

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.

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

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

Parks & Recreation Employee Appreciation Awards

Parks & Recreation Director Kate Mattison commented on the Parks & Recreation Employee Appreciation event which recognized several staff members with superlative style awards. She shared the awards and presented them to the following staff members:

David Mechinger – Standout Performer
Brittney Hammonds – Game Changer
Sheila Curry – Miss Indispensable
David Tyre – Mr. Indispensable
Michael Busenlehner – The Hidden Gem
Kip Hewell – Jack of All Trades
Carrie Gravett – The Overachiever
Judy Williams – The Moral Compass
Eric Larsen – Brainiac
Cathy Shields – Salute to Loyalty
Eason Spivey – Mountain Mover
Nelson Bonilla-Moran – Rookie of the Year

The final award was for Team Player of the Year and went to the entire Parks & Recreation Department.

Parks & Recreation Director Kate Mattison also recognized and expressed a special appreciation to employees Kristen Howard, Belinda Folkes, Brooke Reid, Tracy Robar, Jill Graham, Alejandro Chacon, Brooke Alexander, Noura Limami, Morgan Torres, Jacob Bullwinkle, Tyler Sims, Sara Ferguson, Tammy Duran, and Tammy Dyer for their love of the parks and commitment to the community in hosting a cleanup event at Flat Creek and the Midland Greenway.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Proclamation

Mayor Couvillon read a proclamation honoring Council Member George Wangemann for his commitment of loyalty, community service, and unwavering dedication to the residents and visitors of the City of Gainesville. He presented Mr. Wangemann with the proclamation and a memento in recognition for all he has done.

City Manager Bryan Lackey and Council extended words of appreciation to Council Member Wangemann for his dedication, commitment and service to the community.

Council Member Wangemann expressed his appreciation for the recognition.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: February 24, 2023 Council Retreat

Minutes: March 2, 2023 Work Session

Minutes: March 7, 2023 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Brooks, Clay, Dunagan, Wangemann

Resolution

- A. BR-2023-10 Authorization to Accept Modifications to GEFA Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loans and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loans
- B. BR-2023-11 Gainesville, Georgia Participation in the National Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart Opioid Settlements
- C. BR-2023-12 Pacific Crest Management, LLC Sanitary Sewer Cost Participation Agreement and Annexation Waiver

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

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Brooks, Clay, Dunagan, Wangemann

RESOLUTION:

BR-2023-13 Hall County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2022-2027

City Manager Bryan Lackey introduced the item. Fire Chief Brandon Ellis briefly reviewed the purpose of the plan document noting it was prepared in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements to adopt a pre-disaster mitigation plan in order to apply for reimbursement of expenses incurred should a natural disaster occur. Hall County presented the draft plan to all the municipalities and all appeared to be in order.

Motion to adopt resolution BR-2023-13 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Brooks, Clay, Dunagan, Wangemann

ADJOURNMENT: 5:52 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk