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

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

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

Gainesville Hall '96

Gainesville-Hall '96 Chair Mimi Collins and Lake Lanier Olympic Venue Manager Morgan House attended the meeting. Mr. House reviewed the agency's FY17 budget request indicating it was the same as last year. He also showed photographs of the renovation project, discussed the Pan American Championships schedule for May 2016 and shared the new logo for the Olympic Park. Mr. House extended an invitation to the 20 year anniversary celebration scheduled for August 5, 2016. It was noted that they were requesting the same amount as last year.

Economic Development Council

Economic Development Council Vice Chair Bryan Rochester and Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development staff (Vice President Tim Evans, Vice President Shelley Davis, Project Manager Amanda Lewis and Project Manager Garrett Wiley) attended the meeting. Mr. Evans stated activity was higher than in the past. Approximately 90 projects were currently underway. He commented on some recent projects then distributed a map of existing industries along with the 2016 Economic Development Report. Ms. Davis discussed existing industry efforts. It was noted that Ms. Lewis works with the Small Business Program and Mr. Wiley works on Government Affairs and Policies.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Declaration of Surplus Property

Senior Accountant Karen Roper stated the required paperwork was completed to declare surplus property for assets that have outlived their useful life. The proposed resolution allowed these items to be sold through GovDeals.

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Resolution: Intergovernmental Agreement - Maintenance of Gainesville Square

Chief Financial Officer Melody Marlowe stated the Gainesville Square was a hub. Hall County owns the inside circle of the square and the city owns the rest. An intergovernmental agreement was prepared to allow the city to make improvements. It was noted that the area immediately surrounding the Old Joe Confederate Monument was leased to the United Daughters of Confederacy.

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Resolution: Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission Service Contract

Chief Financial Officer Melody Marlowe introduced Tom Saurat, Regional Director of International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA). Mr. Saurat discussed a project that would replace two wooden bridges on the Chicopee Woods Bike Trail with two fiberglass bridges and reroute the associated approach trails by May 2017. He commented on a reimbursable grant for $130,000 and requested the creation of a partner funding relationship with the City via intergovernmental agreement with a funding limit of $70,000. The proposed resolution approved the service contract and authorized execution of the document.

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Resolution: Watershed Improvement Plan Update and Gainesville Mill//Cargill Stream Restoration 319(h) Grant Close-Out Report
Environmental Services Manager Horace Gee stated this report was an update to the watershed plan. The proposed resolution authorized a contract with CH2MHill to create the report.

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Band-A-Long Project
Upon inquiry from Mayor Danny Dunagan, Environmental Services Manager Horace Gee provided an update on the litter trap.

Resolution: Flat Creek Water Reclamation Facility Digester Repair – Phase II
Construction and Project Management Section Chief Jarrett Nash stated staff had worked diligently to remove as much debris as possible. The remaining debris must be removed to assess the condition of the equipment before repairs/improvements can begin. The proposed resolution authorized (1) a change order to the FY2013 Water Treatment and Water Reclamation Facilities Maintenance project, (2) the expenditure of $467,181 from the Department of Water Resources Capital Projects Fund and (3) the execution of documents related to this project.

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Public Hearing
Rezone 0.48± acres at 1490 Park Hill Drive, NE
Planning Manager Matt Tate reviewed the rezoning request to convert a single-family home to a two-family dwelling indicating the property owner wanted all of his property under the same zoning classification. The property will need some improvements/renovations. Septic issues must be addressed before transitioning to a two-family dwelling. Staff would be meeting with the owner to discuss the requirements. There was no opposition at the Planning and Appeals Board hearing. The Planning and Appeals Board and staff recommended approval with one condition.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES

Resolution: Intergovernmental Agreement I-985 Interchange Mowing
City Manager Lackey stated the proposed agreement was necessary in order to reimburse Hall County for mowing and trimming in the Georgia Department of Transportation right-of-way at Exits 20 and 22. The proposed resolution authorized execution of the agreement.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES

Council Member Wangemann

Reported plans to attend the upcoming Georgia Mountains Regional Commission meeting.

Council Member Bruner

Requested recognition of Santana Ramos at a future Council Meeting.

CITY CLERK ISSUES

Council Member Brooks Ex-Officio Report

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated Mrs. Brooks emailed her report which provided an overview of the January 7 and February 11, 2016 Friends of the Parks Meetings. The report would be forwarded to the Council Members for review.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:10 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk