

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bruner, Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick, Figueras
STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Palmour, Jordan

Mayor Bruner called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES:

Project Resolution: Reallocation of FY2010 Street Resurfacing Project

Senior Civil Engineer Stan Aiken stated the proposed resolution would reallocate funds to pave segments of North Avenue, Glenwood Avenue and Lenox Drive instead of Banks Street, Grove Street, High Street and Summit Street as originally planned.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Hamrick, Mr. Aiken stated the work may be handled via contract due to the type of equipment that would be required.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:

Appropriation Resolution: FY10 Closure of General Government Capital Projects

Financial Analyst Alicia Serra stated the total excess funds from the nine completed projects was \$366,684.84 of which \$19,246.91 was restricted and \$158,353 was needed for Fiscal Year 2011 capital projects. The proposed resolution allows the remaining balance (\$189,084.93) to be reappropriated by Council.

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Appropriation Resolution: FY10 Closure of Grant Funded Capital Projects

Financial Analyst Alicia Serra stated the proposed resolution closed the downtown streetscape project with no expenditures.

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Appropriation Resolution: FY10 Closure of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Capital Projects

Financial Analyst Alicia Serra stated the proposed resolution closed the Rock Creek Greenway Connector project and allowed the reappropriation of \$23,515.82 for projects to be funded by SPLOST V.

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Appropriation Resolution: FY10 Closure of Parks and Recreation Capital Projects

Financial Analyst Alicia Serra stated three projects were completed and would be closed in conjunction with the proposed resolution. A small portion of the unused funds (\$29.84) were restricted and must remain in the Impact Fee Fund. The remaining balance, \$399,999.81, would be reappropriated for Parks and Recreation Capital Projects.

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Appropriation Resolution: FY10 Closure of Airport Fund Capital Projects

Financial Analyst Alicia Serra stated two projects were completed leaving \$1,027.27 for reappropriation by Council.

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Appropriation Resolution: FY10 Closure of Public Utilities Capital Projects

Financial Analyst Alicia Serra stated eight projects were completed and closed leaving \$1,568,078.42 for reappropriation by Council.

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FIRE ISSUES:

Business Resolution: Donation of Fire Station Bedding to Clayton Volunteer Fire Department & Clermont Lodge No. 512 (5 Min)

Fire Chief Jon Canada stated the proposed resolution would donate twelve bed sets to the Clayton Volunteer Fire Department and Clermont Lodge No. 512. The sets had not been used since the move to the new Fire Station. The plan was to split them evenly between the two organizations.

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CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:

Copper Springs (Bobb Brown)

City Manager Kip Padgett stated a letter would be send to Bobb Brown as follow-up on comments made at the last Council Meeting and as follow-up from meetings with the Fire and Police Chief.

Council asked Mr. Padgett to instruct the Community Development Department to address driveway lengths when applications are submitted.

Budget Calendar

City Manager Kip Padgett stated the budget calendar had been distributed for consideration. Departmental presentations were incorporated into regularly scheduled work sessions.

Water/Sewer Rates

City Manager Kip Padgett stated Council Members Dunagan and Wangemann requested a meeting to discuss the process for setting the water/sewer rates before the Public Utilities Department Retreat. He asked if anyone else was interested in attending.

COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Figueras

1. Distributed Childhood Obesity information.
2. Reported the Convention and Tourism Office was promoting a National Fishing Tournament with family activities.

3. Reported there would be a meeting at Fair Street regarding the possibilities for the rebuilding of this school.

Council Member Hamrick

1. Commented on the Community Development Department's in depth comparison of what is done in Alpharetta in terms of incentives for attracting businesses. He wondered how to publicize Gainesville's fees which are less than Alpharetta's.
2. Expressed appreciation for the letter regarding Community Development Block Grant funds.
3. Commented on a poultry show in Newnan and asked if this could occur in Gainesville. Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard stated the Georgia Mountains Center was researching this matter.
4. Appreciated the information regarding the Voters Right Act Bailout and felt this should be considered for Gainesville. City Clerk Denise Jordan stated she would be working on this project to provide some general information that can be used to assist Council with making a decision as to whether this is appropriate for Gainesville.
5. Asked if there should be an Election Office/Precinct in the city limits if the Hall County Election Office relocates to Liberty building.

Council Member Wangemann

Commented on empty retail stores and expressed a need to focus on getting tenants for them.

Council Member Dunagan

Expressed a need for a Parking Enforcement Program in the downtown area based upon comments from a downtown business owner.

Mayor Bruner

Provided an update on legislative matters under discussion by the General Assembly.

CITY CLERK:

Senate Bill 92

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated the proposed bill reduced the advance voting period for municipal elections from 21 days to 14 days and reduces the advance voting period for general elections from 45 days to 14 days. Municipalities have the option of conducting early voting on Saturdays and extending the hours for early voting beyond regular business hours. This information had been discussed with the Hall County Elections Office to obtain an estimated cost for extended hours and Saturday work. The overtime alone was estimated to be almost \$5,000 which did not consider the fact that three people would be required to be in the office at all times. Council was asked if there was any desire to offer extended hours and/or Saturday work.

There was consensus among Council to continue service at the current level.

RECESS: 9:59 AM
RECONVENE: 10:04 AM

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager Kip Padgett requested an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and real estate acquisition.

Council Member Dunagan requested an opportunity to discuss personnel matters.

Motion to close the meeting to enter an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and real estate acquisition at 10:04 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan

Council Members voting in favor of the motion were Bruner, Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick and Figueras.

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Motion to close the Executive Session and continue the meeting at 10:54 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan

Council Members voting in favor of the motion were Bruner, Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick and Figueras.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Citizens Government Academy (CGA)

It was noted that 20 people were enrolled which was the maximum size for the class.

Immigration Meeting

Council provided a brief overview of their thoughts about the recent Immigration Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:02 AM

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