

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

RETIREMENT PLAN A ISSUES:

Business Resolution: Retirement Plan A Document Revision Amending Section 6.01

Retirement Plan A Board Chairman Tim Collins commented on the proposed revision which relates to IRS requirements. Approximately five years ago, the Board's Attorney recommended moving forward with obtaining an IRS Determination Letter to avoid future penalties and fees. The most recent review prompted a small change to the Plan Document which doesn't change the current practice. In essence, the change documents the action of the city. Another amendment will be required next year. Mr. Collins stated the Plan has a favorable IRS Determination Letter at this point in time.

Placed on the July 5th Council Meeting Consent Agenda

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES:

Project Resolution: Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application 2011

Major Gerald Couch requested approval to submit a grant application that had no required cash match. If approved, the Police Department would be eligible for \$15,504 that would be used to purchase unbudgeted equipment.

Council Member Wangemann confirmed there were no strings attached that would obligate the city in the future.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:

Round-up Program

Finance and Administrative Division Manager Tina Wetherford stated Project SHARE was ready to implement. There had been discussion with the Salvation Army about administering the funds. This program will replace what is done at the Community Service Center. She commented on promoting the program. It was clarified that this program only addresses water/sewer related matters.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Figueras, Ms. Wetherford stated providing the service through the Community Service Center required additional staff to complete the work and subsequently increased the cost.

Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall stated the program will be implemented as an opt-in which is anticipated to generate 10% participation. Once the program is implemented, new customers will make an election when they apply for service. He stated Council could change the parameters of the services if the program is very successful.

Tri-State Water Ruling

Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall commented on the ruling indicating it was much better than anyone anticipated. He felt it addressed all of the details and the three judges were in complete agreement with the ruling. Mr. Randall closed by stating Gainesville has been involved in this litigation since 2001 and Council had been very supportive throughout the process.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:

Public Hearing items for the July 5, 2011 Council Meeting

Director of Community Development Rusty Ligon briefly described the following applications:

Jamie Collins

Rezone 1.419± acres at 1452, 1464 and 1472 Thompson Bridge Road NE

Two individuals spoke in opposition during the Planning and Appeals Board hearing. The Board voted to approve the application with four conditions.

One Eleven LLC

Special Use on 0.27± acres at 996 Thompson Bridge Road NE

The Planning and Appeals Board voted to approve with three conditions.

RaceTrac

Director of Community Development Rusty Ligon revealed a new prototype for RaceTrac noting it would be used on the Howard Road development.

CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:

Special Downtown Development Task Force

City Manager Kip Padgett distributed a report from the Georgia Municipal Association providing recommendations from the Downtown Task Force.

COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Wangemann

Received a comment about vehicles with loud speakers that vibrate surrounding cars.

Council Member Dunagan

Commented on attendance at the Georgia Municipal Association's Conference.

Mayor Bruner

1. Commented on attendance at the Georgia Municipal Association's Conference.
2. Suggested that the City host a Hometown Connection.

Council Member Hamrick

1. Reported dilapidated houses on Parks Street that needed attention from Code Enforcement.
2. Inquired about the sidewalk project.
3. Received information regarding a meeting with the Corp of Engineers about Holly Park. He wondered if it would be helpful to request assistance from the congressional legislative delegation.

Council Member Figueras

1. Reported she was hearing a lot of quality of life issues.
2. Invited everyone to attend the Childhood Obesity Meeting on July 25 at the Fair Street Neighborhood Center.
3. Provided an update regarding Georgia Municipal Association Board of Directors Meeting indicating Council Member Dunagan was elected to the District 2 Board of Directors as Third Vice President. She was reinstated as an at large board of directors meeting.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

City Clerk Denise Jordan provide a report regarding attendance at the Georgia Municipal Association Conference noting valuable information was obtained regarding records management, elections and transparency.

RECESS: 10:18 AM
RECONVENE: 10:21 AM

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

City Attorney Palmour requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session at 10:21 AM to discuss personnel, litigation and real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann
Council Members Bruner, Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick and Figueras voted in favor of the motion.

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Motion to close the Executive Session to continue the Work Session at 11:07 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann
Council Members Bruner, Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick and Figueras voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The City Clerk was directed to place the following items on the July 5, 2011 Council Meeting Agenda:

1. Appointments for the Main Street Gainesville Advisory Board
2. Appointments for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Community Advisory Committee
3. A resolution to authorize the execution of a Deed Under Power of Sale relating to property owned by Viola Damon

ADJOURNMENT: 11:09 AM

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