

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Juli Hayes, Barbara Brooks, Abigail Guzman
OFFICIALS ABSENT: Sam Couvillon
VACANT POSITION: Ward 2
STAFF PRESENT: Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Alisa Grayson
STAFF ABSENT: Bryan Lackey

Mayor Pro Tem Dunagan called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and served as the presiding officer.

Deputy City Manager Angela Sheppard provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:

Police Department Awards Presentations

Police Chief Jay Parrish shared some information about the awards program and recognized the following award recipients:

- DUI Officer of the Year for the State of Georgia - Officer Jameson Tate
- Uniform Patrol Officer of the Year – Officer Austin Sullens
- Supervisor of the Year – Sargent Larry Sanford
- Detective of the Year – Officer Hannah Ruiz
- Professional Staff Member of the Year – Savannah Partee
- Employee of the Year – Officer Austin Sullens

Council extended words of appreciation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: July 31, 2025 Work Session

Minutes: August 5, 2025 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

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

Vacant: Ward 2

Motion passed with affirmative vote of majority of members present in accordance with the Charter Section 2.22(c).

Mayor Pro Tem Dunagan presided with rights and privileges of the Mayor in accordance with the Charter Section 2.30

Resolutions

- A. BR-2025-32 Authorizing, Approving and Directing the Employment of Certain Law Firm to Represent the City in Potential Litigation Related to PFAS
- B. BR-2025-33 Authorization to Accept Modifications to GEFA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan
- C. BR-2025-34 Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency Georgia Search and Rescue Team Memorandum of Understanding for 2025-2029

D. BR-2025-35 Glassmanor Ridge Water Distribution System Improvements Cost Participation

Deputy City Manager Angela Sheppard provided a brief overview of the resolutions.

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

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

Vacant: Ward 2

Motion passed with affirmative vote of majority of members present in accordance with the Charter Section 2.22(c).

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RESOLUTIONS:

Business Resolution 2025-36 Acquisition of Land and Easement Rights Needed to Construct the Athens Street Trail Project

Deputy City Manager Angela Sheppard briefly commented on the resolution and indicated Neighborhood Development Manager Jessica Tullar was present to provide some details about the project. She also noted the purpose of the resolution was to authorize staff to execute the necessary paperwork to proceed with the project.

Neighborhood Development Manager Jessica Tullar presented details surrounding the project plans for improvements and used a power point to supplement the information. In summary, the report included information regarding a grant funding of \$2.2 million awarded to both the city and county for their respective sections; the project area for improvements; the project scope as it relates to the 8-foot-wide recreational trail on the south side of Athens Street and the 5-foot-wide sidewalks on the north side; pedestrian lighting, landscaping and infrastructure improvements; project timeline; community engagement; and the project design and impact. In short, the project was part of a larger connected trail system linking city and county sections. This was considered the first step toward realizing the 2022 master plan's long-term goals.

Council Member Brooks commented on the importance of walkability in the area, affordable housing projects, and community partnership. She acknowledged Mrs. Tullar for all her hard work with this project and grant procurement. Council also expressed excitement and appreciation to staff and for bringing the project to fruition.

Motion to adopt the resolution BR-2025-36 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

Vacant: Ward 2

Motion passed with affirmative vote of majority of members present in accordance with the Charter Section 2.22(c).

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ADJOURNMENT: 5:58 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Alisa Grayson, City Clerk