

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

Mayor Couvillon called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and served as the presiding officer.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

**Council Member Ward 1 – Ryan Thompson**

City Clerk Alisa Grayson administered and presented the Oath of Office to Ryan Thompson who was appointed to fill the unexpired term for Ward 1 Council Member. The oath read as follows:

“I do hereby solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of Council Member for the City of Gainesville and that I will support and defend the Charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America; that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this State or any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the laws of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia; that I have been a resident of Ward 1 and the City of Gainesville for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this State and by the Municipal Charter; and that I will perform the duties of my office in the best interest of the City of Gainesville to the best of my ability without fear, favor, affection, reward, or expectation thereof.”

**DEPARTMENT ISSUES:**

**Tourism Update for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2025**

Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Robyn Lynch presented the quarterly update for July, August and September which included information about social media growth, public relations and marketing events, the various downtown events, events at the Boathouse, Food Truck Fridays, and conferences. Miss Lynch stated, during the quarter, they were awarded first place winners for “Downtown of the Year” by the Georgia Downtown Association. She commented on some of the sporting events they hosted and shared a “Swim Across America” video. In closing, she shared the upcoming events and commented on the changes to the Jingle Mingle and Lighting of the Chicken event noting a new chicken was being placed on top of the Administration Building with the lighting to take place in Roosevelt Square this year.

NOTE: Council Member Brooks joined the meeting at 9:08 AM.

**Resolution: Apply for and Accept GDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Grant**

Parks & Recreation Director Kate Mattison stated the resolution authorizes staff to apply for the grant funding with a 20% match requirement. She summarized the project for which the grant would be used for noting it was part of the Park 2 Park Connectivity plans. If awarded, matching funds would be budgeted over with next few years with a five-year implementation period.

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**Resolution: Intergovernmental Agreement Between Hall County and the City of Gainesville for Water Main Relocation on the White Sulphur Phase II Project**

Engineering & Construction Services Division Manager Tracy Robar requested authorization to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Hall County to facilitate construction of the necessary relocation of water mains on the White Sulphur Phase II Project.

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**CITY MANAGER ISSUES:**

**Resolution: Georgia Transit Trust Fund (TTF) Program 2024 - SA#1**

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated additional funds remained available from a completed project. The proposed resolution authorizes transfer of the supplemental funds to be used for the renovation and improvements to the Bradford Street facility.

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**MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:**

**Mayor Couvillon**

Commented on the various businesses and industries in the community.

**CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

**Ordinance: Deannexation of Old Oakwood Road**

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated Clayton County Group requested to deannex a small piece of property into Hall County after which it will be annexed into the City of Oakwood.

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City Attorney Hayes invited everyone to the Business Before Hours at Hulsey, Oliver & Mahar, LLP on tomorrow, October 17.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

City Attorney Abb Hayes requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

**Motion to close the meeting to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters at 9:33 AM.**

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

**Vacant: Ward 2**

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**Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:28 AM.**

Motion made by Council Member Guzman

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

**Vacant: Ward 2**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:28 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

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Alisa Grayson, City Clerk