

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 and served as the presiding officer.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Tourism Update for the 1st Quarter 2023

CVB Executive Robyn Lynch presented the quarterly update noting this is typically the slowest quarter of the year. Notable comments are stated below.

- Hotel/Motel Tax statistics continue to rise with tremendous growth.
- Staff continues to manage nine social media pages that are showing growth.
- The annual Taste of Gainesville Tour with Cresswinds yields additional volunteers.
- Receipt of the Paul Broun Award was helpful in achieving pre-pandemic utilization of Lake Lanier Olympic Park.
- The new postcards to promote Gainesville have reached 15 states, Naples and Italy.
- Presented a progress report on the Boathouse and Historic City Hall capital projects.
- Distributed the new Green Street Map and Solar System Walking Tour brochure.

Resolution: Georgia Transit Trust Fund (TTF) Program

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss commented on the approval of the Transit Program Trust Fund designed to simplify the process for securing funds. The proposed resolution authorizes acceptance of \$178,627 from the Georgia Transit Trust Fund Program to purchase a third trolley.

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Resolution: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2023 Annual Action Plan

Neighborhood Development Manager Jessica Tullar commented on HUD funding. As an entitlement community, Gainesville is eligible for funds each year. This is the fifth and final year of the five-year strategic plan. The proposed resolution was accompanied by an action plan showing how the funds would be used. The public review and comment period did not yield any changes. The proposed resolution adopts the plan for submittal to HUD for final approval.

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Mayor Couvillon stated the city has a lot to be proud of in terms of its housing program.

Public Hearing Item: Request from the City of Gainesville to annex a 1.866± acres tract located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Marler Street and Dean Street (a/k/a 1200 and 1204 Marler Street) and to establish a zoning of Heavy Industrial (H-I). Ward Number: Three. Tax Parcel: 00-031-005-001B. Request: Department of Water Resources water/sewer services.

Public Hearing Item: Request from Bradley Dunckel to rezone a 0.48± acre tract located at the southwest side of the intersection of Green Street Circle and Thompson Bridge Road (a/k/a 1113 and 1117 Green Street Circle) from Residential-I (R-I) to Office and Institutional (O-I). Ward Number: Two. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-074-002-015 and 022. Request:

Office uses.

City Attorney Abb Hayes reviewed the two applications and asked that questions be referred to the Community and Economic Development Department.

Public Hearing advertised for the May 2, 2023 Council Meeting

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Announcements

City Manager Bryan Lackey announced the Beam Signing Ceremony at Lake Lanier Olympic Park will occur this afternoon and extended appreciation regarding the TSPLOST meeting.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Brooks

Attended the Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation and the Planning and Appeals Board meetings.

Mayor Couvillon

1. Nominated Emily "Sissy" Lawson for reappointment to the Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission.
2. Nominated Doug Carter for reappointment and Ken Thompson for appointment to the Gainesville-Hall County Land Bank Authority.

Three appointments placed on the May 2, 2023 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Resolution: Builders First Source Airport Lease Extension Agreement

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated the proposed resolution extends the lease for two years so it will conclude August 31, 2025.

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CITY CLERK ISSUES:

GMA District 2 Officers

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported the slate of officers was received and would be distributed for review/approval. Mayor Couvillon stated this has already been addressed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to close the meeting to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and legal matters at 9:26 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

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 to continue the meeting at 9:58 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Stormwater

City Manager Bryan Lackey distributed stormwater management information.

TSPLOST

City Manager Bryan Lackey provided an update on the negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:08 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk