

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dunagan called the meeting to order.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:**

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application**

Finance Services Manager Beverly Williams presented a new application from Aldi (834 Dawsonville Highway) for the packaged sale of beer and wine. The application was in order.

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**Business Resolutions GASB 54 Recognition of Inflows for Special Revenue Funds**

Financial Analyst Alicia Serra stated the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has released new information. The proposed resolution allows the City to accept the new provisions.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Hamrick, Chief Financial Officer Melody Marlowe stated \$1.5 million fund balance previously reported in the Community Development Fund will now be available in the General Fund.

Mr. Hamrick suggested that some of the \$1.5 million be designated to use at the Olympic Venue Site and felt the City should approach the County about an intergovernmental agreement allowing the City to assume responsibility for the site and to make improvements.

Council Member Dunagan reported an existing agreement requires the County to take responsibility of the site for one year.

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**Business Resolutions GASB Statement No. 54 Policy Implementation**

Financial Analyst Alicia Serra stated this resolution works in conjunction with the recognition of inflows of special revenue fund provisions.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES:**

**Business Resolution: Donation of Turnout Gear to Moldova Fire Department in Chimislia, Moldova**

City Manager Kip Padgett stated this resolution allows the City to donate fire gear that no longer meets standards. The donation included 29 jackets and 34 pants.

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUES:**

**Project Resolution: Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program FY11-12**

City Manager Kip Padgett stated this was the annual resolution that would provide grant funding for vests.

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**COUNCIL ISSUES:**

**Council Member Hamrick**

1. Inquired about the RTS landfill issue.
2. Governments are required to publicize the tax digest. In comparing the City and the County, he noticed the county's digest includes the city, \$7 billion for the county and \$4.6 billion for the city which is 65.6% of the county's digest.

**Council Member Figueras**

Provided a brief statement about recent meetings/engagements.

**Council Member Wangemann**

1. Provided a Community Cleanup update.
2. Expressed pleasure about the County's consideration of selling the Liberty Building. He felt it was best to keep the County in the downtown area.

**Council Member Dunagan**

Reported the City of Oakwood had asked if Gainesville would be interested in taking responsibility for a Fire Station noting they would pay the fee, approximately \$1.2 million. He felt the City would eventually need to build a station in that area when Mundy Mill Development is completed and thought this request should be given some consideration.

**PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES:**

**Ordinance: On-Street Parking Prohibited on Alpine Street**

Traffic Engineer Dee Taylor stated people are parking on both sides of Alpine Street which creates a public safety concern. He proposed restricting parking on one side of the street.

Council Member Hamrick asked that Riverside Terrace be monitored after this change occurs.

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**Project Resolution: Acceptance of FY2011 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant**

Senior Civil Engineer Stan Aiken stated this grant includes the repaving of five streets: Beverly Road, Fair Street, Island Drive, Lanier Avenue and Wessell Road. The grant (\$169,323) covers material cost only and some stripping. The required local match (\$385,000) was included in the General Government Capital Project Fund. The resolution authorized the execution of the appropriate documents.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Hamrick, Mr. Aiken indicated staff hoped to have two other paving options this season. He also discussed the timeline for this project and indicated another project would begin in late summer.

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:**

**Ordinance: Amendment to Title 10 Schedule of Fees**

**Appropriation Resolution: Public Utilities Department Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan**

Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall stated the March work shop presented issues/concerns of the Utilities Department. After having reviewed the information more carefully and after considering comments from the work shop, he proposed the water rate increase by 4% and the sewer rate increase by 4.25% to support the budget that was presented including \$102,269,000 for capital improvements.

In regards to Cedar Creek, Mr. Randall was hopeful for a positive ruling on the Tri-State water issue. The attorney's think the decision could come any day.

There was a brief discussion about the account servicing fee which decreased for County residents.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Dunagan, Mr. Randall stated he would forward an email to advise when the next differential study would occur.

Placed the ordinance and resolution on the June 21, 2011 Council Meeting Agenda

**CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:**

**Low Income Housing Tax Credit Application**

Special Projects Manager Jessica Dempsey Tullar introduced Phillip Searles, President of the Beverly J Searles Foundation. She also provided a summary of the proposed project and the concept plan.

Mr. Searles stated the project was designed to provide housing for seniors. They have identified a parcel of property at the corner of Myrtle and Barnes Street. He shared pictures of what has been done in the past. He stated efforts were made to educate the community, to gain support and to address concerns about multi-family housing. Today, he was hoping to obtain a letter from the Council acknowledging awareness and granting support of the project. Mr. Searles commented on the idea of rehabilitating an existing park in the area outside the city coffers. He explained how the tax credit program works noting they would be used to provide equity toward the property. The property will be maintained as affordable property for a 15 year period. An application was due June 23<sup>rd</sup>. He hoped to receive notice in August of an award. Assuming all was in order, construction would begin in 2012. Rent would start at \$565 and go as high as \$970. (The rent includes basic utilities.) There was discussion about the buffer area.

City Manager Kip Padgett stated the property is already zoned Residential-II and the City has supported other projects in the same manner.

Upon inquiry from Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard, it was noted there was no way to offer one story units. It was also noted that there were specific development standards that must be met to receive the tax credits.

Mrs. Tullar presented a draft letter of support identifying the project as described and presented ideas for how it can be as compatible with the neighborhood as feasible. The Fair Street Neighborhood Planning Unit information would be attached to the letter.

There was consensus among Council to provide the requested letter of support.  
Mrs. Tullar would be responsible for preparing the document.

### **CITY CLERK ISSUES:**

#### **2011 Municipal Election Calendar**

City Clerk Denise Jordan discussed a draft version of the election calendar indicating the dates were important to candidates and noting there are many other tasks associated with the election process that are not shown on the candidates calendar. One item needing direction was the qualifying period. State law requires at least three consecutive days for qualifying which should begin no later than August 29<sup>th</sup> and could end no later than September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Traditionally, Council has preferred a three day qualifying period. Mrs. Jordan recommended establishing the qualifying period to be August 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> noting the three day period had worked well in the past.

Consensus among Council to establish a three day qualifying period

#### **Election Training**

City Clerk Denise Jordan shared information from a recent training opportunity. The following subjects were briefly discussed indicating a written report was forthcoming with more details: changes to the Election Code, the State Election Board, the Ethics Commission and redistricting.

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RECONVENE: 10:18 AM

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

City Manager Kip Padgett requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation matters.

**Motion to close the Work Session at 10:18 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation matters.**

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick  
Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

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**Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:56 AM to continue the Work Session.**

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick  
Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras  
**Council Members voting in favor of the motion were Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick and Figueras. Mayor Bruner was absent.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Immigration Law**

Council Member Figueras reported receiving questions about how this affects government.

**Vision 2030**

City Manager Kip Padgett provided an update on the recent Vision 2030 trip to North Carolina.

**Olympic Venue**

Council Member Dunagan suggested that Mayor Bruner and Council Member Hamrick work with Parks & Recreation Director Melvin Cooper to discuss taking responsibility of the Olympic Venue site with the County.

City Manager Kip Padgett stated the City could annex the property. He suggested that the County take responsibility for the Allen Creek Soccer Complex and that the City take responsibility for the Olympic Venue Site.

**Prison Crews**

City Manager Kip Padgett commented on the impact of the County's budget cuts as it pertains to assistance from prison crews noting this directly impacted Parks and Recreation and the Golf Course.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:21 AM

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