

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sam Couvillon, Juli Hayes, Barbara Brooks, Abigail Guzman, Ryan Thompson, Jon Elliott
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Abb Hayes, Alisa Grayson
STAFF ABSENT: Angela Sheppard

Mayor Pro Tem Juli Hayes called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and served as the presiding officer.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Apply for and Accept State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant

Fire Chief Brandon Ellis stated the proposed resolution authorizes staff to apply for and accept the grant. No matching funds are required. The total amount applied for is \$357,670. He briefly shared the purpose of the GSAR (Georgia Search and Rescue) Task Force 1 and noted Gainesville serves as the host department for the region.

Council Member Brooks asked that this information be shared at a future Council Meeting.

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Resolution: Selection of Airport Consultant

Airport Manager Lisa Poole summarized the request for selection of an Airport Consultant. Lead Edge Design Group was selected. She commented on the services provided by the consultant to include management of projects, designs and grant proposals. The contract is for five years. It was noted Gainesville ranks 5th in the state for fixed-base aircrafts.

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Ordinance: Amend Section 5-2-3 Entitled New Carwashes Required to Recycle Water

Deputy Director of Water Resources Myron Bennett presented a revision to the ordinance that specifies a minimum of 50 percent of water used must be recycled. This revision meets state requirements.

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NOTE: Mayor Couvillon joined the meeting at 9:13 AM.

Upon inquiry from Mayor Couvillon, Mr. Bennett shared information on water usage between 2005 - 2025. He noted the city has experienced a lot of customer growth but have been able to maintain the same level of usage due to the efficiencies put into place.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Parity Bond Resolution: Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2026

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated a previous resolution authorized staff to pursue the revenue bonds. The proposed resolution authorizes staff to proceed with issuance of the revenue bonds in the amount of \$95M for the purpose of making improvements to the system.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Mayor Couvillon

Congratulated and welcomed Council Member Ward 2 Jon Elliott.

Council Member Elliott

Stated he looked forward to working with Council in moving Gainesville forward. He expressed appreciation to staff.

Council Member Thompson

Commented on the Newtown Florist Club 75th Anniversary event noting it was a good time.

Council Member Hayes

Welcomed Council Member Elliott and noted city staff is a valuable resource.

Council Member Guzman

Welcomed Council Member Elliott and commented on how wonderful city staff is.

Council Member Brooks

1. Welcomed Council Member Elliott and noted she looked forward to working with him.
2. Commented on the Newtown Florist Club celebration event.
3. Extended appreciation to Council and staff.

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 9:23 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Elliott

Motion seconded by Council Member Hayes

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:19 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Smoking Ordinance

Council Member Hayes commented on discussions with the American Heart Association regarding an appeal for a smoke-free city and a request to revisit. There was some discussion about thoughts/suggestions on addressing this. Would like to consider an update to the current ordinance

on smoking. Council Member Hayes stated she will distribute proposed amended language in strike-through format for future consideration.

Tax Bills

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated tax bills are set to go out on November 20th.

Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee (TADAC) Meeting Rescheduled

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the Tax Allocation District (TAD) Advisory Committee meeting to address the mall has been rescheduled to December 12 for consideration at the December 16 Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:25 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Alisa Grayson, City Clerk