

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sam Couvillon, Barbara Brooks, Juli Hayes, Danny Dunagan
OFFICIALS ABSENT: Abigail Guzman
VACANT POSITION: Ward 2
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.

Pastor Brian Harrison, Encounter Church of God in Prophecy, provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Dunagan

Wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July holiday.

Council Member Brooks

Stated she had an enjoyable vacation in Arkansas.

Mayor Couvillon

Reported Council Member Zack Thompson resigned last week to focus on his mayor campaign and Council Member Abigail Guzman was on vacation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Shane Reidling, Hoschton resident, business owner, and downtown mobile park owner, expressed concerns surrounding the homeless issues and challenges in the area and on his property. He was in desperate need of a solution. Felt the urban camping laws were not being enforced. He urged Council to find a solution and enforce the law. His next option was to seek legal representation.

Later in the meeting Mayor Couvillon acknowledged Mr. Reidling's concerns noting Council shared his concerns and were working to find a solution. He expressed appreciation for Mr. Reidling's willingness to share his concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Appointment: Lake Lanier Olympic Park Foundation – Reappoint Robyn Lynch

Motion to reappoint Robyn Lynch to the Lake Lanier Olympic Park Foundation as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Hayes, Dunagan

Absent: Guzman

Vacant: Ward 2

Minutes: June 12, 2025 Work Session

Minutes: June 17, 2025 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Hayes

Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Hayes, Dunagan

Absent: Guzman

Vacant: Ward 2

Resolutions

A. BR-2025-25 Declaration of Surplus Property

B. BR-2025-26 SPLOST IX Intergovernmental Agreement

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

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Hayes

Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Hayes, Dunagan

Absent: Guzman

Vacant: Ward 2

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

AR-2025-05 Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

City Manager Bryan Lackey commented on the budget process noting this was the final step. The request authorized approval of the recommended general fund budget of \$38.8M with a full rollback. Approval of the millage rates were delayed due to changes in state law and would be scheduled at later date. He asked for Council's consideration of the request.

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

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan

Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Hayes, Dunagan

Absent: Guzman

Vacant: Ward 2

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

BR-2025-27 Special Election for Board of Education District 2 Seat to be Held in Conjunction with the November 4, 2025 Municipal General Election

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated the proposed resolution addressed the Board of Education District 2 vacancy and authorized approval to proceed with a special election in conjunction with the Municipal General Election.

Motion to adopt the resolution BR-2025-27 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Hayes, Dunagan
Absent: Guzman
Vacant: Ward 2

BR-2025-28 Special Election for City Council Ward 2 Seat to be Held in Conjunction with the November 4, 2025 Municipal General Election

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated the proposed resolution addressed the Council Ward 2 vacancy and authorized a special election, to fill the unexpired term of Zack Thompson, to be held in conjunction with the Municipal General Election.

Motion to adopt the resolution BR-2025-28 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes
Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan
Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Hayes, Dunagan
Absent: Guzman
Vacant: Ward 2

ADJOURNMENT: 5:47 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Alisa Grayson, City Clerk