

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

Mayor Sam Couvillon called the meeting to order and served as the presiding officer. He started the meeting by welcoming Council Member Abigail Guzman who was elected to succeed the late George Wangemann and serves as the first Latino elected official for the City of Gainesville.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Adoption of Revised Gainesville/Hall Area Transit Drug and Alcohol Policy

Administrative Services Director Janeann Allison presented the proposed resolution to revise the Drug and Alcohol policy for Hall Area Transit. Funding originates from the Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration. The City is required to follow guidelines established by these agencies. The biggest change adds mouth swabs as part of the drug testing. There were also definition changes and a few other minor changes.

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Public Hearing Item: Request from Holly Owens / Gainesville Life Group to rezone a 0.53 acre tract located on the east side of Bradford Street, between West Academy Street and Forrest Avenue (a/k/a 416 Bradford Street, NW) from Office and Institutional (O-I) to Residential and Office (R-O). Ward Number: Five. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-024-004-015. Request: Mixed-use building.

Public Hearing Item: Request from Clayton Properties Group, Inc – Matt Stokes to amend a portion of an existing Planned Unit Development (P-U-D) zoning totaling 29.77± acres located on the southeast side of the intersection of Millside Parkway and Continental Drive and west of the intersection of Old Oakwood Road and Mountain View Road (a/k/a 2930 Old Oakwood Road, SW and 4102 Mundy Mill Road, SW). Ward Number: Four. Tax Parcel Number(s): 08-024-005-363 and 08-030-000-009 (Part). Request: Residential townhomes.
City Attorney Abb Hayes generally summarized the overall process for these public hearing items then summarized the two applications. He asked that questions be submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Ethics Committee Appointment

Mayor Couvillon nominated Johnny Nivens, Darryl Rochester and Linda Hutchens for reappointment.

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Housing Authority Appointment

Mayor Couvillon nominated Michael Thurmond to replace Myrtle Figueras.

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Loan Review Committee Appointment

Mayor Couvillon nominated Joy Griffin to fill the vacant position previously held by Broughton Cochran.

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Pending/Upcoming Appointments

Mayor Couvillon requested suggestions for addressing pending/upcoming appointments on the Historic Preservation Commission, the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee, the Planning and Appeals Board, the Airport Advisory Committee, the Convention & Visitors Bureau Authority and the Main Street Advisory Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Attorney Abb Hayes requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion to close the meeting and enter Executive Session to discuss real estate matters at 9:11 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Hayes

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

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Motion to close the executive session at 10:18 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ex-Officio Appointments

Mayor Couvillon requested input regarding ex-officio appointments that could be assigned to Council Member Guzman. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Guzman was nominated to serve on the Housing Authority, Keep Hall Beautiful and Parks & Recreation Foundation.

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ADJOURNMENT: 10:24 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk