

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sam Couvillon, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks, Juli Clay, Danny Dunagan
OFFICIALS ABSENT: 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.

Minister Michael Thurmond provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Thompson expressed appreciation to staff and volunteers for a successful Christmas on Green Street event.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

Fire Department Awards

Council Member Brooks expressed appreciation for the Fire Department and their service.

Fire Chief Ellis briefly commented on the awards program before announcing the following awards and recipients:

Fire Officer of the Year – Lieutenant Kyle Keating
Firefighter of the Year – Firefighter Taylor Whitmire
Life Saving Awards - Station 3 B Shift and Station 2 C Shift
Dan and Henry Award of Excellence – Sergeant Heath Hanlon

Council Member Thompson was impressed with the department and the quality of the awards.

Council Member Dunagan expressed appreciation to the Fire Department for their service.

Mayor Couvillon reflected on a visit/tour of the heart center noting he was told the reason for the good outcomes from patient emergencies was attributed to the care received by the EMTs before reaching the hospital.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: November 16, 2023 Work Session

Minutes: November 21, 2023 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

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

Resolutions

- A. BR-2023-42 Abandonment and Conveyance of City of Gainesville Owned Property on Harrison Street (AKA Harrison Drive)
- B. BR-2023-43 2024 Governing Body Meeting Calendar

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

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

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

Absent: Wangemann

PUBLIC HEARING:

Request from Heliodora Galeas De Bonilla to annex a 0.11± acre tract located on the east side of Harrison Drive, northeast of Old Athens Road (a/k/a 1338 Harrison Drive) and to establish a zoning of Residential-II (R-II). Ward Number: Three. Tax Parcel Number(s): 00-142-001-004. Request: Existing single-family home.

- ***Proposed Annexation Ordinance 2023-28***
- ***Proposed Zoning Ordinance 2023-29***

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 Deputy Director Matt Tate summarized the request. The Planning and Appeals Board and staff recommended approval.

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 approve the Ordinance 2023-28, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING A 0.11± ACRE TRACT LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF HARRISON DRIVE, NORTHEAST OF OLD ATHENS ROAD (A/K/A 1338 HARRISON DRIVE) AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING OF RESIDENTIAL-II (R-II) ADJACENT TO BUT NOT NOW WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

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

Absent: Wangemann

Motion to approve the Ordinance 2023-29, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA BY ESTABLISHING THE ZONING ON A 0.11± ACRE TRACT LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF HARRISON DRIVE, NORTHEAST OF OLD ATHENS ROAD (A/K/A 1338 HARRISON DRIVE) AT THE TIME OF ANNEXATION AS RESIDENTIAL-II (R-II); TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO

PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES **as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

Absent: Wangemann

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on the following:

- Expressed appreciation for comments received on staff's efforts with the Christmas on Green Street parade. He also thanked staff for their efforts with the parade and Jingle Mingle event noting they have grown.
- Council Member Wangemann's absence due to health issues and asked everyone to keep him and his family in prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:48 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk