

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sam Couvillon, Barbara Brooks, Juli Hayes, Abigail Guzman
VACANT POSITIONS: Ward 1 and Ward 2
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Alisa Grayson

Mayor Couvillon called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM and served as the presiding officer.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Issuance of Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry stated the proposed resolution authorizes issuance of the revenue bonds to finance the cost of improvements to the water and sewerage system. Director of Water Resources Director Linda MacGregor summarized the project details and budget analysis related to various project expansions and improvements to the water and sewerage system and facilities. A detailed financial model confirmed affordability with no increase in rates.

Council Member Guzman thanked Ms. MacGregor for resolving a water issue with a concerned citizen.

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Resolution: Qwake Technologies, Inc. - Master Services and Purchasing Agreement

Fire Chief Brandon Ellis presented a resolution to authorize an agreement and purchase of the Quake Technologies system. He shared information about the technology and the benefits noting it is being developed in partnership with the Department of Defense (DoD). The program was limited to 10 departments nationwide. Gainesville was selected as one of only three to receive it in Georgia. Mayor Couvillon commented on the technology service. City Manager Bryan Lackey noted this is a three-year pilot program.

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Resolution: FY2026 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)

Senior Civil Engineer Corey Jones stated the resolution allows staff to submit and accept the grant funds for approximately \$554,000 with a local match of 30%. He identified the streets for improvements and confirmed the local match would be funded from Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), if available, otherwise will have to find funding from other sources.

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Resolution: Heritage on Lanier, Inc. Airport Lease Assignment and Extension to Carriage DPB LLC

Airport Manager Lisa Poole stated the resolution authorizes a lease assignment to Carriage DPB, Inc. and a lease extension.

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Public Hearing Item: Request from Tres Hermanos Groceries, LLC to rezone a 0.57± acre tract located on the east side of Chestnut Street, between High Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (a/k/a 819 and 829 Chestnut Street, SE) from Residential-II (R-II) and Heavy Industrial (H-I) to Residential-II (R-II). Ward Number Three. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-033-002-005 and 006. Request: Residential townhomes.

Public Hearing Item: Request from Naveed Tharwani to rezone a 0.182± acre tract located on the west side of Green Street and the east side of Thompson Bridge Road (a/k/a 925 Green Street, NE), from Neighborhood Business (N-B) to Planned Unit Development (P-U-D). Ward Number Two. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-068-001-005. Request: Mixed-use building.

City Attorney Abb Hayes summarized the two applications and noted questions should be referred to the Community and Economic Development Department staff. The Planning and Appeals Board approved the requests.

Public hearing items advertised for the October 7, 2025 Council Meeting

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Mayor Couvillon

Shared a postcard of Gainesville's Historic City Hall he received in the mail.

Appointment: Main Street Advisory Board

Mayor Couvillon nominated Lila (Westmoreland) Weaver for appointment.

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CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Council Member Ward 1 Resignation

City Attorney Abb Hayes reported Council Member Danny Dunagan resigned from the Council Member Ward 1 seat effective October 1, 2025. The charter allows the governing body to fill the unexpired term by appointment if less than twelve months remains. He shared information about the appointment process to fill the unexpired term through December 31, 2025 and noted a resolution would be prepared to present at the upcoming Council Meeting should Council decide to consider someone for appointment to fulfill the remaining portion of this term. Mayor Couvillon expressed this was difficult for Council and staff and commented on the profound impact Council Member Danny Dunagan had on others and the significance he holds within this community.

City Attorney Hayes also shared information about the Council Member Ward 1 term beginning January 1, 2026 and the provisions for a special election to fill the term. The special election would be held in conjunction with the county-wide election on May 19, 2026.

Mayor Couvillon stated potential names for appointment to fill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2025 have been shared. He asked that any additional names for consideration be forwarded.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Resolution: Emergency Interim Successors

City Clerk Alisa Grayson stated the proposed resolution addressed the Mayor Pro Tem position and updates the emergency interim successors order. Mayor Couvillon nominated Council Member Juli Hayes for Mayor Pro Tem and noted the order of succession as follows: Sam Couvillon, Juli Hayes, Barbara Brooks and Abigail Guzman.

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Invocation for October Council Meetings

Mayor Couvillon stated he would provide the information for the October Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:17 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Alisa Grayson, City Clerk