

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sam Couvillon, Barbara Brooks, Zack Thompson, Juli Clay, Danny Dunagan
OFFICIALS ABSENT: 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:

Ordinance: Amend Chapter 3-4 Regarding Personal Transportation Vehicles

Police Chief Jay Parrish presented an ordinance to allow and regulate the operation of golf carts on city streets. In summary, it complies with state law, defines a golf cart, requires a driver's license with the same provisions of a car driver and defines restrictions. Intersections allowing golf carts to cross will be identified. A public education component will occur.

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Ordinance: Amend Chapter 4-3 Entitled Solid Waste

Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky reviewed the current solid waste service and discussed significant cost increases associated with equipment, landfill fees, personnel and fuel. He proposed changing the garbage pickup to once a week at the curb. He also proposed reducing the solid waste service rate for additional household cans to \$15 per month. Public education will occur before the changes go into effect (January 23, 2023). There was discussion about the medical waiver for customers with physical challenges. It was also noted that a new email address was established specifically for solid waste as another avenue for contacting staff.

The governing body was very complimentary of the proposed changes noting there had not been an increase in thirteen years.

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Request from Jim Shorkey Real Estate 12, LLC to annex a total of 6.76± acres located on the south side of Browns Bridge Road, east of Old Flowery Branch Road, having road frontage on Zander Drive (a/k/a 0 Browns Bridge Road) and to establish a zoning of Light Industrial (L-I). Ward Number: Five. Tax Parcel Number(s): 08-007-003-003. Request: Expansion of existing auto dealership.

City Attorney Abb Hayes summarized the request noting questions should be submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department.

Public Hearing advertised for the December 6, 2022 Council Meeting

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

City Manager Bryan Lackey announced the following:

1. Christmas on Green Street is scheduled for December 4.
2. Gainesville was ranked Top 10 by the National League of Cities 2022 Digital Cities Survey.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Clay

1. Presented the Parks and Recreation Board ex-officio report.
2. Extended support to Gainesville City Schools as they approach the finals.

Council Member Brooks

Expressed appreciation to M&M Catering for sponsoring a Thanksgiving Day community meal and for serving 1,123 meals. Mayor Couvillon suggested recognition at a future Council Meeting.

Council Member Thompson

Presented the Golf Course Advisory Committee and the Housing Authority ex-officio reports.

Council Member Dunagan

Presented the Main Street Advisory Committee ex-officio report.

Mayor Couvillon

Presented nominations for appointment to the Cemetery Advisory Committee and the Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation.

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CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Ordinance 2022-24 Annex Victory Street Property

(Tabled at the August 2, 2022, October 18, 2022 and November 1, 2022 Council Meetings)

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, October 18, 2022 and November 1, 2022 Council Meetings)

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 reported these ordinances were ready to be addressed and summarized the action to be taken.

Both ordinances placed on the December 6, 2022 Council Meeting Agenda

Home Rule Ordinance 2022-01: Charter Amendment to Define and Revise Boundary Lines as it Pertains to Mayor and Council Elections

City Attorney Abb Hayes summarized the action taken to equalize the wards as required after the 2020 Census. The proposed ordinance implements the changes. Advertisement is scheduled. The ordinance requires two readings in compliance with state law.

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CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Resolution: 2023 Work Session/Council Meeting Calendar

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated the proposed calendar was drafted with Council Meetings scheduled on the first and third Tuesday and Work Sessions scheduled on Thursday before each Council Meeting. Holidays were taken into consideration prompting a few adjustments.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager Bryan Lackey requested an executive session for real estate matters and Mayor Couvillon requested an executive session for personnel matters.

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:43 AM to enter an executive session to discuss real estate and personnel matters.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Barbara Brooks, Zack Thompson, Juli Clay, Danny Dunagan

Absent: George Wangemann

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Motion to close the executive session at 11:11 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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Absent: George Wangemann

OTHER BUSINESS:

Tax Allocation District (TAD) Project - The National

City Attorney Abb Hayes briefly summarized the application then reported a desire for modifications that don't change the financial component. Approval is required in the event of non-compliance.

Miscellaneous Announcements

- The Eggs & Issues event is scheduled for December 8, 2022, 7:30 AM.
- The Public Works holiday luncheon is scheduled for December 8, 2022, 11:30 AM.
- Additional upgrades to the Municipal Courtroom are in progress and will be operational for the upcoming Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:20 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk