

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sam Couvillon, Juli Hayes, Danny Dunagan, Zack Thompson, Abigail Guzman
OFFICIALS ABSENT: 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 until Mayor Sam Couvillon arrived.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Add Membership in a Fund of Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA)

Administrative Services Director Janeann Allison stated the proposed resolution allows the city to participate in a fund that offers PTSD benefits to eligible first responders associated with the Ashley Wilson Act. The resolution authorized execution of the Application and Participation Agreement.

Placed on the November 19, 2024 Council Meeting Consent agenda

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Resolution: Lease for Public Art and Improvements at 131 Bradford Street NW

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard stated the referenced property is adjacent to the new plaza. The proposed resolution authorized execution of a lease agreement that allows the city to make improvements at the plaza. The property owner signed a lease agreement that will transfer to future owners if the property is sold. The art is anticipated to become a destination spot and is expected to be sustainable for future changes to the building. Funding is budgeted.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Thompson

- Presented the Keep Hall Beautiful and Main Street Advisory Committee ex-officio reports.
- Thanked Hall County government for providing offices for Keep Hall Beautiful.

Council Member Hayes

Presented an Airport Advisory Committee Meeting ex-officio report.

Council Member Guzman

Extended kudos to the Public Works Department for helping a citizen with a traffic issue.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Ordinance: Amend Section 3-5-7 Entitled Criminal Trespass in Public Parking Lots

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated the proposed ordinance is cleanup from the Code Rewrite Project to correctly identify the code section addressing punishment.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

City Clerk Denise Jordan announced the following:

- The City will host the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Meeting tonight at The Vault.
- Georgia Municipal Association Cities United Summit registration opens on November 18. Elected officials were asked to confirm attendance and forward training preferences.
- The November 19 Council Meeting will be held in the Administration Building Boardroom due to renovation in the courtroom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the meeting to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate matters at 9:16 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

Absent: Barbara Brooks

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

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan

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

Absent: Barbara Brooks

OTHER BUSINESS:

The National Tax Allocation District (TAD) Agreement

City Attorney Abb Hayes commented on changes during construction that had been discussed for several months. A resolution will be presented to amend the agreement and allow TAD payments to proceed.

There was a desire to improve public access to the courtyard area.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:52 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk