Home Improvement Program (CHIP) Grant Program Policies, Procedures, New Construction Standards and Specifications
Neighborhood Development Manager Jessica Tullar stated this request pertains to the new grant to build more houses and adopts policies to meet grant requirements. This funding supports the construction of 4 to 6 homes. There was discussion about the timeline.

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Public Hearing Item: Request from City of Gainesville to rezone a 1.716± acres tract located between Jesse Jewell Parkway, West Academy Street, Broad Street and Maple Street (a/k/a 312 Jesse Jewell Parkway, SW; 315 and 323 Broad Street, SW; 0 and 320 Maple Street, SW) from General Business (G-B) to Central Business (C-B) with a special use. Ward Number: Four. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-012-004-001; 01-006-004-002, 004, 005 & 006. Request: Restaurant and special event center.

Public Hearing Item: Request from McNeal Development, LLC to rezone a 4.86± acres tract located between Queen City Parkway, Banks Street and Gordon Avenue, having road frontage on Saint Thomas Drive and Longstreet Avenue (a/k/a 504, 512, 514, 520 and 528 Banks Street, SW; 510 East Avenue, SW; 535, 548, 549, 604, 608, 620 and 628 Gordon Avenue, SW; 0, 602, 611 and 612 Longstreet Avenue, SW; 436 and 442 Parker Street, SW; 627 and 635 Queen City Parkway; 507 and 513 Saint Thomas Drive) from Residential-II (R-II), Office and Institutional (O-I), General Business (G-B) and Heavy Industrial (H-I) to Planned Unit Development (P-U-D). Ward Number: Three. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-012-002-006; 01-013-001-001, 002, 003, 004, 005 and 006; 01-013-002-001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 007A, 008, 009 and 010. Request: 214 Multi-family apartments.

Public Hearing Item: Request from Carl Volle to annex a 1.69± acres tract located on the south and west side of Meadowlark Lane, east of the intersection of Cleveland Highway and Meadowlark Lane (a/k/a 1646 Meadowlark Lane) and to establish zoning as Residential-II (R-II). Ward Number: Two. Tax Parcel Number(s): 00-084-006-001 (Part). Request: Six single-family homes.

Public Hearing Item (Tabled at the July 13, 2021 PAB Meeting): Request from Optum Development to annex a 7.77± acres tract located on the northeast side of Limestone Parkway, across from the intersection of Tapawingo Drive and Riverwood Drive (a/k/a 1744 Cleveland Highway) and to establish zoning as Planned Unit Development (P-U-D). Ward Number: Two. Tax Parcel Number(s): 09-126-000-024 (Part). Request: 36 residential townhomes.
City Attorney Abb Hayes summarized the public hearing items and called attention to the fourth item being tabled to a future Planning and Appeals Board meeting.

Three Public Hearing items placed on August 3, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on summer events and encouraged the community to get vaccinated against COVID 19.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Brooks

1. Expressed appreciation to the elected officials and staff and specifically commented on a community meeting where staff went beyond the call of duty.
2. Encouraged community attendance at Work Sessions and Council Meetings to become knowledgeable about City business.

Council Member Clay

Commented on the upcoming 25th anniversary of the Olympics noting a celebration event is scheduled at Lake Lanier Olympic Park.

Council Member Wangemann

Presented a preview of the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission meeting occurring later today in Union County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:22 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann
Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks
Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Wangemann, Couvillon, Brooks, Clay

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:15 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann
Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks
Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Wangemann, Couvillon, Brooks, Clay

OTHER BUSINESS:

Request for an Additional Voting Location

City Manager Bryan Lackey shared a request from the Gainesville Board of Education to add a voting location for the upcoming election. He indicated advertising requirements present challenges and expressed the importance of carefully considering the options.

There was consensus for the City Manager to reply indicating this request will be considered after the 2021 election.

COVID Vaccination Incentive
City Manager Bryan Lackey proposed offering a $500 bonus to employees who have been or will be vaccinated by August 30, 2021. It was noted this expense would be paid from the benefit fund and did not require an official vote.

There was no opposition to the City Manager’s proposal.

Council Member Brooks
Reported a donation request from a non-profit agency for CARES Act funds. City Attorney Abb Hayes commented on the gratuity clause and its requirements for supporting non-profit organizations.

Georgia Municipal Association Annual Convention
City Clerk Denise Jordan presented travel information and requested updated travel dates as soon as possible.

Qualifying Packets
City Clerk Denise Jordan reported qualifying packets are ready to release upon request. Qualifying will occur on August 16-18, 2021 in the City Manager’s Office.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:30 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk