

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 4:16 PM.

PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:

Project Resolution: FY2013 Water Service Connections

Engineer and Customer Service Manager Myron Bennett commented on estimated water meter sales during fiscal year 2013. The proposed resolution provided funding to purchase the materials, water meter boxes, copper, etc. to complete the installation. It authorized the expenditure of \$265,500 from the Capital Projects Fund and authorized the necessary documents to be executed.

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Project Resolution: Purchase of Truck Mounted Asphalt Patcher

Distribution and Collections System Manager Joey Leverette stated the proposed resolution addressed a capital improvement item. Bids were received on August 16th. The resolution approved the purchase of a new 2012 PB Loader Asphalt Patcher mounted on a F-750 chassis. The total purchase cost was \$129,089.50.

Mayor Dunagan confirmed this equipment could be used by Public Works.

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PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES:

Update: Transportation Projects

Assistant Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky commented on the transportation plan that is being prepared by the Metropolitan Planning Organization noting the purpose was to evaluate the transportation system to determine needs for the next 15 to 20 years. The goal is to improve the thoroughfares of the city. He commented on the consultant's responsibilities indicating an independent citizens committee would provide assistance with providing information to the public. It was anticipated that the committee would be comprised of ten individuals scheduled to meet three times in each year prior to the Policy Committee Meeting.

Mayor Dunagan stated the city currently doesn't have any transportation plans. He hoped to have a plan ready for implementation should funding become available in the future.

Mr. Rotalsky commented on traffic improvements and used a map of the city to share areas that were being addressed. Improvements in the following areas were discussed: Howard Road/Race Track intersection; permanent removal of the traffic signal at Atlanta Highway/Jesse Jewell/Browns Bridge Road; Queen City Parkway and West Ridge Road signal modification; Lakeview/Parkhill Drive; street paving for Fiscal Year 2012, i.e., state vs. in-house paving and full depth reclamations; sidewalk repairs; and stormwater projects.

Project Resolution: Lee Gilmer Airport Terminal Area Improvements Construction Authorization

Airport Manager Terry Palmer stated the proposed resolution authorized improvements at the terminal area of the airport, specifically mentioning milling and paving within specific areas. The project will use federal, state and local funds. The resolution established a project budget of \$480,000 and authorized the execution of the necessary documents. It was noted that this project had been on the waiting list for at least three years.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager Padgett requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate matters.

Motion to close the meeting to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate matters at 4:52 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick, Figueras

Absent: Bruner

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Motion to close the meeting to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate matters at 5:58 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick, Figueras

Absent: Bruner

OTHER BUSINESS:

Proposed Gainesville Convention Center

Mayor Dunagan commented on a meeting about the possibility of building a Convention Center to connect with (or in the area of) the hotel and pedestrian bridge revealing a grant opportunity through the State. A feasibility study would cost approximately \$30,000. If awarded, the city and the State would share cost. The Redevelopment Authority is willing to provide assistance.

City Manager Padgett felt it was a good idea to move forward with the study to gain valuable information that could be used in the future.

Brenau

Upon inquiry from Council Member Hamrick, City Manager Padgett stated there was ongoing communication with Brenau, approximately every two weeks. Staff is expecting a confirmation letter in October.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:17 PM

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