OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sam Couvillon, Barbara Brooks, Danny Dunagan, Zack Thompson
OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING VIA TELECONFERENCE: Juli Hayes
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.

Tommy Hunt, Public Works Department, provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

Municipal Court Personnel Letter of Recognition
Mayor Couvillon read a letter recognizing Municipal Court Personnel for their accomplishments and for preserving the public confidence, integrity, and impartiality of the judicial system. Municipal Court Personnel recognized were Angie Floyd, Mariana Dessiree Vallejo, Ana Montes, Mayra Ruelas, Damira Poole and Angie Harper.

Administrative Services Director Janeann Allison and Judge Hammond Law acknowledged accomplishments and extended appreciation.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Attorney Abb Hayes announced Council Member Hayes was out of town and exercising her right to participate in the meeting via teleconference.

Council Member Brooks
Announced the Arts Council will present an Orchestra Performance - Jazz Concert on June 29.

Mayor Couvillon
Announced the City was recently awarded a $2.5M grant from the Department of Community Affairs for infrastructure on city property to alleviate flood issues and assist towards the public housing initiative/venture. Kudos to staff for their efforts in obtaining the grant funding.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gwen Ingram represented Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club (LCKC) and commented on her son's participation. She shared information about the upcoming ACA Sprint National Championship, August 6-9 and expressed concerns surrounding safety issues. Thousands of athletes and spectators are expected to attend. The challenge is keeping the paddlers safe. She requested support of this national event with assigned first responders/public safety personnel to keep everyone safe.

Mayor Couvillon expressed appreciation for bringing to the City's attention and assured her the city will do what they can. City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on coordination of efforts with the County.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Appointments - Keep Hall Beautiful/Hall County Green Alliance Ex-Officio Member
Appointments - Airport Advisory Committee – Reappoint Alan Wayne

Appointments - Main Street Advisory Board – Reappoint Eliana Barnard, Pamela Williams-Lime, Connie Rock and Appoint Rachel Marshall

Motion to appoint Zack Thompson as Ex-Officio Member to the Keep Hall Beautiful/Hall County Green Alliance; reappoint Alan Wayne to the Airport Advisory Committee; reappoint Eliana Barnard, Pamela Williams-Lime, Connie Rock and appoint Rachel Marshall to the Main Street Advisory Board as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan
Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks
Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Dunagan, Thompson, Guzman
Votes favoring the motion via teleconference: Hayes

Minutes: May 30, 2024 Work Session
Minutes: June 4, 2024 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson
Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman
Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Dunagan, Thompson, Guzman
Votes favoring the motion via teleconference: Hayes

Resolutions

A. BR-2024-25 Adoption of Intergovernmental Agreement for Maintenance and Improvement of the Highlands to Islands Multi-Use TrailBR-2024-17 Adoption of the FY2023 Annual Update to the CIE
B. BR-2024-26 Airport Connector Segment of the Highland to Islands Trail
C. BR-2024-27 TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement BR-2024-20 Upper Chattahoochee Basin Group Agreement
D. GR-2024-05 Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program FY24-25

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

GENERAL LEGISLATION

Ordinance 2024-16 Code of Ordinances Recodification
City Manager Bryan Lackey provided a brief overview regarding the proposed ordinance for the recodification of the Code of Ordinances exclusive of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC).

Motion to adopt the Ordinance 2024-16, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND ENACT A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA; TO REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE;

AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES **as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Brooks
Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan
Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Dunagan, Thompson, Guzman
Votes favoring the motion via teleconference: Hayes

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

City Manager Bryan Lackey briefly commented on the following:

- Workforce Housing grant funding and projects in the midland area.
- Recognized DWR staff and their hard work on projects.
- The First Friday concert being a great event.
- A survey regarding the future of the Downtown Square and extended square closing events July 5-7 as a test pilot. He expressed excitement about it noting further details were forthcoming.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

City Clerk Denise Jordan announced:

- Voting will continue until 7 PM.
- Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Convention information available for those planning to attend.

OTHER ISSUES:

Mayor Couvillon commented on attending church service with Council Member Brooks.

Council Member Brooks stated she was excited to be on the Council.

Council Member Guzman commented on how well her first few weeks on the Council has been noting it has been a fantastic experience.

BUDGET HEARING: (6:00 PM)

Fiscal Year 2025 Recommended Budget
City Attorney Abb Hayes opened the budget hearing and confirmed the notice was advertised.

City Manager Bryan Lackey presented the proposed budget information. He began by thanking Council and staff for all their support/assistance. He supplemented his presentation with a power point and noted the following:

- A recap of the 2024 Council Retreat
- A proposed budget of $37,644,162 (a 7.32% increase over the FY24 adopted budget)
- A Budget Fund balance of $6.43M for Capital Projects
- A 5% COLA for all employees
- A recommended non-rollback to maintain the 0.239 general fund millage rate

- The final budget hearing is scheduled for July 2

Public Comments Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget
City Attorney Abb Hayes opened the floor for public comments. There being none, the hearing was closed.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:05 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk