

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

Mayor Couvillon called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**DEPARTMENT ISSUES:**

**Ordinance: Amend Title 6 As it Pertains to Entertainment Filming**

Tourism Director Robyn Lynch introduced Special Events Manager Morgan Wingler who handles events/rentals on the Plaza side of the Olympic Park. She noted the handout is the most current version of the proposed ordinance.

Ms. Wingler stated the ordinance is designed to safeguard the city by establishing guidelines and establishing a permitting process with permit fees. The approval process mirrors the special events process. She mentioned recent conversations with three different production companies.

Mayor Couvillon confirmed the fees are comparable to other municipalities and the city is right where it needs to be in comparison to other cities.

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**BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:**

**Keep Hall Beautiful**

Shanda Sexton presented the report indicating it was a busy year. She shared the statistics regarding litter/debris removal and recycling efforts noting collections decreased over the last year. She commented on several events and on restructuring the program due the retirement of the Program Coordinator by adding a part-time position to focus on educating the community. This requires requesting more funding (an increase from \$26,250 to \$32,000).

Council Member Thompson expressed support of the increase to emphasize the importance of recycling at a young age. He also commented on sacrifices that kept the program operational.

Mayor Couvillon expressed appreciation noting most people didn't know about this organization.

Upon inquiry, Ms. Sexton commented on the new office location on Barber Road and the services provided at this location.

**Elachee Nature Science Center**

Sarah Bell and Amy Bradford presented the budget request. Ms. Bell shared the annual statistics noting field trips generate the most revenue. They requested \$50,000 (a \$20,000 increase) to offset the loss of a funding source and capacity challenges. It was noted that field trips and camps will be at lower capacity due to a building project funded by SPLOST.

Council Member Brooks inquired about the Sprouts Program.

Mayor Couvillon extended words of appreciation.

Council Member Guzman inquired about memberships.

Ms. Bradford expressed love for her work at the Center and felt the community at large embraced environmental activities.

**CITY MANAGER ISSUES:**

City Manager Bryan Lackey reported this was a busy week hosting others and named the entities/organizations visiting the area.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:**

**Council Member Guzman**

Stated the Grand Opening of the Coop was amazing.

**Council Member Thompson**

Presented the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee ex-officio report with compliments about the golf cart technology.

**Appointment: Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission**

Mayor Couvillon nominated Kelly Lee for reappointment.

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**Appointment: Gainesville-Hall County Development Authority**

Mayor Couvillon nominated Brian Daniel to replace Brian Rochester.

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**Appointment: Main Street Advisory Board**

Mayor Couvillon nominated Jillian Ledford to replace Rachel Marshall.

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**CITY CLERK ISSUES:**

**Georgia Municipal Association Annual Convention**

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported registration information for the Georgia Municipal Association Annual Convention was available noting the City will be recognized for completing the City of Ethics recertification process. Attendees were asked to return documents by March 21, 2025 to prepare for the March 26 online registration.

**Georgia Municipal Clerks Association (GMCA) Retreat March 26-28**

City Clerk Denise Jordan invited the elected officials to drop in to visit the Clerks in Historic City Hall if their schedules allowed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

City Manager Bryan Lackey requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

City Attorney Hayes requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation matters.

**Motion to close the meeting to enter an Executive Session to discuss for real estate and litigation matters at 9:34 AM.**

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

**Absent: Hayes**

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**Motion to the close the Executive Session and end the meeting at 10:00 AM.**

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

**Absent: Hayes**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:00 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk