

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

Mayor Sam Couvillon called the meeting to order and served as the presiding officer.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Tourism Update for 2nd and 3rd Quarters 2023

Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Robyn Lynch presented the report noting the last six months have been extremely busy. The opening of the new hotel allowed groups to be housed under the same roof which is beneficial. Social media is the primary marketing tool and continues to be very effective. She briefly discussed recent events and the postcard campaign which has reached 14 countries. Three school buses were acquired to convert to shuttle buses to provide transportation to and from Lake Lanier Olympic Park. Capital project updates included the 90-day outlook for The Boat House and Historic City Hall. The presentation ended with a list of upcoming events noting changes associated with the Christmas on Green Street parade.

Resolution: Authorization to Accept a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan with 100% Principal Forgiveness

Director of Water Resources Linda MacGregor stated this presentation is about taking care of the water lines noting the department complies with over 100 standards. A public health initiative is underway to place more attention on lead. (This is in response to situations occurring in Flint, Michigan and Jackson, Mississippi.) The department conducts various treatment efforts to minimize exposure to lead and there is a low risk of finding lead in the water system.

Ms. MacGregor summarized the inventory project noting over 50% of the system needs more investigation and the new rules don't allow assumptions. The department was awarded \$200,000 realizing it is not enough to complete this project. These funds function like a loan with 100% principal forgiveness. A contractor will be hired to focus on areas where the money can be best utilized with an anticipated start date in Spring 2024 and mandatory publication by October 16, 2024. The contractors work will reduce the number of areas needing additional attention. The proposed resolution authorizes staff to accept the loan and sign the associated documents. There will also be a public education component.

City Manager Bryan Lackey clarified the inventory is a federal requirement.

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Resolution: Rehabilitate Taxiway, PAPI's, Distance Remaining Signs Project - FAA-GDOT Grant Funding and Award of Contract

Deputy Director of Engineering and Transportation Matt Tarver stated the proposed resolution approves the following improvements/services at Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport:

- Taxi-way resurfacing by ER Snell Contractor, Inc. (\$2,797,204)
- Aircraft landing lighting system (PAPI) by TCA Electrical Services, Inc. (\$218,300)
- Apply for and accept \$2,538,70 in federal funds and \$304,767.22 in state funds with a \$195,616.78 local match
- Project management services by Lead Edge Design (\$138,450)

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MAYOR ISSUES:

Appointments

Mayor Sam Couvillon presented nominations to the Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation, Historic Preservation Commission and the Housing Authority.

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He also requested candidates to consider for the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee, Historic Preservation Commission, Parks & Recreation Foundation and the Redevelopment Authority.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Upcoming Events

City Clerk Denise Jordan shared details regarding the following invitations:

- North Georgia Works 2023 Celebration & Graduation, October 17
- GMA District 2 Meeting, October 25
- Seasons of Sisu, October 21

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager Bryan Lackey requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion to enter an Executive Session at 9:36 AM to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan
Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

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Motion to close Executive Session at 10:31 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson
Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan

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ADJOURNMENT: 10:31 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk