OFFICIALS PRESENT:	Danny Dunagan, Ruth Bruner, George Wangemann, Sam Couvillon, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks
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(S)

Keep Hall Beautiful Agency

Executive Director Kelly Norman discussed the agency's funding request and budget proposal noting the request was for the same level of funding. She stated some programs had been expanded through partnerships and discussed plans for addressing litter.

Council Member Wangemann commented on the litter eradication effort.

There was discussion about the process for selecting areas to address. There was also discussion about plans to be more effective by coordinating with other litter cleanup efforts.

Elachee Nature Science Center

President/Chief Executive Officer Andrea Timpone and Board Member Steve Gilliam attended the meeting to discuss the agency's funding request and budget proposal. In summary, the request increased by $10,000 to return the funding to its original level before the recession.

Ms. Timpone provided some history about the center and commented on reaccreditation for education programs for the fourth time. There was discussion about the facility's outreach beyond the community and the national conference hosted last year for nature center administrators.

Council Member Wangemann commented on the Arbor Day Celebration scheduled for February 19, 2016.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: FY15 Closure of Airport Capital Projects

Financial Analyst Alisha Gamble stated the proposed resolution closed capital projects related to the airport. Adoption of the resolution allowed $20,266.89 to be reappropriated for future project needs.

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Resolution: FY15 Closure of Department of Water Resources Capital Projects

Financial Analyst Alisha Gamble stated the proposed resolution closed capital projects related to the Department of Water Resources. Adoption of the resolution allowed $334,789.91 to be reappropriated for future project needs.

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Resolution: FY15 Closure of General Government Capital Projects
Financial Analyst Alisha Gamble stated the proposed resolution closed General Government capital projects. There was an available balance of $555,662.76 of which $6,996.00 would be returned to the Impact Fee Fund, $42,664.09 would be returned to the Information Technology Fund, $60,013.00 would be returned to the Solid Waste Fund and $320,000.00 would be reappropriated for the Roosevelt Square Renovations Project. Adoption of the resolution allowed $125,989.64 to be reappropriated for future project needs.

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Resolution: FY15 Closure of Parks & Recreation Capital Projects
Financial Analyst Alisha Gamble stated the proposed resolution closed the Parks and Recreation Agency's capital projects. There was an available balance of $22,126.00 of which $10,500.00 would be returned to the Agency. Adoption of the resolution allowed $11,626.00 to be reappropriated for future project needs.

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Ordinance: Amend Chapter 6-4 Entitled Alcoholic Beverages
City Marshal Debbie Jones stated the proposed ordinance allowed retail establishments that sell wine in unbroken packages to offer wine tastings under certain conditions.

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Resolution: Georgia Classic Main Street Program Memorandum of Understanding for the 2016 Year
Main Street Manager Regina Mansfield stated the proposed resolution authorized the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Community Affairs to ensure that Main Street Gainesville follows the guidelines of the National Main Street Program.

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Resolution: Public Art Initiatives by the Vision 2030 Public Art Committee
Community Development Director Rusty Ligon stated the proposed resolution expressed the city's support of the Vision 2030 Public Art Committee initiatives without obligating the City.

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Resolution: Department of Water Resources Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Purchases
Assistant Director of Department of Water Resources Don Dye stated the proposed resolution authorized the purchase of two VFD's. He explained how each water treatment plant uses a VFD to maintain operational efficiency. Siemans Industry, Inc. was the sole provider. Mr. Dye stated the equipment had exceeded its useful life.

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Resolution: Adoption of New Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual
Human Resources Director Janeann Allison stated the proposed resolution adopts a fully revised Personnel Policy. The original plan was to change a few policies but as the project was underway, they realized a full rewrite was necessary.

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Resolution: Traffic Calming / Road Safety Devices Project
Budget and Project Administrator Tommy Hunt stated the proposed resolution authorized repair or replacement of guardrails on Palmour Drive, Monroe Drive, Enota Drive and Dorsey Street.

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Green Street Study Advisory Report
Brian Bollick, SouthEastern Engineering, discussed the Green Street Corridor Study and expressed the importance of determining what's historic and what's not. He commented on coring the road to see what was underneath to make informed decisions with minimal surprises if construction proceeds. He discussed the scope of work and the approved tasks. He also discussed the project schedule noting they expect to complete the work in May. Mr. Bollick stated the findings will be presented to the governing body.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Couvillon, Mr. Bollick stated the concept for this project was fairly new for the State of Georgia and has a unique application regarding funding. The project will identify the factors to consider before moving forward while eliminating as many unknowns as possible.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES

Council Member Sam Couvillon
Provided an ex-officio report from the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting and the Golf Course Advisory Committee Meeting.

Council Member George Wangemann
Provided an ex-officio report from the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Meeting.

Council Member Ruth Bruner
Provided an ex-officio report from the Main Street Advisory Board Meeting.

Council Member Brooks
Shared the agenda items for the upcoming Second Saturday Meeting (aka Community Advisory Roundtable Meeting). Later during this meeting, she thanked volunteers for helping with this effort and inquired about administrative assistance to prepare for these meetings.

Council Member Thompson
Provided an ex-officio report from the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting and the Planning and the Appeals Board Meeting.

Mayor Dunagan
Reported the State of the City Address would be presented during the upcoming Council Meeting.

Appointment(s): Municipal Court Solicitor
Mayor Dunagan recommended appointing Anne Bishop to replace John Breakfield as the Municipal Court Solicitor. It was noted that the Charter requires the Mayor to administer the Oath of Office.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council Member Bruner requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion to close the meeting at 10:20 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel matters.

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:55 AM and to continue the Work Session.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Agreement with Hall County Regarding the Central Hall Trail
City Manager Lackey reported the discovery of a conflict with a sewer line during construction of the trail which changed the cost of the design. He proposed refunding $15,000 of the original construction fee to Hall County. A resolution would be required to proceed.

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Roosevelt Square Project
Council Member Bruner expressed a desire to revisit this project considering Brenau’s decision not to provide funding. She suggested a phased approached in lieu of abandoning the project and expressed concern about not following through with the commitment.

Several Council Members requested additional information.

Atlanta Street Apartments
Mayor Dunagan reported the Atlanta Street Apartments couldn’t be demolished using Housing and Urban Development (HUD) dollars as originally planned. The Housing Authority would be asking the city for approximately $700,000 for this project. There was the possibility that this request would be in the form of a loan. He also reported the Authority’s long term plan to move away from HUD.

City Manager Lackey expressed concern about the implications of providing funds without offsetting that expense and stated there was a need to explore the options before scheduling meetings on this subject.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:23 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk