

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

Mayor Bruner called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTION:

Communications and Tourism Director Catiel Felts introduced Vicki Wineland as the new Tourism Manager. Ms. Wineland shared a few details about herself and her ideas for promoting Gainesville.

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ISSUE:

Business Resolution: Gainesville-Hall County Development Authority Issuance of Revenue Bonds for the Benefit of IMS Gear Georgia, Inc.

Attorney Tread Syfan stated the Development Authority was proposing revenue bonds to expand the IMS Gear Georgia, Inc. production facility. They will be receiving new equipment to provide supplies for other industries. The Authority approved the issuance of \$5 million in industrial development bonds. This was the first phase of a three year project. They were projecting 70 to 80 new jobs. The proposed resolution was required by the Internal Revenue Code to show the City's approval of the project. There was no obligation to the City.

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GEORGIA MOUNTAINS CENTER ISSUES:

Appropriation Resolution: Georgia Mountains Center Mezzanine Repairs

Georgia Mountains Center Director Carol Moore requested to use \$22,000 from fund balance for mezzanine repairs noting the seating had surpassed its life expectancy and was at the point of creating safety concerns. The work will replace missing parts to allow the seats to roll in and out as they should. Mrs. Moore stated replacement should be considered if the Center continues in its current capacity.

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New Georgia Mountains Center Sign

Georgia Mountains Center Director Carol Moore stated the new sign was up and indicated there were two other trees that may need to be removed.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:

Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe reported financial statements will be posted on the website beginning with the July 2011 report. These reports will be modified in the following months to create a report that is more useful to the reader.

COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Figueras

1. Commented on the North Georgia Stand Down 2011 event scheduled for September 24th at DiVinci Academy noting Council was invited to drop in.
2. Responded to a recent article in *The Times* by presenting proof that her March 31st Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report was delivered on April 6th (before the April 7th deadline). She felt the article was defamation of character because she had explained the situation yet the article indicated she was a non-filer that would be fined. She thought the article could have waited until she returned from an emergency trip to provide accurate reporting. She expressed her intentions of discussing this situation with the Georgia Municipal Association and the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission (formerly the Ethics Commission). Mayor Bruner and Council Member Dunagan commented on individuals that have not received their Personal Identification Numbers (PIN). Council Member Hamrick emphasized the importance of keeping a copy of each report that is filed.
3. Invited everyone to attend the Childhood Obesity Meeting on July 25th at 5:00 PM at the Fair Street Neighborhood Center.

Council Member Hamrick

Commented on an increase in the issuance of permits.

Council Member Dunagan

Commented on the recent Housing Authority Meeting yesterday, specifically mentioning a lady in Atlanta Street housing that had written a book about her experiences in an abusive situation with four children. He suggested that she be recognized at a future Council Meeting.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Requested clarification about the date, time and location of the Joint Municipal Association Meeting.
2. Reported a concern about Spring Valley Apartments indicating one of the tenants is having problems with the landlord. It was noted that the Council does not have oversight of landlords.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Training in Gainesville

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported GMA would be holding a training session at the Georgia Mountains Center in September. Council was excited about the opportunity to host.

Redistricting

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported the results of a poll to schedule a Redistricting Meeting indicated July 20th was the best option for the Council. The meeting would begin at 9:00 AM and would be held in the Municipal Court Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Bruner requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Council Member Dunagan asked to discuss real estate matters.

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:33 AM to discuss litigation and real estate matters in Executive Session.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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 at 9:48 AM to continue the Work Session.

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:

Council Member Figueras apologized for expressing her opinion about an article earlier in the meeting. She stated she will ask the City Manager to attend a meeting at *The Times* to address this further. There was discussion about documents on the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission (formerly the Ethics Commission) website. City Clerk Denise Jordan indicated all issues related to the change in filing disclosure reports will be submitted to Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) with a request that they serve as the liaison for municipalities.

One Community (Second Saturday) Meeting

Council Member Figueras gave a report about discussion of the County's budget situation.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:58 AM

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