

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sam Couvillon, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks, Juli Hayes, Danny Dunagan
COUNCIL ABSENT: 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: Transmittal of the FY2024 Annual Update to the CIE

Planner Heather DeWeese stated the Annual CIE update will be presented on March 4 to show progress on annual projects and capital improvement projects. This update is required by the Department of Community Affairs to retain Local Qualified Government status. Adoption of the resolution allows the DCA review to proceed. Staff will address comments and request final approval in June.

Public Hearing: Request from Kelley Intown Properties to rezone a 1.09± acres tract located on the northwest side of the intersection of Oak Tree Drive and Riverside Drive and the northeast side of the intersection of Oak Tree Drive and Riverside Terrace (a/k/a 1038 Riverside Terrace, NE; 1037, 1045 and 1053 Riverside Drive, NE) from Residential-I (R-I) to Residential-II (R-II). Ward Number: Two. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-075-001-005, 006, 007 and 026. Request: 8 residential condominiums.

Public Hearing: Request from Phil Devries to rezone a 2.39± acres tract located southwest of the intersection of Atlanta Highway and Ray Street, having road frontage south of Wood Avenue at its terminus (a/k/a 0 Atlanta Highway, SW) from Light Industrial (L-I) to Residential-II (R-II). Ward Number: Four. Tax Parcel Number(s): 08-008-000-136. Request: 15 rental cottages.

City Attorney Abb Hayes summarized the applications and asked that questions be submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department.

Three public hearings advertised for March 4, 2025 Council Meeting Agenda

Ordinance: Amend Chapter 3-4 As it Pertains to Parking

Police Chief Jay Parrish stated the department has been working on this ordinance for a couple of years with the Public Works Department. The proposed changes match state law and give traffic engineering the authority to erect signs. It also allows for certain streets and parking lots to have paid parking provisions.

Placed on the March 4, 2025 Council Meeting Agenda

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Ordinance: Downtown Parking

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the proposed changes were discussed at a recent Main Street meeting after conducting some research. The intent is to address current challenges which include street level accessibility and parking for long periods of time on portions of eight streets by implementing a ticketless pay parking system near the space. The parking decks will continue to offer free parking. He proposed starting this program on the first Monday in April. The rate for the first two hours will be 25 cents for every 30 minutes with no fees from midnight to 7 AM. Signage will be installed in March. Sample signage was displayed. Mr. Lackey closed by stating

this program is not designed to be a revenue generator. The following inquiries and statements were noted:

- How will we handle golf carts?
- Has there been any thought about eliminating parking around the square?
- What are the contract obligations should this concept not work as expected?
- Downtown parking has been an ongoing problem.
- The Main Street Program is in favor of this.
- If this doesn't work, the signs can be removed.
- Approximately 5 years ago, the Supreme Court ruled marking vehicles is an intrusion of the fourth amendment.
- Two-hour parking spaces currently exist.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Congratulated Tourism Director Robyn Lynch on the birth of her granddaughter.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

City Clerk Denise Jordan extended a reminder about the March 6 American Values Dinner at the Chattahoochee Country Club.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:25 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk