

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

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

Keep Hall Beautiful

Executive Director Shanda Sexton distributed information and explained how the additional funding would be used. She also commented on recent awards and on support from Council Member George Wangemann. She provided statistical data regarding litter collections noting some illegal dump sites were addressed. Ms. Sexton addressed questions about other funding sources.

Elachee Nature Science Center

President/CEO Sarah Bell distributed documents, shared statistical information and commented on a student's success story related to working a "dream job".

Director of School & Public Programs Maranda McGaha commented on a project highlighting the history of Chicopee Woods, Chicopee Village and Elachee noting it will be another public exhibit attracting adults. She commented on new programs and displayed a discovery backpack. She stated the funding supports new exhibits and provides services to low income visitors.

Upon inquiry, Ms. Bell estimated 75% of the attendees are hall county residents.

Brenau University Business Incubator

Vice President of University Advancement Matt Thomas stated adding the College of Business and Communication was a helpful change for educating the community about entrepreneurial opportunities noting there was emphasis on diversity and student involvement. He commented on the recent changeover and on helping a client restructure during a difficult economy. Mr. Thomas shared a vision to strengthen the business community before stating facility improvements were needed.

There were inquiries about the funding use, options for sharing information to businesses that could benefit from services and challenges with transitioning businesses out of the incubator.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Declaration of Surplus Property

Budget and Purchasing Manager Brenda Carpio stated the list was updated to add two items and the proposed resolution declares the identified items to be surplus. All have exceeded their useful life or are no longer needed.

Placed on the March 7, 2023 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Public Hearing Item: March 7, 2023 Mayor/Council Meeting Transmittal of the FY2022 Annual Update to the CIE

Planner Heather Deweese stated the proposed resolution authorizes the transmittal of the Capital Improvement Element (CIE) update to the Regional Commission and to the Department of Community Affairs in order to maintain local government status. A public hearing is scheduled before approving the resolution. Staff will return in June after addressing comments.

Public hearing scheduled for March 7, 2023 Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager requested an executive session to discuss real estate and personnel matters.

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:39 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan

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

Absent: George Wangemann

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

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan

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

Absent: George Wangemann

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Couvillon recalled a request for sewer service at a garage on Florence Drive and inquired about the city's position. City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the options were for the owner to annex into the city or install a septic tank.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:12 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk