

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sam Couvillon, Juli Hayes, Barbara Brooks, Abigail Guzman, Ryan Thompson, Jon Elliott

STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Alisa Grayson

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

Gainesville Mayor-Elect Zack Thompson provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Council Member Jonathan Elliott, Ward 2

City Clerk Alisa Grayson administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Member Elliott. 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 2 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.”

Following the administering of the Oath, Mayor Couvillon presented the certified election results from the November 4, 2025 Election. The results were noted as follows.

- Two candidates qualified for the seat.
- There were 24,215 registered voters.
- The summary results were as follows:
 - Jon Elliott received 2,215 votes (67% of total votes cast)
 - Albert Reeves received 1,091 votes (33% of total votes cast)
 - Total votes cast was 3,306

Mayor Couvillon stated the oath was administered today affording family and friends the opportunity to witness this occasion.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Couvillon

Commended Council Member Elliott on being elected and expressed appreciation for his willingness to be in public office.

Council Member Elliott

Expressed excitement with being on the Council and appreciation for staff and the voters. He is honored to serve and looked forward to working with the Mayor and Council Members in continuing to move the city forward.

Council Member Thompson

Congratulated Council Member Elliott and noted he looked forward to working with him.

Council Member Hayes

1. Welcomed Council Member Elliott to his first Council Meeting and noted she looked forward to working with him.
2. Wished everyone a happy/safe Thanksgiving holiday and asked everyone to remember those in the community that are less-fortunate.

Council Member Guzman

Congratulated and welcomed Council Member Elliott.

Council Member Brooks

1. Welcomed Council Member Elliott and noted she looked forward to working with him.
2. Expressed excitement about airplanes and commented on visiting the Gainesville airport to watch the C1-30 airplanes fly in.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: October 30, 2025 Work Session

Minutes: November 4, 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: Hayes, Brooks, Guzman, Thompson, Elliott

Resolutions

- A. BR-2025-48 Selection of Airport Consultant
- B. BR-2025-49 Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2026
- C. GR-2025-10 Apply For and Accept State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant

City Manager Bryan Lackey provided a brief summary of the resolution items.

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Elliott

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

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

GENERAL LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 2025-23

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

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated this was to codify the amendment requiring car washes to recycle 50% of its water usage and noted this is a practice that is already in place.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-23, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5-2-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR

CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES **as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

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

ADJOURNMENT: 5:44 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Alisa Grayson, City Clerk