

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

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Public Hearing Item: Request from HadjPadj Technologies, LLC to amend a zoning condition on a 1.37± acres tract located on the south side of Palmour Drive, west of the intersection of Palmour Drive and Queen City Parkway (a/k/a 1176 Palmour Drive, SW), having a zoning of Heavy Industrial (H-I). Ward Number: Five. Tax Parcel Number(s): 15-035-000-015. Request: Data center.

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated the Planning and Appeals Board recommended denial. The attorney plans to request tabling until the November 5 Council Meeting to work with staff to address concerns.

Public Hearing advertised for October 1, 2024 Council Meeting

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Business Resolution: Sponsorship of the State of Georgia's HUD Pro Grant Application to Support the City of Gainesville as a GICH Senior Year Community

Neighborhood Development Manager Jessica Tullar shared details about a grant designed to increase housing supply whereby the State would apply, on the City's behalf, for up to \$1 million to push the housing vision. The proposed resolution acknowledges the relationship, authorizes the city to be a sponsor as a CDBG entitlement community, authorizes acceptance of any awarded funding and authorizes execution of applicable documents.

Placed on the October 1, 2024 Council Meeting Agenda

Mayor Couvillon commented on a meeting with the One Stop Career Center relative to housing needs. He was grateful for documentation of the city's efforts to provide affordable/attainable housing. The Council also expressed appreciation.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Dunagan

Presented a Main Street Meeting ex-officio report.

Council Member Hayes

Expressed appreciation to Tourism Director Robyn Lynch, City Clerk Denise Jordan and Deputy Clerk Alisa Grayson for participation in the Power of the Purse event.

Council Member Brooks

Attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating the grand opening of the new medical office on the Butler Campus and expressed pleasure with this addition.

Council Member Guzman

Commented on attending the 27th Annual Butterfly Release.

Mayor Couvillon

Nominated Lee Rogers, Cindy Wilson and Will Hudson for appointment to the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee; and nominated Jason Everett and Jonathan Collins for appointment to the Redevelopment Authority.

Placed appointments on the October 1, 2024 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Commented on pending appointments to the Ethics Commission, Land Bank Authority, Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation, Housing Authority, Planning and Appeals Board and the Convention & Visitor's Bureau.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Resolution: Quit-Claim Easement Release to Arista Gainesville LLC

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated sewer easements were discovered while constructing the new Quik Trip at the intersection of Browns Bridge Road and McEver Road. Water Resources no longer needs them. The proposed resolution authorized execution of a Quit Claim Deed noting there will be a minor revision changing the word "reserved" to "acquire" as requested by Attorney Tyler Smith.

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CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Update: Code Rewrite Project

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported recodification ordinances were adopted in June and August to update the Code of Ordinances and the Unified Land Development Code, respectively. Both recodified codes are published online via Municode. She displayed them from the City's website using quick links at the bottom of the homepage noting other options were available to access these codes. She also commented on the ordinance bank and the supplement service.

Upcoming Events

City Clerk Denise Jordan shared details about the following calendar events:

1. Humane Society Fundraiser on October 3-5
2. Industry Appreciation Luncheon on November 20 – A table is reserved for Council
3. Eggs & Issues Breakfast on December 12 – A table is reserved for Council. City Manager Bryan Lackey requested a second table and requested a delayed start time for the scheduled Work Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Attorney Hayes requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate matters.

Motion to close the meeting for an Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate matters at 9:22 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session to continue the open meeting at 10:44 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Gainesville 85 Business Park

There was discussion about issues related to the business park.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:53 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk