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: 2022 Law Enforcement Training Grant
Police Chief Jay Parrish and Lieutenant Justin Martin were in attendance. Chief Parrish commented on last year's grant experience noting they did so well that the department was awarded another $100,000 this year without a cash match.

Council extended appreciation for this great accomplishment.

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Communications & Tourism Update for 3rd Quarter 2022
Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Robyn Lynch presented highlights from last quarter (July – September) as follows:

- The economic impact was over $4 million with approximately 50% originating from Petit Le Mans events.
- Nine of the fourteen events held during this quarter were sports related.
- Hotel/Motel income increased 12% over last year. Projections indicate a continued increase.
- Eleven social media pages are managed for marketing purposes.
- Conferences are returning.
- Each city-sponsored event had over 3,000 attendees.
- Extended special thanks to Hall Area Transit for use of the Gainesville Trolley.
- Attendance at a sports relationship conference provided an opportunity to meet with event planners yielding 40 potential sports events to add in the future.

There was conversation about the Lake Lanier Olympic Park (LLOP) noting the pavilion improvements were funded by the LLOP Foundation.

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on struggles associated with getting hotel developers to Gainesville noting a consultant is providing assistance.

Public Hearing Item: Request from Atlantic Leasing, LLC to annex two tracts totaling 1.0± acre located on the west side of Hudgins Street and the east side of Browns Bridge Avenue, north of Browns Bridge Road (a/k/a 1411 Hudgins Street and 1506 Browns Bridge Avenue) and to establish a zoning of General Business (G-B). Ward Number: Five. Tax Parcel Number: 00-123-008-003A and 028. Request: Combining properties.

Public Hearing Item: Request from William B. Stark Jr. for a special use on a 1.0± acre tract located on the north side of Washington Street between West Academy Street and West Avenue (a/k/a 614 Washington Street, NW), having a zoning of Neighborhood Business (N-B). Ward Number: Four. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-026-001-043. Request: Five residential duplexes.
City Attorney Abb Hayes summarized both items noting the Community and Economic

Development Department should be contacted to address questions.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Gainesville Trolley
City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on launching an app that identifies the location of the trolley. This will be a great enhancement.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Wangemann
Presented the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission ex-officio report.

Council Member Clay
Presented the Parks & Recreation ex-officio report.

Council Member Brooks
Commented on a public/private partnership to rehabilitate a home. Contractors/Suppliers are doing the work for free as well as donating materials and furnishings. She requested assistance identifying another family with limited income to recommend for the next project.

Council Member Thompson
1. Presented the Housing Authority and the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee ex-officio reports.
2. Noted the City's first round-about is under construction.

Council Member Dunagan
Met with Ron Stowe and Frank Norton, Jr. regarding their downtown alley ways project (Maple Street and behind Atlas Pizza). He distributed information noting there was a request to formally present the concept.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Ordinance 2022-24 Annex Victory Street Property
(Tabled at the August 2, 2022 and October 18, 2022 Council Meeting)
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ALL OF VICTORY STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSISTING OF 0.66± ACRE, LOCATED BETWEEN JESSE JEWELL PARKWAY AND SPRING STREET ADJACENT TO BUT NOT NOW WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ordinance 2022-25 Zone Victory Street Property
(Tabled at the August 2, 2022 and October 18, 2022 Council Meeting)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA BY ESTABLISHING THE ZONING ON ALL OF VICTORY STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSISTING OF 0.66± ACRE, LOCATED BETWEEN JESSE JEWELL PARKWAY AND SPRING STREET AT THE TIME OF ANNEXATION AS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, WITH CONDITIONS (P-U-D-c); TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER

PURPOSES.
City Attorney Abb Hayes stated both ordinances will appear on the Council Meeting agenda.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:22 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and legal matters.

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

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STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Denise Jordan, Jay Parrish, Linda MacGregor, Rusty Ligon

Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:32 AM.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Gainesville Hometown Program
City Manager Bryan Lackey and Police Chief Jay Parrish presented information about the Gainesville Hometown Program, a program designed to address homelessness which is comparable to a program in Columbus. Gainesville has become the destination for the homeless because of available resources warranting the need for an action plan. This design creates a program through United Way with partnership from the City. A formal request for adoption is expected to occur in the future.

Redistricting
City Attorney Abb Hayes briefly commented on a recent meeting with the Newtown Florist Club and on the creation of a timeline for adopting the redistricting ordinance by the end of the year. The timeline represents the targeted goal for completion. He also commented on a letter from the Newtown Florist Club requesting a follow-up meeting.

There was consensus for the City Attorney to contact the Newtown Florist Club regarding the follow-up.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:45 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk