

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order.

Council Member Wangemann delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Kathy Amos – Former Historic Preservation Commission Member

Mayor Dunagan read the language on a plaque that was presented by Jessica Tullar. Council extended words of appreciation. Ms. Amos extended thanks for the opportunity to preserve the community.

PROCLAMATION:

American Red Cross

Mayor Dunagan read the proclamation declaring March 2012 to be American Red Cross Month. The proclamation was presented to Michael Brown, NEGA Chapter of the Red Cross. Gail Buesnel, John Brandon and Taylor Wallace, of the NEGA Chapter of the Red Cross, were in attendance. Council extended words of appreciation.

CITIZEN'S ISSUES:

Council Member Wangemann recognized two participants in the Citizen Government Academy who were in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Alcoholic Beverage License Applications:

- A. Racetrac #232, 1450 McEver Road
New application for package sale of beer and wine
- B. Saad's Express #22, 898 W. Ridge Road
New application for package sale of beer

Motion to approve the applications as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner
Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras
Vote – 5 favor

ANNEXATION / ZONING:

**Second Reading: Ordinance No. 2012-07
Rezone 0.61± Acres at 424 Boulevard NE**

Motion to hold second reading on Ordinance 2012-07, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING ON A 0.61± ACRE TRACT LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF BOULEVARD, NORTH OF ITS INTERSECTION WITH PARK STREET (A/K/A **424 BOULEVARD NE) FROM RESIDENTIAL-II (R-II) TO RESIDENTIAL AND OFFICE, WITH CONDITIONS (R-O-c); REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Motion made by Council Member Figueras
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann
Vote – 4 favor, 1 oppose (Hamrick)

REPORT:

Community Development, Planning Division

Action taken by the Gainesville Planning and Appeals Board on March 13, 2012 and new items to be referred to the Planning and Appeals Board.

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon stated there was one item to be referred to the April 3rd Council Meeting consisting of an annexation request. He indicated the application to be referred to the April 10th Planning and Appeals Board meeting had been withdrawn. They are expecting several applications in the upcoming weeks.

This report contains **(A)** action taken by the Planning and Appeals Board during their public hearing held on **March 13, 2012**, and **(B)** all new items, including variance requests, received by Planning Division staff to be referred by City Council to the Planning and Appeals Board for consideration during the public hearing to be held on **April 10, 2012**:

A. Planning and Appeals Board Actions for 03/13/12:

- 1) **Accepted withdrawal** of the request from **The Norton Agency Insurance, LLC** to vary the minimum driveway width standards and the maximum number of parking spaces allowed on a 0.61± acre tract located on the east side of Boulevard, north of its intersection with Park Street (a/k/a **424 Boulevard NE**), having a zoning classification of Residential-II (R-II).
Ward Number: Two
Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-038-003-011
Request: Professional office
- 2) **Denied** the request from **America's Home Place, Inc.** to vary the stream protection buffer requirement on a 22.0± acres property located on the east side of Dawsonville Highway across from Beechwood Boulevard, south of its intersection with Ahaluna Drive (a/k/a **0 Dawsonville Highway, 1232 Ahaluna Drive, 1162 Lakeshore Circle**), having a zoning classification of Residential-I (R-I) and Office and Institutional (O-I).
Ward Number: Five
Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-114-001-002A; 01-115-001-007B and 055
Request: Future shopping center

- 3) **Recommended approval** of the request from the **Gainesville Truck Center, Inc.** to annex a 14.03± acres tract located on the north side of Industrial Drive at its terminus (a/k/a **0 and 2145 Athens Highway**) and to establish zoning as Light Industrial (L-I).
Ward: Three
Tax Parcel Number(s): 15-022D-000-005, 006 and 008
Request: Sewer for the existing truck center

B. New items to be referred to the Planning and Appeals Board for 04/10/12:

- 1) Request from **America's Home Place** to rezone a 33.32± acres tract located on the east side of Dawsonville Highway across from Beechwood Boulevard, having road frontage on the south side of Ahaluna Drive (a/k/a **0, 1122, 1138, 1162 and 1198 Dawsonville Highway, 1232 Ahaluna Drive, 1162 Lakeshore Circle**) from Residential-I (R-I), Residential-II (R-II), Office and Institutional (O-I) and General Business (G-B) to Regional Business (R-B) with a Special Use.
Ward Number: Five
Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-114-001-002A; 01-115-001-003A, 004, 005, 006, 007B and 055
Request: Future shopping center with an automotive tire and service store

Motion to accept the report as presented.

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

CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:

Fare Increases for Hall Area Transit

City Manager Kip Padgett stated Community Service Center Director Phillipa Lewis Moss attended the Hall County Board of Commission work session earlier today at which time they discussed the Community Service Center, Hall Area Transit and a possible fare increase. Council approval was required for Ms. Moss to schedule public hearings regarding the fare increase in accordance with FTA guidelines.

Motion to authorize Community Service Center Director Phillipa Lewis Moss to proceed with public meetings regarding fare increases for Hall Area Transit.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann
Vote – 5 favor

Executive Session

City Manager Padgett requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Parks and Recreation Intern

Parks and Recreation Department Director Melvin Cooper introduced Kacy Cargile, intern with the Parks and Recreation Department. She is also a student at the University of Georgia and the granddaughter of Council Member Hamrick.

OTHER ISSUES:

Council Member Figueras encouraged people to look at the positive side of life. She commented on several events that occurred during this week which included the following:

- The First Lady of Georgia, Sandra Deal, visited the Community Service Center to take a look at the Meals on Wheels program and visited with the seniors.
- The Girl Scout's 2012 Woman of Distinction recognition of Rosemary Dodd. The event was held at the First Methodist Church.
- The Grady Young Foundation Annual event and Robert Cantrell and Friends presented a concert (Opera). These two families returned to Gainesville this past weekend to show their support of the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Council Meeting and to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate at 5:55 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Hamrick

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

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STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Palmour, Jordan

Motion to close the Executive Session and adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:29 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

ADJOURNMENT: 6:29 PM

DJ/ag

C. Danny Dunagan, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk