

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

Mayor Bruner called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison after which Reverend Steve Winters, Gainesville First United Methodist Church, delivered the invocation.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

**Meritorious Service Awards**

Police Chief Brian Kelly presented Officers Barry Edwards and Brandon Bowen with Meritorious Service Awards for their life saving actions toward Bianca Vera on the morning of February 10, 2011. Each Officer received a plaque and the Chief pinned each Officer. Mayor Bruner extended words of appreciation.

Fire Chief Jon Canada summarized the activity that occurred. He commented on the caliber of people working in the Public Safety serving the community. He recognized the Firemen that were receiving the meritorious awards, presented plaques and indicated they would receive medals for their uniforms at a later date.

Bianca Vera stated she was honored to be in attendance and expressed her thanks to all the servicemen.

**Boy Scouts**

Two Boy Scouts from Troop 203 were in attendance and were working on their Citizen in the Community merit badges.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Resolutions:**

- A. BR-2011-07 Adoption of the Hall County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan
- B. BR-2011-08 Adoption of the Hall County Local Emergency Operation Plan
- C. CR-2011-\_\_\_ Authorization to Waive the Sale of Alcohol for Public Consumption
- D. PR-2011-05 Approval of Local DCA Homeless Assistance Program Applications
- E. PR-2011-06 Public Safety Building Demolition and Abatement Project Change Order Request
- F. PR-2011-07 FY2012 Automated Meter Reading Project Award of Contract
- G. PR-2011-08 FY2012 Water Meter Replacement Project Award of Contract

Council Member Wangemann requested to remove item C for independent discussion.

**Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented excluding Item C.**

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan  
Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

**Vote – 5 favor**

CR-2011-01

**Authorization to Waive the Sale of Alcohol for Public Consumption**

*(Noted as Item C under the Resolution section of the Consent Agenda)*

**Motion to approve the resolution as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Hamrick

**DISCUSSION:**

Council Member Wangemann stated this had nothing to do with the Main Street Program noting this authorization allows the sale of alcohol for public consumption on the square and allows families to be in attendance while alcohol is being served. In his opinion, families, especially children, and alcohol don't mix. For this reason, he would vote against the resolution.

Mayor Bruner stated the resolution is for a special event on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. She stated there was a designated area for this event and it would be regulated.

Council Member Hamrick stated there was a similar event on the square last year with no problem. He felt if it was monitored properly there wouldn't be any problems.

Main Street Manager Angela Thompson stated this was a Cinco de Mayo event and explained how the alcohol sales would occur and commented on the areas allowing consumption.

**Vote – 4 favor, 1 oppose (Wangemann)**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION:**

**Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 1175 Dawsonville Highway**

City Manager Kip Padgett stated this was a new application for consumption on the premises of beer, wine and liquor. The application was in order.

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

**Vote – 5 favor**

**COUNCIL'S ISSUES:**

**Council Member Hamrick**

Commented on Georgia Trend, a monthly publication that provides demographic and employment information as well as wage and population information. He took a few minutes of personal privilege to brag about Gainesville/Hall County's statistical information noted in the most recent publication.

**Council Member Figueras**

1. Announced the Citizen Involvement Advisory Round Table meeting would be on Saturday at 9:30 AM at the Fair Street Neighborhood Center. This is another venue to voice concerns. Chris Davis would be sharing his vision for the Fair Street Neighborhood Planning Unit.

2. Placed emphasis on literacy in the Gainesville/Hall County community by speaking about the Alliance for Literacy's spelling competition, a fund raiser to be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at Pearce Auditorium.

**Mayor Bruner**

1. Reported she and Council Member Figueras judged essays submitted by sixth graders across the state for the Georgia Municipal Association. They reviewed the top 100 essays. Over 6,000 essays had been submitted.
2. Reported the Red Carpet Tour will be in Gainesville later this week.

**Council Member Wangemann**

1. Provided a community cleanup report.
2. Commented on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1936 Tornado and several community events commemorating this historical event.
3. Promoted the Chicken Festival on April 30<sup>th</sup> and invited the community to participate noting a parade was added to this event.
4. Distributed 104 invitations to the meeting. No one was present as a result of this effort.

**CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:**

**Resolution AR-2011-07**

**Chattahoochee Golf Course Capital Purchases**

City Manager Kip Padgett stated this was a resolution to purchase replacement mowers and to replace the heating and air system at the Golf Course.

**Motion to adopt the resolution as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan  
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann  
**Vote – 5 favor**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

City Manager Kip Padgett requested an executive session to discuss potential litigation and personnel.

**Motion to close the Council Meeting at 6:03 PM to enter an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.**

Motion made by Council Member Figueras  
Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan  
**Vote – 5 favor**

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**Motion to close the Executive Session at 6:27 PM and to continue the Council Meeting.**

Motion made by Council Member Figueras  
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann  
**Vote – 5 favor**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Alcoholic Beverage Review Committee Report**

City Marshal Debbie Jones reported the committee met on two occasions and discussed a couple of potential changes, i.e., restaurants selling wine by unbroken package and allowing customers to brown bag in establishments that sell alcohol by the drink. The committee discussed these items with businesses. The committee did not recommend any changes.

**Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee**

Mayor Bruner suggested appointing Council Member Hamrick and Council Member Wangemann to serve on Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Steering Committee.

**Motion to appoint Council Member Hamrick and Council Member Wangemann to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.**

Motion made by Council Member Figueras  
Motion Seconded by Council Member Dunagan  
**Vote – 5 favor**

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:30 PM**

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Ruth H. Bruner, Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk