

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

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

Council Member Brooks provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

A. Business Resolution 2025-01 Emergency Interim Successors

Motion to adopt the Resolution BR-2025-01 as presented naming the order of succession as Sam Couvillon, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks, Juli Hayes, Abigail Guzman and Danny Dunagan.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

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

B. Appointment: Administrative Hearing Officer

Motion to reappoint G. Hammond Law, III as Administrative Hearing Officer for another one-year term.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

C. Appointment: Legal Organ

Motion to reappoint The Times as the legal organ for another one-year term.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Hayes

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

D. Appointments: Board/Committee Ex-Officio Members

Motion to appoint the 2025 Ex-Officio Members as presented.

Airport Advisory Committee	Council Members Brooks & Hayes
American Red Cross	Mayor Couvillon
Board of Health	Council Member Brooks
Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee	Council Member Thompson
Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission	Council Member Hayes
Economic Development Council	Mayor Couvillon
Gainesville-Hall County Development Authority	Mayor Couvillon
Gainesville-Hall County Land Bank Board	Council Member Brooks
Gainesville Non-Profit Development Authority	Council Member Brooks
Gainesville Redevelopment Authority	Council Member Thompson
Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors	Mayor Couvillon
HALLmark Initiative	Mayor Couvillon
Historic Preservation Commission	Council Member Dunagan
Housing Authority	Council Member Guzman
Keep Hall Beautiful/Hall County Green Alliance	Council Member Thompson
Main Street Gainesville Advisory Board	Council Member Dunagan
Parks & Recreation Board	Council Member Hayes
Parks & Recreation Foundation (formerly Friends of the Parks)	Council Member Guzman
Planning and Appeals Board	Council Member Brooks

Motion made by Council Member Thompson
Motion seconded by Council Member Hayes

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

E. Appointment: Georgia Mountains Regional Commission

Motion to appoint Sam Couvillon to a one-year term.

Motion made by Council Member Guzman
Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Brooks wished everyone a Happy New Year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nolan Vargas, Oakwood resident and pastor of a church in Gainesville, commented on serving Toys for Tots for several years then expressed a desire to expand community assistance through volunteer service. He indicated the team will be reaching out to help where needed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes

- A. December 12, 2024 Work Session
- B. December 17, 2024 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

Business Resolution BR-2025-02

Georgia Municipal Association City of Ethics Recertification

City Manager Bryan Lackey provided a brief summary indicating this represents the third recertification since the 2009 designation was awarded.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Hayes

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

ADJOURNMENT: 5:38 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk