OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sam Couvillon, Juli Hayes, Barbara Brooks, Danny Dunagan, Zack Thompson
VACANT POSITION: Ward 4
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Denise Jordan

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

COMMUNITY ISSUES:

Gainesville Police Foundation Introduction

Police Chief Jay Parrish stated the Police Foundation is bonified and the full board was in attendance for this presentation. He shared action by the state which allows Police Departments to be funded by citizens. Donations are a one-for-one state income tax credit (with limitations). The Board of Directors decides how to utilize the funding. He thanked the City Attorney and Chief Financial Officer for their assistance and announced the foundation is ready to accept donations. The website has a video and step by step instructions for anyone desiring to donate.

Council Member Hayes confirmed there would be educational sessions for the community.

Mayor Couvillon expressed appreciation to Katie Dubnik and Trey McFalls for serving on the Police Foundation.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Write-off of Delinquent Personal Property Tax
Resolution: Write-off of Delinquent Utilities Receivables

Deputy Chief Financial Officer of Audit and Financial Operations Chris Pike introduced Elizabeth Betancourt then presented the two resolutions indicating property taxes and utility billing records are reviewed annually for housekeeping purposes. The proposed resolution grants permission to write-off uncollectable accounts as defined in each resolution attachment. It was noted the personal property was for business equipment, lap tops, etc.

Both resolutions placed on the May 21, 2024 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Resolution: Adoption of the FY2023 Annual Update to the CIE

Planner Heather Deweese stated the proposed resolution authorizes adoption of the final update. There were no comments. Adoption of the resolution helps to maintain qualified government status.

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Resolution: Upper Chattahoochee Basin Group (UCBG) Agreement

Environmental Monitoring Coordinator Tyler Sims shared the composition of the UCBG noting its most important accomplishment is to provide continuous water quality testing via agreement among several entities. The proposed resolution authorizes execution of an updated agreement that has been approved by the other partners.

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Resolution: Accepting a Portion of Continental Drive as a City Street
Deputy Director of Engineering and Transportation Matt Tarver indicated this street is in the Mundy Mill Development. The majority of the road is within the City of Oakwood. Staff inspected the improvements and everything is constructed to city standards. The proposed resolution authorizes acceptance.

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Resolution: FY2024 Local Road Assistance (LRA) Administration Grant
Resolution: FY2024 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Elachee Drive Resurfacing
Senior Civil Engineer Corey Jones stated the LRA is GDOT funding in the form of supplemental payment. GDOT recognizes the elevating cost of maintaining roads. The city is expected to receive $570,261.73. The proposed resolution allows documents to be executed to accept these funds with no required match.

Mr. Jones stated GDOT approved additional funding for the resurfacing of Elachee Drive. They will contribute 70% of the project cost or up to $170,000 whichever is less. The proposed resolution allows acceptance of the funds to resurface Elachee Drive from the entrance gate near SR13 to the bridge over I-985.

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<u>CITY MANAGER ISSUES:</u>

Resolution: Tax Allocation District (TAD) Funding for 108 Washington Square and City Alleyway
Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard shared details about the project which addresses entrance and alleyway improvements. A PowerPoint presentation supplemented the discussion. The project budget is $2,623,500 with a TAD request of $415,250. The TAD Advisory Committee recommended $392,750 in funding, with conditions, noting contingency funds were allocated to specific aspects of the projects. Mrs. Sheppard also summarized the payment schedule.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Hayes, it was noted there are six buildings on that side of the square and the $100,000 for the alleyway was not limited to the one specific building.

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Resolution: Tax Allocation District (TAD) Funding for 104 Main Street SW - "Humo & Fuego"
Community and Economic Development Director Rusty Ligon stated this project will bring an upscale tex-mex restaurant into the downtown area. He summarized details of the project including but not limited to the13,000 square foot building with the capacity to serve 350 people. The overall project is a $7,117,052 investment. The TAD request is for $834,918 in funding. The TAD Advisory Committee recommended full funding with conditions. In closing, Mr. Ligon reviewed the payment schedule.

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Fiscal Year 2025 Recommended Budget
City Manager Bryan Lackey extended thanks to various staff members for their assistance. He reminded elected officials of the strategic priority areas and introduced the transition from “values” to “fundamental behaviors”. He also discussed takeaways from the retreats. Mr. Lackey stated

the proposed budget ($37,644,162) is a 7.32% increase over the FY24 budget. Mr. Lackey commented on a robust capital budget ($6.43 million) and indicated this is a good time for a non-rollback millage rate. He called attention to the diverse revenue sources noting property taxes represent 5.37% of revenues. Expenditures include a 5% pay adjustment and additional positions. Mr. Lackey presented the proposed FY2025 millage rate as follows:

	Millage Rates
General Fund	0.239
Debt Service (M&O)	0.510
Fire Fund	1.299
Police Fund	0.712
Parks & Recreation	0.896
Total	**3.656**

He summarized some capital projects then briefly discussed the other funds and their needs. In short, the FY2025 proposed budget supports a year of facility renovations, TSPLOST and $47.9 million in capital projects when including all funds. There will not be a roll back which requires three public hearings (scheduled for June 13, June 18 and July 2) in the adoption process.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Thompson
Provided a Golf Course Advisory Committee ex-officio report indicating the proposed rate increase plan was well received.

Council Member Dunagan
Commented on the ribbon cutting event at Gainesville 85 Business Park honoring James Simpson.

Mayor Couvillon
Presented nominations for consideration to the Housing Authority, Ethics Committee and Main Street Advisory Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Attorney Abb Hayes requested an executive session to discuss real estate and litigation at 10:07 AM.

Motion to close the meeting at 10:07 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and litigation matters.

Motion made by Council Member Council Member Dunagan
Motion seconded by Council Member Council Member Thompson
Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Brooks, Dunagan, Thompson
Vacant Position: Ward 4

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:55 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson
Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan
Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Thompson, Hayes, Dunagan
Vacant Position: Ward 4

ADJOURNMENT: 10:55 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk