

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 at 5:30 PM and served as the presiding officer.

Reverend Stuart Higginbotham, Grace Episcopal Church, provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

Proclamation: National Public Works Week

Mayor Couvillon read a proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2025 to be *National Public Works Week* and presented it to Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky. Council extended words of appreciation to the Public Works Department. Mr. Rotalsky thanked Council for the recognition and support of the Public Works Department. He also recognized and thanked the Public Works staff for all their hard work and dedication.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Couvillon

Congratulated Police Officer Chris Jones for being recognized with the John W. Jacobs Sr. Memorial Award by the Gainesville Kiwanis Club.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susan Fifer, 1001 Holly Drive Apt. 102, (Wessel Park Estates), shared her concerns regarding stormwater runoff issues. Mayor Couvillon thanked Ms. Fifer for addressing Council with her concerns. Council Member Thompson shared his sentiments for Ms. Fifer's concerns.

APPOINTMENT:

Municipal Court Solicitor James Farnan

Motion to appoint James Farnan to Municipal Court Solicitor as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Couvillon administered the Oath of Office to Municipal Court Solicitor James Farnan. The oath read as follows:

"I, James Farnan, do solemnly swear that I will conduct the Office of the Solicitor of the Municipal Court of Gainesville, Georgia, in accordance with the law, that I will prosecute all cases made in said court to the very best of my ability, and that I will so conduct myself in carrying out the duties of the office in such a manner as will reflect credit upon the municipality in its administration of justice."

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: May 1, 2025 Work Session

Minutes: May 6, 2025 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

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

Resolutions

- A. BR-2025-16 Conveyance of Lee Waldrip Drive Property to the Gainesville City School District By and Through the Gainesville City Board of Education
- B. BR-2025-17 Property Acquisition from 673 Bradford St., LLC
- C. GR-2025-01 FY2025 Local Road Assistance (LRA) Administration Grant
- D. GR-2025-02 Rehabilitate Terminal Area Apron Phase III, Replace Taxiway Lighting, GDOT Funding and Award of Contract

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

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan

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

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

FY2026 Budget Hearing

City Manager Bryan Lackey reminded Council of the FY2026 budget presentation and public hearing schedule to occur at the June 17, 2025 Council Meeting noting it is a full rollback.

Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) IX Presentations

City Manager Bryan Lackey reported presentations will be held by the Gainesville Hall County Chamber of Commerce on May 21, 2025 and May 22, 2025.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Business Resolution 2025-18

Authorization to Execute Easement in Favor of Jackson EMC Related to Construction of Public Safety Complex

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated this authorizes Jackson EMC to proceed with the installation of the electrical infrastructure at the new Public Safety Complex.

Motion to approve resolution BR-2025-18 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

ADJOURNMENT: 5:52 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Alisa Grayson, City Clerk