

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Barbara Brooks, Zack Thompson, Juli Clay, Danny Dunagan  
OFFICIALS ABSENT: Sam Couvillon, George Wangemann  
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Denise Jordan, Alisa Grayson

Mayor Pro Tem Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and served as the presiding officer.

City Manager Bryan Lackey delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Council Member Clay**

Reminded everyone of the Wonderland of Lights holiday display at Wilshire Park with activities noting there was a special New Year's Eve party planned for Friday, December 30.

**Council Member Thompson**

1. Encouraged everyone to think and buy local for their Christmas shopping.
2. Announced the Chattahoochee Golf Course is closed December 21 – 27 due to the wintery weather forecasts.
3. Thanked staff and citizens of Gainesville for everything they've done over the past year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

**Council Member Dunagan**

1. Announced the closing of City offices and some service unavailability on December 23 and 26 and January 2 in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays respectively.
2. Wished everyone happy holidays and a safe New Year.

**Council Member Brooks**

Provided a wintery weather announcement with forecast for freezing temperatures with a request for patience as staff addresses issues and notice that water outages would be posted on the website and Facebook.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Sammy Smith, City School Board Member, encouraged adoption of the redistricting maps noting an equitable map was produced by the reapportionment office. A legislative update required the City Board of Education's map to match the City Council's map.

Council Member Thompson expressed appreciation for the Gainesville City School System.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes: December 1, 2022 Work Session**

**Minutes: December 6, 2022 Mayor/Council Meeting**

**Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Clay

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

**Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Clay, Dunagan**  
**Absent: Couvillon, Wangemann**

*Motion passed with affirmative vote of majority of members present in accordance with the Charter Section 2.22(c).*

*Mayor Pro Tem Brooks presided with rights and privileges of the Mayor in accordance with the Charter Section 2.30.*

### **Resolutions**

- A. BR-2022-72 Approval of Agreement Regarding Term of Municipal Court Judge
- B. BR-2022-73 Approval of Gainesville Police Foundation, Inc.
- C. BR-2022-74 Transfer of Property to Aaron Sims Griffith
- D. GR-2022-14 FY2023 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)
- E. GR-2022-15 Runway 5-23 Rehabilitation Project FAA-GDOT Grant Funding and Award of Contract

City Manager Bryan Lackey provided a brief overview of the resolutions.

### **Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

**Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Clay, Dunagan**

**Absent: Couvillon, Wangemann**

*Motion passed with affirmative vote of majority of members present in accordance with the Charter Section 2.22(c).*

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### **GENERAL LEGISLATION:**

#### **Ordinance 2022-40 Amend Section 10-1-8 Entitled Court Processing Fee**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the proposed amendment was presented at Thursday's Work Session allowing court staff to purchase a software upgrade that benefits the public. The update offers data in real time to provide for efficiency. An \$8 fee will be established to cover the cost.

### **Motion to approve Ordinance 2022-40 as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Clay

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

**Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Clay, Dunagan**

**Absent: Couvillon, Wangemann**

*Motion passed with affirmative vote of majority of members present in accordance with the Charter Section 2.22(c).*

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### **ANNEXATION / ZONING:**

**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 stated a public hearing for the request was previously presented.

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2022-24 as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

**Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Clay, Dunagan**

**Absent: Couvillon, Wangemann**

*Motion passed with affirmative vote of majority of members present in accordance with the Charter Section 2.22(c).*

*Mayor Pro Tem Brooks presided with rights and privileges of the Mayor in accordance with the Charter Section 2.30.*

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2022-25 with conditions as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

**Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Clay, Dunagan**

**Absent: Couvillon, Wangemann**

*Motion passed with affirmative vote of majority of members present in accordance with the Charter Section 2.22(c).*

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**HOME RULE ORDINANCE:**

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

AN ORDINANCE TO REAPPORTION THE ELECTION DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA AND AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. § 36-35-4.1 AND PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3, IN ORDER TO DEFINE AND REVISE THE BOUNDARY LINES OF SUCH VOTING DISTRICTS, KNOWN AS WARDS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated first reading on the referenced ordinance was held at the last meeting. A second reading is requested today for final passage. All Council Member signatures will be needed upon passage.

**Motion to approve second reading on Home Rule Ordinance 2022-01 as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

**Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Clay, Dunagan**

**Absent: Couvillon, Wangemann**

*Motion passed with affirmative vote of majority of members present in accordance with the Charter Section 2.22(c).*

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**CITY MANAGER ISSUES:**

City Manager Bryan Lackey provided the following comments:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Extended appreciation for all city staff noting he was grateful for the level of care and professionalism exhibited through their work.
- Expressed appreciation for the compassion and high standards exhibited by Supervisory/Management team towards staff.
- Reiterated Council Member Brooks caring thoughts and consideration for Water Resources, Public Works and Public Safety staff working in the wintery weather conditions.

**CITY CLERK ISSUES:**

City Clerk Denise Jordan wished happy holidays to all.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

On behalf of the Mayor, Council Member Brooks thanked the following for their generosity to the City:

- Grace Episcopal and their members for donation of blankets to the Police Department Mental Health Services Program.
- WDUN for assisting a local resident with home renovations.
- Another partner for donation of a new washer/dryer to a City resident.

She expressed appreciation to the businesses and residents for their partnership and extreme generosity.

**ADJOURNMENT: 5:49 PM**

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk