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

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

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

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Dunagan
Provided a Main Street Advisory Board ex-officio report.

Council Member Brooks
Reported she and Mayor Couvillon attended the Newtown Florist Club's Martin Luther King, Jr. Program noting it was very good. She passed on gratitude from the Newtown Florist Club for the city's assistance in paying tribute to Ms. Faye Bush with a proclamation.

NOTE: Council Member Guzman joined the meeting at 5:33 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (20 minutes maximum)

Scott Wright, 1086 Glenwood Drive, read a letter expressing concerns with a homeless encampment near his place of business on Atlanta Highway noting it was a crisis that needed to be addressed. He also shared photos of the area. He asked Council to find a solution to the problem. Mayor Couvillon assured Mr. Wright the city was aware and working on finding a solution.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Appointment – Convention & Visitors Bureau Authority – Appoint Ross Stevens
Appointment – Housing Authority – Appoint Jenni Hothem

Motion to appoint Ross Stevens to the Convention & Visitors Bureau Authority and appoint Jenni Hothem to the Housing Authority as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson
Motion seconded by Council Member Hayes
Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Brooks, Hayes, Guzman, Dunagan

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Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes
Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman
Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Brooks, Hayes, Guzman, Dunagan

Resolutions

A. AR-2025-01 Fourth Quarter Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2024
B. AR-2025-02 First Quarter Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2025
C. BR-2025-03 2025 Election and Qualifying Information

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

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson
Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman
Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Brooks, Hayes, Guzman, Dunagan

RESOLUTION:

Business Resolution 2025-04
Renaming of that Portion of McDonald Street Between Mill Street and Dunbar Place to Willie Faye Bush Street
City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the proposed resolution will be forwarded on to Hall County to update the Hall County Geographical Information System (GIS) and E-911 system.

Motion to adopt the resolution BR-2025-04 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes
Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman
Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Brooks, Hayes, Guzman, Dunagan

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Business Resolution 2025-05
Amendment of Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between City of Gainesville and Gainesville-Hall County Development Authority Regarding Marketing and Sale of Real Property Known as Lots 18, 19, and 20 in Business Park
City Attorney Abb Hayes summarized the proposed resolution indicating there were two requested changes to the initial agreement: 1) to amend the date from May 15, 2024 to April 16, 2025 and 2) to clarify the Authority's rights related to the property to allow for continued negotiations.

Motion to adopt the resolution BR-2025-05 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson
Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman
Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Brooks, Hayes, Guzman, Dunagan

Business Resolution 2025-06
Business Park Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between City of Gainesville and Gainesville-Hall County Development Authority Regarding Marketing and Sale of Real Property Known as Lot 9 in Business Park
City Attorney Abb Hayes stated the proposed resolution authorizes an intergovernmental agreement related to lot 9 to allow the Development Authority to proceed with the duties and responsibilities set forth.

Motion to adopt the resolution BR-2025-06 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Guzman
Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks
Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Brooks, Hayes, Guzman, Dunagan

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Cities United Summit Update
City Clerk Denise Jordan shared a GMA Cities United Summit update noting there were no weather-related changes in the schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:46 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk