

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Dunagan, Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon
STAFF PRESENT: Marlowe, Sheppard, Palmour, Jordan

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM and served as the presiding officer.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Regarding Fourth Quarter Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2015

This agenda item was postponed to a future meeting.

Resolution: Declaration of Surplus Property

Senior Accountant Karen Roper reported staff completed the review and approval process to determine all property had exceeded its useful life or was no longer needed.

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Resolution: Water and Sewerage Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 2015 Closing

Interim Chief Financial Officer Alicia Page stated the proposed resolution was a supplemental action from the December 16, 2014 Bond Purchase Agreement. It was required to proceed with closing the bond issue.

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Ordinance: Amend Chapter 1-6 Entitled Personnel

Human Resources Director Janeann Allison stated the proposed ordinance removes the nepotism policy from the Code Book because it is addressed within the Personnel Policy. It also amends the employment benefit requirements for elected officials and eliminates benefits for appointed officials serving at the pleasure of the governing body. The proposed changes will not impact existing officials/appointees.

There was debate about the length of service required for elected officials to be eligible for post-employment insurance benefits. Employees must work 20 years to obtain eligibility. A straw poll indicated the majority favored 16 years of service for elected officials.

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Public Hearing Item for the November 3, 2015 Council Meeting

Special Use Permit on a 0.36± acres tract at 1191 Thompson Bridge Road, NW

Planning Manager Matt Tate reviewed the application indicating some concerns were expressed during the Planning and Appeals Board public hearing.

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Resolution: Accept the FY16 Section 5307 Operating and Capital Grant Contracts

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss provided some history regarding the operating grant. She planned to use the funds to purchase computer hardware and additional components for bus shelters. The grant required a \$5,000 cash match.

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Hall Area Transit

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss distributed a fact sheet and used a power point presentation to discuss the Gainesville Connection Service Update. The following comments were noted:

- Passenger demographics haven't changed much.
- There's a desire to transition the service schedule from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes to enhance the program which will most likely increase ridership and double the cost.
- Ridership was just under 150,000 trips.
- Requests have been received for transit services to Braselton.
- The bus system is not reliable because of traffic issues and other unknowns.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Administration Building Renovation Project

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard provided an update indicating Phase 1 would be completed around Thanksgiving and Phase 2 would be completed in mid-January.

Supporting Adoption and Foster Families Together (SAFFT)

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard reported Council was invited to a prelaunch breakfast program on November 3, 7:30 AM at Free Chapel.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES

Council Member Ruth Bruner

Provided an ex-officio report from the Hall '96 Meeting.

Council Member Myrtle Figueras

1. Provided an ex-officio report from the Housing Authority Meeting.
2. Shared thoughts about the recent SPLOST Advisory Committee Meeting and indicated there were differences of opinion among the members regarding their role, i.e., oversight or advisory.
3. Provide a report about the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefit System (Georgia Municipal Employee Benefit System) Meeting and its importance to the City.

Council Member Bob Hamrick

1. Expressed concern about a request with the federal government to allow the trucking industry to increase the length of trailers to 30 feet.
2. Requested information regarding the origin of funds recently transferred to the Roosevelt Square Renovation Project.

Council Member Sam Couvillon

1. Commended the Police Department on prompt service during a recent incident.
2. Commend the Department of Water Resources for the stormwater presentation.

Council Member George Wangemann

1. Provided a community cleanup report.

2. Announced he was still inviting citizens to meetings and was currently visiting Catalina Subdivision.

Mayor Danny Dunagan

1. Distributed the board/committee appointments list and requested input from the Council.
2. Asked staff to consider a different meeting schedule for the Historic Preservation Commission.

CITY CLERK:

Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) District 2 Meeting

City Clerk Denise Jordan shared information about the upcoming meeting.

Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Mayors Day Conference

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported the conference was scheduled for January 22-25 at the Atlanta Hilton. Registration information was distributed.

Department of Water Resources Workshop

City Clerk Denise Jordan shared potential dates and locations for consideration.

Website

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported the election page of the website had been updated in hopes of increasing participation in the election process.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:22 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk