

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sam Couvillon, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks, Juli Hayes, 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.

Pastor Keya Hillman, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Summit Street, provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

OATH OF OFFICE:

The Honorable Judge John Breakfield administered the Oath of Office to the reelected Council Members as follows:

Council Member Zack Thompson, Ward 2

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of Council Member of the City of Gainesville and that I will support and defend the Charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America; that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this State or any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the laws of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia; that I have been a resident of Ward 2 and the City of Gainesville for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this State and by the Municipal Charter; and that I will perform the duties of my office in the best interest of the City of Gainesville to the best of my ability without fear, favor, affection, reward, or expectation thereof."

Council Member Juli Hayes, Ward 5

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of Council Member of the City of Gainesville and that I will support and defend the Charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America; that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this State or any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the laws of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia; that I have been a resident of Ward 5 and the City of Gainesville for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this State and by the Municipal Charter; and that I will perform the duties of my office in the best interest of the City of Gainesville to the best of my ability without fear, favor, affection, reward, or expectation thereof."

Council Member Barbara Brooks, Ward 3

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of Council Member of the City of Gainesville and that I will support and defend the Charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America; that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this State or any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the

government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the laws of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia; that I have been a resident of Ward 3 and the City of Gainesville for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this State and by the Municipal Charter; and that I will perform the duties of my office in the best interest of the City of Gainesville to the best of my ability without fear, favor, affection, reward, or expectation thereof.”

Mayor Couvillon congratulated the Council Members and wished them the best in their next term of office.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Couvillon announced Council Member George Wangemann will resign effective December 31, 2023 after 40 years of service. Then, he shared some historical information from 1986, the year Mr. Wangemann joined the Council.

The Mayor and Council extended words of appreciation to Council Member Wangemann.

Mayor Couvillon recognized former Council Members Myrtle Figueras and Sissy Lawson who served with Mr. Wangemann in the past.

Council Member Wangemann extended appreciation to the community noting he is grateful for the time he served.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: November 30, 2023 Work Session

Minutes: December 5, 2023 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Hayes

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

Resolutions

A. BR-2023-44 Approval of Agreement Regarding Term of Municipal Court Judge

B. GR-2023-12 FY2024 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)

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

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

City Manager Bryan Lackey reminded Council of a reception honoring Council Member Wangemann immediately following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:53 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk