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.

Council Member Barbara Brooks delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

Gainesville Chicken Scholarship Awards
Mayor Couvillon briefly shared some information about the scholarship program and the award process. He announced the winners and recognized award recipients Keith Gonzales - 3rd Place ($1,500), Walker Barrett - 2nd place ($1,500) and Xiao Yang - 1st place ($2,000).

You're the Reason Scholarship Awards
Mayor Couvillon shared some information about the scholarship program and the award process. He announced the winners and recognized the award recipients as Joseph Douglas – 6th place ($1,000), Bianca Paz - 5th place ($1,000), Emily Ligon – 4th place ($1,000), Clifton Tullar - 3rd place ($1,000), Grayson Parrish – 2nd place ($1,500) and Alec Guajardo - 1st place ($2,000).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mitch Gowan, Director of Gainesville Baptist Mission, expressed concerns about the modifications to the downtown dining district. He shared some information about the purpose of their mission and asked Council to consider this.

Mayor Couvillon extended appreciation to Mr. Gowan for his commitment/efforts regarding homelessness and making the community better.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: May 11, 2023 Work Session
Minutes: May 16, 2023 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

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

Resolution

A. AR-2023-10 Second Quarter Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2023
B. AR-2023-11 Third Quarter Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2023
C. BR-2023-22 Adoption of the FY2022 Annual Update to the CIE
D. BR-2023-23 Modify Boundaries Related to the Downtown Dining District

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

Recess: 5:45 PM
Reconvene: 6:00 PM

BUDGET HEARING:

Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Budget
City Attorney Abb Hayes opened the budget hearing and confirmed the public notice had been advertised.

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated he was pleased to review the FY2024 budget and indicated there were a few changes since it was presented at the Work Session a few weeks ago. He thanked the Finance Department, Assistant City Manager and all other Department Heads for their efforts through the budget process. He also thanked Public Relations Director Christina Santee for the Snapshot document she developed to benefit the citizens. He summarized the proposed budget supplemented with a power point presentation to include a recap of the 2023 Council Retreat. The proposed budget

- Is $35,075,093 (a 1.01% decrease under the FY23 adopted budget).
- Includes $4.72M for capital projects.
- Recommends adoption of a full roll-back rate.
- Includes a 5% pay increase in addition to an adjustment to the starting salary for Fire personnel (to stay competitive).
- Includes the one-time Property Tax Relief Grant proposed by the Governor which reduces the assessed value of qualified property.
- Addresses new operations at Transit, the Convention & Visitors Bureau and Parks & Recreation.
- Includes $48.2M in Capital Projects (All Funds).

The budget adoption is scheduled for the next Council Meeting on June 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

Public Comments Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget
City Attorney Abb Hayes opened the floor for public comments.

Jennifer Knight, Waterview Circle, stated she was curious about the budget regarding expenditure changes, contingency and grant funds.

There being no further comments, the hearing was closed.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:20 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk