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

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

Pastor Jose De Leon, Iglesia Cristiana Morada, delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

Paul Broun Georgia Tourism Award
Tourism Executive Robyn Lynch shared information about the award for marketing initiatives from the GACVB (Georgia Convention and Visitors Bureau Association). The Gainesville CVB was the 2023 Paul Broun Award winner at this year's GACVB Winter conference for the Lake Lanier Olympic Water Park Campaign. The award was presented to CVB Manager Regina Dyer.

Travelblazers GA Award
Tourism Executive Robyn Lynch stated the Travelblazers program was established by the Georgia Trend Magazine in 2020. She shared details about the program and the Kayak Shack Vending Machine initiative. Gainesville CVB and Parks & Recreation Department was recognized as a 2023 Travelblazer with the GACVB (Georgia Convention and Visitors Bureau Association) for their collaboration efforts to create, promote and implement the Kayak Shack, Georgia's first kayak vending machine. Mayor Couvillon presented the award to Parks & Recreation Director Kate Mattison.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

International Women's Day Recognitions
Pastor Morales and Raquel Purvis of Light of the World Church recognized women in local government for outstanding service in the community. A certificate and tokens of appreciation were presented to Council Member Clay, Council Member Brooks, Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard, Public Relations Manager Christina Santee, City Clerk Denise Jordan and Deputy City Clerk Alisa Grayson.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: February 16, 2023 Work Session
Minutes: February 21, 2023 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

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

Resolution

A. BR-2023-08 Declaration of Surplus Property

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

Motion to adopt the resolution as presented.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

BR-2023-09 Transmittal of the FY2022 Annual Update to the CIE
City Attorney Abb Hayes opened the public hearing, confirmed the public notice was properly advertised and outlined the public hearing process.

Community and Economic Development Director Rusty Ligon stated the annual update to the Capital Improvement Element (CIE) of the Comprehensive Plan information was presented by Heather Deweese at Thursday's Work Session. This annual audit is a state requirement for impact fee collection. The resolution authorizes transmittal of the update to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission for review.

Attorney Hayes opened the floor for public comments. There being none, the hearing was closed and the matter was returned to the governing body for consideration.

Motion to adopt resolution BR-2023-09 as presented.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 5:48 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk