

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

Mayor Couvillon called the meeting to order and served as the presiding officer.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: FY2025 Local Road Assistance (LRA) Administration Grant

Senior Civil Engineer Corey Jones stated the proposed resolution authorizes the city to apply for and accept the FY25 Local Road Assistance (LRA) Administration grant funds in the amount of \$587,878.78 and noted no match is required. He named the portion of streets identified as meeting the state criteria.

Placed on the May 20, 2025 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Resolution: Rehabilitate Terminal Area Apron Phase III, Replace Taxiway Lighting, GDOT Funding and Award of Contract

Airport Manager Lisa Poole stated the proposed resolution authorizes award of contracts for the construction of the Rehabilitate Terminal Area Apron Phase III, Taxiway Lighting Project and authorizes staff to apply for and accept the GDOT grant for the project noting there is a 25% match. The project consists of repaving in-between the hangars and upgrading of the taxiway lighting.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Resolution: Property Acquisition from 673 Bradford St., LLC

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on the trolley service and shared information about the need for space to accommodate both current equipment and future expansion. Property owned by 673 Bradford St. LLC was available for purchase using the additional \$1.1M secured in federal funds. Approval of the resolution authorizes staff to proceed with the purchase.

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Resolution: Conveyance of Lee Waldrup Drive Property to the Gainesville City School District By and Through the Gainesville City Board of Education

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the proposed resolution authorizes the purchase of property to allow for the improvement of the Ivey Watson Baseball field and Lanier Point Athletic campus.

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Fiscal Year 2026 Recommended Budget

City Manager Bryan Lackey presented the proposed budget and extended thanks to CFO Jeremy Perry, Finance staff, Deputy City Manager Angela Sheppard and Department Directors. He also thanked Council for their support. He commented on the Council Retreat, strategic priorities areas, top five comments received from Council, Police Foundation, Water Resources projects, infrastructure and capital projects related to redevelopment, tourism related facilities and sports alliance. In summary, the recommended budget is a full rollback and represented a proposed budget of \$38,872,141 (3.26% increase over FY2025 adopted budget) and a \$4.3M Fund Balance

for Capital Projects. He referenced new legislation HB581 and HB92 and the requirements associated with them as it relates to the assessments and tax digest. He shared additional information related to the General fund – revenues and expenditures; a 5% COLA adjustment; millage rate availability; capital projects; and other funds total budget. The budget presentation and public hearing will be held on June 17 at 6 PM and the public hearing & millage rate adoption will be held on August 19 at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Couvillon expressed appreciation for time/effort involved with the budget.

Council Member Brooks stated she was impressed with the broad view of the needs for Gainesville.

Council Member Thompson commented on the general fund amount and its impact on Gainesville.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Hayes

Commented on the great job by Park & Recreation Director Kate Mattison and staff in bringing the rental fees up to market rate.

Council Member Thompson

Thanked Public Works staff for their immediate action and cleanup efforts following the recent storm.

Council Member Guzman

Expressed appreciation for Public Works staff as well.

Mayor Couvillon

Expressed appreciation for the Council and ward representation.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Easement for New Public Safety Complex

City Attorney Abb Hayes reported an easement was needed for the new Public Safety Complex and requested it for consideration at the upcoming Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the meeting to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate, litigation and personnel matters at 9:31 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:40 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Homeless Issues

Mayor Couvillon reported on discussions regarding the North Georgia Works program and other potential options surrounding the homelessness issues.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:51 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Alisa Grayson, City Clerk