

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.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program FY22-23

Police Chief Jay Parrish stated the proposed resolution authorizes replacement of outdated vest. The 50% match (\$10,000) is included in the annual budget. The proposed resolution accepts grant funding and authorizes execution of the required documents.

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Police Mental Clinician Anjana Freeman shared a success story regarding a developmentally delayed homeless adult male who reconnected with his mother after being separated for approximately 15 years.

Mayor Couvillon stated this is an example of properly funding the Police Department and expressed appreciation for the actions of the Council and the North Georgia Community Foundation to provide the Mental Clinician position.

Resolution: Accept the FY23 Legacy Link Grant Contract

Community Service Center Deputy Director Karina Costantini stated the grant has not changed from past years. It provides meals for the Senior Life Center and the Meals on Wheels Program. It will require a match of \$68,000. The proposed resolution approves the grant contract/addendums and authorizes execution of the associated documents.

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Resolution: Second Quarter Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2022

Resolution: Third Quarter Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2022

Budget & Purchasing Manager Kevin Hutcheson presented both resolutions indicating all adjustments and the funds remain balanced. He summarized a few adjustments. The proposed resolutions adopt the budget adjustments as referenced in the attachments.

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Resolution: Adoption of Amended Retiree Insurance Guidelines

Administrative Services Director Janeann Allison stated the proposed resolution does three things: (1) combines two different guidelines into one, (2) establishes qualifications for retirement benefits coverage and (3) confirms if an employee is terminated they are not eligible for retirement benefits. The proposed resolution adopts new Retiree Insurance Guidelines and rescinds previous resolutions addressing this subject.

Resolution: Amendment to Retirement Plan A Plan Document Regarding Board Member Vacancy

Administrative Services Director Janeann Allison stated this is a request to amend the Plan Document. It currently states an election shall be held in 30 days to fill vacancies which is not enough time. The proposed amendment allows board members to make an appointment when less than 12 months are left in the term and allows 90 days to hold an election when more than 12 months are left in the term. The proposed resolution amends the Plan Document providing the exact language to replace Section 8.05(a).

City Manager Bryan Lackey added this came to light with the passing of former Police Chief Frank Hooper.

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Resolution: Adoption of the Five-Year Update to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Community & Economic Development Director Rusty Ligon stated the proposed resolution will adopt the update. The consultant provided a detailed summary in March. Since then, the Plan has been reviewed by the Department of Community Affairs and the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission. Both agencies recommended approval. Mr. Ligon stated the public involvement process exceeded expectations. The executive summary was distributed providing a 40-page summary of a 300-page document. The proposed resolution adopts the five-year update.

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Mayor Couvillon commented on the professionalism of the Community & Economic Development Department and their efforts to help developers determine what fits in our community.

Public Hearing Item: Request from Ricky and Janice Hames to rezone a 0.24± acre tract located on the south side of Oak Street, east of the intersection of Ridgewood Terrace, Woods Mill Road, Rainey Street and Oak Street (a/k/a 721 Oak Street, NW), from General Business (G-B) to Residential-I (R-I). Ward Number: Four. Tax Parcel Number: 01-026-001-012. Request: Single-family residence.

Public Hearing Item: Request from Jeff Arkema for a special use on a 1.77± acres tract located on the north side of Browns Bridge Road, east of McEver Road (a/k/a 2888 Browns Bridge Road, SW, Suite E), having a zoning of Regional Business (R-B). Ward Number: Four. Tax Parcel Number: 08-015-006-025. Request: Automotive styling center.

City Attorney Abb Hayes summarized both applications.

Public Hearings advertised for the June 7, 2022 Council Meeting

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Wangemann

1. Presented the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission ex-officio report.
2. Commented on the Memorial Day Parade.

Council Member Clay

Commented on the Butterfly Release and the Midland Music Concert.

Council Member Brooks

Shared a list of the events she attended since the last meeting.

Council Member Dunagan

1. Presented the Lake Lanier Olympic Park and Main Street ex-officio reports.
2. Announced the First Friday event on June 3, 2022.

Mayor Couvillon

Requested board/committee nominations to fill expiring terms.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Introductions

City Attorney Abb Hayes introduced Parker Furman and Wilbur White as summer interns working at Hulsey, Oliver and Mahar.

Resolution: Ratification and Approval of the Housing Authority Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds (Sidney Lanier Apartments, LLC to be Named Waterside Oaks Apartment Project) Series 2022

City Attorney Abb Hayes indicated there are treasury regulations regarding bonds issued by the Housing Authority requiring the Mayor to sign authorizing approval for the issuance of the bonds. The resolution doesn't bind the city in any way.

Developer Michael Bauer spoke about Paces Foundation and distributed examples of properties owned and produced in multiple states. The Paces Foundation is a 32-year old development (non-profit) based in Georgia. The Foundation has a high bar for their agencies. The Foundation is not new to Gainesville and has been a good partner for many years. The Sidney Lanier Apartments project provides 196 units off Corporate Drive. They envision starting some construction within 30 days. There will be one entrance and one exit.

The proposed resolution authorized the Mayor to execute the approval document.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:34 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

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OTHERS PRESENT: Wilbur White and Parker Furman

Motion to close the Executive Session at 9:55 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann
Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

ADJOURNMENT: 9:55 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk