

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

PRESENTATION:

Dedication of the C. Danny Dunagan, Jr. Ballroom

A dedication ceremony was held at the Boathouse at Lake Lanier to dedicate the ballroom in the late Mayor and Council Member Danny Dunagan's name. Mayor Couvillon shared remarks during the ceremony program noting that the Boathouse facility will be a blessing for the community for years and decades to come because of Danny Dunagan's leadership. Additional remarks were shared by Mayor-Elect and former Council Member Ward 2 Zack Thompson and Lake Lanier Olympic Park Foundation Chair Mimi Collins. In addition to the City Council and Gainesville City leadership, members of the Dunagan family, LLOP Foundation, the public and media were also present.

Following the dedication ceremony, Mayor Couvillon called the meeting to order and served as the presiding officer.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Public Hearing Item: Request from Paul Brown to amend an existing Planned Unit Development (P-U-D) zoning on a 0.45± acre tract located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Hidden Cove Court and Old Thompson Bridge Road, having road frontage on Holly Park Drive, across from Minor Drive (a/k/a 2486 Hidden Cove Court). Ward Number: One. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-097A-000-018. Request: Residential condominiums.

Public Hearing Item: Request from Jeffery Chase Adams to rezone a 0.46± acre tract located on the northwest side of the intersection of Cleveland Highway and Riverbend Circle (a/k/a 1725 Cleveland Highway, NE) from Residential-I (R-I) to Neighborhood Business (N-B), with a special use. Ward Number: Two. Tax Parcel Number(s): 00-084-002-010. Request: Group home for men.

City Attorney Abb Hayes briefly reviewed the applications noting questions should be referred to the Community and Economic Development Department.

Public hearing items advertised for the November 4, 2025 Council Meeting

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

City Manager Bryan Lackey expressed appreciation to Council and staff for all their efforts with the dedication ceremony honoring former Council Member Dunagan.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Guzman

Wished Council Member Brooks a happy birthday.

Council Member Hayes

Provided a Keep Hall Beautiful ex-officio report.

Mayor Couvillon

1. Commented on a picture of Billy Payne receiving former Council Member George Wangemann's autograph.
2. Expressed appreciation for staff and their efforts with today's ceremony program.
3. Nominated Glenda Pierce to serve another term on the Cemetery Advisory Committee.
4. Nominated Faron Thompson and Kimberly Harper to serve another term on the Housing Authority.

Appointments placed on the November 4, 2025 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

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 9:44 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

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

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Note: Council Member Brooks left the meeting at 10:56 AM and did not return.

Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:57 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Guzman, Thompson

Absent: Brooks

Vacant: Ward 2

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was some discussion surrounding the need to identify ways of honoring past elected officials with a few suggestions noted (i.e. street, building, etc.).

ADJOURNMENT: 11:03 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Alisa Grayson, City Clerk