

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

Mayor Pro Tem Juli Hayes called the meeting to order and served as the presiding officer.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Tourism Update for the 3rd Quarter 2024

Main Street Manager Nicole Parham shared the following:

- Dr. Jeffrey Payne received the Main Street Hero Award from the Georgia Downtown Association.
- Announced the City of Gainesville will host the 2025 Georgia Downtown Association Conference.
- Announced the Main Street Program received the Georgia Exceptional Main Street designation.

Notable comments from Tourism Director Robyn Lynch were as follows:

- Proactive efforts are underway to become film ready including but not limited to creating a film ordinance and exploring options to secure set props.
- The boathouse is booking events for calendar year 2027.
- Based upon a car tag survey, the Chicken Festival had attendees from 24 counties and 16 states midway through the event.

Resolution: Apply For and Accept Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant

Parks and Recreation Director Kate Mattison reported applying for funds to replace the Dogwood Pavilion at Longwood Park. The agency was awarded \$500,000. The project's total budget is \$1.6 million. Concept plans are ready. The proposed resolution authorized execution of the necessary paperwork to apply for, accept and administer the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant.

Placed on the November 5, 2024 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Thompson

Congratulated Susannah Frost who was recently named President of Chick-fil-A, Inc.

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes

Announced the Georgia Municipal Association's Harold Holtz Municipal Training Institute is allowing participants to receive credit for repeating courses taken five years later.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Tabled at the October 1, 2024 Mayor/Council Meeting

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. Proposed Zoning Amendment Ordinance 2024-27

City Attorney Abb Hayes summarized the application, the Planning and Appeals Board (PAB) action, staff's recommendation and other details including proposed conditions different from those originally presented.

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Introductions

City Attorney Abb Hayes introduced law student Ben Segal and North Hall student Hudson Everett as employees of Hulse, Oliver and Mahar.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Benefit Guides and Open Enrollment

City Clerk Denise Jordan announced open enrollment is scheduled for November 1-12. Benefit Guides were distributed containing the details. She called attention to the schedule on page 5.

Georgia Municipal Association Cities United Summit (CUS)

City Clerk Denise Jordan announced it was time to plan for registration. Information was distributed with a request to return on/before November 14.

29th Annual Farm City Breakfast

City Clerk Denise Jordan shared information about this November 19th event noting it will be added to the calendar soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard requested an Executive Session for real estate matters.

Motion to close the meeting to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters at 9:33 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

Absent: Couvillon, Brooks

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:14 AM to continue the meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Election Signs

City Attorney Abb Hayes shared information regarding election signs at the Civic Center.

Leadership Georgia

Elected officials congratulated Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard for being accepted in Leadership Georgia.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:18 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk