

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

Mayor Couvillon called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and served as the presiding officer.

Dr. Cynthia Park, Grace Episcopal Church, provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

Proclamation: Gainesville Reads Day

Mayor Couvillon read a proclamation declaring September 30, 2024 to be "*Gainesville Reads Day*".

Proclamation: Constitution Week

Mayor Couvillon read and presented a proclamation declaring September 17 – 23, 2024 to be Constitution Week. Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution accepted the proclamation.

Human Resources Letter of Recognition

Administrative Services Director Janeann Allison recognized her staff with reference to recent projects. Mayor Couvillon presented a letter of recognition to Amy McCollum, April Trammell, Kim Leon, Russ Gregson, Sarah Wilson-Britt and Vickie Fox-Wilson.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Couvillon

Reported the Kiwanis Club promoted a children's book written by former Governor Nathan Deal (Veto, the Governor's Cat).

CONSENT AGENDA:

Appointments: Airport Advisory Committee - Reappoint Casey Graybeal and Appoint Mike McGraw

Motion to reappoint Casey Graybeal and to appoint Mike McGraw to the Airport Advisory Committee as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

Appointments: Historic Preservation Commission - Appoint Elizabeth Horton

Motion to appoint Elizabeth Horton to the Historic Preservation Commission as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

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

Minutes: August 15, 2024 Work Session

Minutes: August 20, 2024 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

Resolutions

A. BR-2024-39 Tax Allocation District (TAD) Funding for 126 Bradford Street NE

B. GR-2024-08 Legacy Link Grant Application and Contract

C. GR-2024-09 FY2026 Section 5307 Grant Application & Contract

D. GR-2024-10 Georgia Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) 2025

E. PR-2024-04 Update to Hall Area Transit Title VI Plan

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

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Hayes

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

RESOLUTION:

Business Resolution 2024-40

Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2024

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry welcomed the bond counsel, i.e., Managing Director Bill Camp (Raymond James Public Finance) and Attorney Terri Finister (Murray Barnes Finister LLP) and distributed the Pricing Book for Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2024.

Mr. Camp stated the proposed resolution authorizes borrowing \$60 million for water/sewer improvements at a rate lower than average. The bonds were sold today. The resolution will fix the rates. Transactions will close and funds will be wired on October 22. The payback period is from 2025 to 2046. This bond issue will refinance a portion of the outstanding water/sewer bonds and add \$60 million to the construction fund for water/sewer projects. The bond yield is 3.0844%. He also summarized the following:

- The bond rating from Moody's and Standard & Poor's including what the rating means
- Sources and uses of the funds
- Pricing in regards to the bond yield
- Bond yields compared to a few other entities
- Refund savings
- Debt service through November 15, 2046
- Bond validation, closing and payoff

Mrs. Finister presented the parity bond resolution that approves underwriting the bonds, execution of the bond purchase agreement and the terms of the bonds.

Both Mr. Camp and Mrs. Finister extended accolades to staff.

Motion to adopt the resolution BR-2024-40 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

Mayor expressed appreciation to the bond counsel and city staff.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

City Attorney Abb Hayes introduced Carol Capps, a new member of the Hulsey Oliver and Mahar law firm.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

City Manager Bryan Lackey expressed appreciation to staff for all they do and to Council for their support.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:06 PM

DJ/ag

W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk