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

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

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

Keep Hall Beautiful (KHB)
Executive Director Shanda Sexton stated KHB is a non-profit organization that offers education about being good stewards of the environment. They are adding ten new events. She shared information about awards received in 2021 and litter collection statistics. Ms. Sexton requested $20,000 in funding and expressed appreciation for the support that has been extended.

Elachee Nature Science Center
President/CEO Sarah Bell stated the focus over the last year has been on increasing public access. She summarized some of the changes. She stated part of the funding addresses the composting exhibit. There was some discussion about the trailing system as well as the sense of peace and healing provided by the campus. She requested $30,000 in funding before expressing appreciation for the legacy the Council is building, for past support and for future consideration.

Brenau University Business Incubator
Vice President of University Advancement Matt Thomas stated last year's area of focus was on moving businesses to other locations. They are moving forward with ways to integrate educational opportunities associated with understanding incubators. They are also providing community outreach and educational opportunities for those who want to start businesses with focus on minority and/or women owned businesses.

Upon inquiry about a formal/systematic process for businesses coming to the incubator and their lifespan in that space, Mr. Thomas indicated a 5-year plan is the targeted approach which will be tied to the annual lease. He also indicated the incubator leadership will be charged with being more active in the community.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Ordinance: Amend Section 9-20-2-1 of the ULDC Entitled Fire Limits Established
Fire Chief Brandon Ellis proposed amending the referenced ordinance and the 1936 map addressing the downtown square. The International Building Code offers updated techniques and modern approaches for addressing fire safety.

Placed on the March 15, 2022 Council Meeting Agenda

Public Hearing Item: Transmittal of the 2040 Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update
City Attorney Abb Hayes stated the consultant will attend the Council Meeting to make the presentation.

Public Hearing advertised for the March 15, 2022 Council Meeting

Public Hearing Item: Transmittal of the FY2021 Annual Update to the CIE
Planner Heather Deweese stated the public hearing addresses the draft update which must be reviewed by Georgia Mountains Regional Commission and Department of Community Affairs to maintain Local Government Status. She summarized the action items to review and approve the update.

Public Hearing advertised for the March 15, 2022 Council Meeting

Public Hearing Item: Request from Clayton Properties Group, Inc. d/b/a Chafin Development for a permit to relocate an abandoned cemetery located on real property owned by Butler Property, LLC, which real property is more particularly described in a Limited Warranty Deed dated September 29, 2010, recorded at Deed Book 6749, Pages 226-241, Hall County, Georgia Deed Records, from said real property to Hillside Memorial Gardens, 1212 Hillside Gardens Lane, Gainesville, Georgia 30504.
City Attorney Abb Hayes reported a request to table this hearing to the April meeting. If inclined to honor the request, a motion would be required at the upcoming Council Meeting

Public Hearing advertised for the March 15, 2022 Council Meeting

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

International Women's Day Recognition
Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard provided the background for how this project came to life and identified the project team.

Public Relations Manager Christina Santee stated the video features 44 women from 17 different areas of the city. There were also spotlights for female Directors on Facebook. The video was played and is posted on the website.

Mayor Couvillon, Mayor Pro Tem Brooks and Council Member Thompson expressed appreciation.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

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

Appointment: Convention & Visitors Bureau Authority
Mayor Couvillon nominated Nimisha Patel.

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CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Resolution: First Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with Gainesville Redevelopment Authority Relating to Sale of Golf Course Lots and Improvements to the Chattahoochee Golf Course
City Attorney Abb Hayes presented an amendment to extend the date for marketing and selling the lots through the end of the calendar year. It also adds another lot located adjacent to the golf course.

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Resolution: Exchange of Real Property and Easement and Maintenance Agreement Between City of Gainesville and Midland Gainesville MF, LLC
City Attorney Abb Hayes stated this project is near the QuikTrip on Jesse Jewell Parkway. The resolution allows a property swap. There will be parking on St. Thomas Drive. In exchange for allowing this, the maintenance responsibility is placed on the developer.

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CITY CLERK ISSUES:

GMA Annual Convention
City Clerk Denise Jordan reported online registration for this event begins Tuesday. Everyone across the state will be registering at the same time making it important to have information in advance to prepare.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:54 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and legal matters.

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:34 AM.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Meeting Protocols
City Attorney Abb Hayes commented on zoning presentations. He also stated there may have been some confusion at a recent public hearing about the appropriate time for Council comments/discussion. Options/Suggestions were presented to offer clarification on handling these matters in the future.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:42 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk