

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER ISSUES:

Report: 2012 Annual Community Trust Fund Campaign

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss stated the campaign was completed and employees donated \$52,420. This was the sixth consecutive year receiving an increase in the total contributions. Representatives from the departments were in attendance to receive recognition.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:

Appropriation Resolution: Regarding Fourth Quarter Budget Adjustment for FY2012

Budget and Purchasing Manager Matt Hamby reviewed the adjustments occurring during the fourth quarter.

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Upon inquiry from Council Member Figueras, City Manager Padgett stated the monies from the Community Service Center could not be reallocated because the grants were program specific.

Ordinance: Amend Chapter 6-4 Entitled Alcoholic Beverages

City Marshal Debbie Jones stated the proposed ordinance was a housekeeping matter to prepare for Brenau's lease of the Georgia Mountains Center.

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COMMUNICATIONS & TOURISM ISSUES:

Community Resolution: Jingle Mingle

City Manager Kip Padgett stated this was the annual resolution to allow alcohol consumption within certain parameters of the downtown area for the Jingle Mingle Event.

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PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES:

Project Resolution: GDOT 2013 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)

Civil Engineer Stan Aiken stated the LMIG Grant would include portions of the following streets: Burns Place, Forrest Lane, Glenwood Avenue, Glenwood Drive, Holly Drive, Holly Lane, Monroe Drive and Piedmont Road. The departmental budget included the required 30% match. It was noted that the match had increased because T-SPLOST failed.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Hamrick, Mr. Aiken stated paving was the only improvement planned for Holly Drive and indicated he would revisit the area.

Mayor Dunagan asked that Hillside Drive be revisited also.

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Project Resolution: Adding Montrose Drive Storm Drain Repairs into Year 23 Sanitary Sewer Repairs Contract II

Civil Engineer Stan Aiken submitted a revised resolution to replace the information in the agenda package. It authorized the addition of work to an existing contract for storm drain repairs in an amount not to exceed \$91,848.35. The project will require closing Montrose Drive for an extended period of time (60 days or less) with access from other locations. He stated the street is being monitored on a daily basis.

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Council Member Figueras asked about lights on Washington Street.

Council Member Wangemann asked about bumps on Athens Street before and after crossing the bridge. The street was noted as a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) right-of-way. GDOT had been contacted and agreed to address the problem.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:

Project Resolution: Amendment to the 2010 Annual Action Plan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Housing Program Manager Chris Davis requested to amend the 2010 CDBG Action Plan noting HUD provides flexibility to make changes to the plan after adoption. The amendment would allow funding that is still available to be utilized for sidewalk repair and to enhance code enforcement. A thirty day public comment period did not yield any comments.

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Public Hearing items for the November 6, 2012 Council Meeting

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon reviewed two applications.

Grelove, LLC

Annex 2.636± acres at 1800 Athens Highway

Departmental comments were reviewed. There were no public comments. The Planning and Appeals Board voted to approve the request with two conditions.

Council Member Figueras inquired about the proximity of the old landfill to this site and asked if the applicant was aware of it.

Council Member Hamrick asked if there would be any grading.

Harold Westbrook

Abandon 0.115+ acres of an unopened cul-de-sac portion of Longstreet Circle

It was noted that the school system had no interest in the right-of-way section on their side of the property. The applicant intends to plant some trees.

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Council Member Wangemann commented on retail locations that are vacant and on the Interactive Neighborhood for Kids (INK) expansion project. He asked staff to share any other potential sites that would accommodate INK.

Project Resolution: Ratification of Submittal of an Application for Historical Marker

City Manager Kip Padgett reported the desire to memorialize the Cooper Pants Factory by placing a Georgia historical marker on the site where the factory once stood. Staff needed to apply for the grant today. He requested permission to proceed noting adoption of the resolution would ratify the action.

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PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES:

Ordinance: Pawn Shop

Police Chief Brian Kelly distributed a copy of the proposed ordinance indicating he had worked with the City Marshal and several officers to prepare the document. This ordinance would enable the department to electronically search for stolen merchandise in addition to conducting traditional investigative procedures.

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CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:

City Manager Padgett stated the Charter Fee and Franchise Audit would be conducted soon. He also reported Suwanee's policy for special events had been placed in Council mailboxes.

COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Figueras

1. Reported the Georgia Municipal Association's Mayor's Day registration information was available.
2. Congratulated Council Member Bruner for being appointed to the Georgia Municipal Association Policy Committee.
3. Provided a brief summary of the Elachee Meeting.
4. Asked about conversations with the County regarding the Olympic Venue to confirm these were new conversations.

Council Member Hamrick

1. Stated the Sales Tax Collections information appeared to be good but we're not meeting the budget projections.

2. Inquired about the Police Department's reaccreditation assessment process as to whether there was anything the Council should do to assist with this process. The City Manager stated it would be helpful for Council to attend the meeting to make a public comment.
3. Asked if the City was proceeding with the annexation of gateway unincorporated islands.
4. Received a copy of a letter from HUD regarding the Housing Authority. The Mayor indicated he had contacted the Chairman of the Board.
5. Confirmed reading an email stating Brenau will assume the obligations under the lease agreement for the Georgia Mountains Center. He commented on the change in plans for construction in the arena indicating they would preclude the ability to have employee events and other activities in the arena that had been held there in the past. The City Manager stated this was discussed in a previous meeting and there was no opposition to the plans at that time.
6. Commented on the request for a mini-academy for Crestwinds residents. The City Manager stated staff was working on this noting it had gone slower than anticipated to prepare for other communities that may ask for a mini-academy.
7. Asked that the Salvation Army be allowed to attend a future Council Meeting to discuss Kettle Days. Council concurred and asked the City Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Requested a list of volunteer projects for the community to address that would reduce expenditures.
2. Announced a yard sale/recycling event would be held at the Gym of '36 on November 3rd.

Mayor Dunagan

Commented on Hometown Connection discussions with Representatives Miller and Rogers after which the City Manager stated it was recommended to focus on representatives that cover all of Gainesville. Council Member Hamrick expressed a desire to give the other representatives a copy of the information that released.

LOST Revenues

Upon inquiry from City Manager Kip Padgett, Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe stated this information was being monitored closely and agreed the election had impact collections.

RECESS: 10:21 AM
RECONVENE: 10:26 AM

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters at 10:26 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner
Motion seconded by Council Member Hamrick

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session and continue the meeting at 11:28 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Partial Tax Payments

Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe reported the City Attorney felt the City's practice for allowing partial tax payments could continue with a policy approved by the Council which applied interest and penalties the same as any other taxpayer. No other cities were found to have a partial payment policy.

Council concurred with the report noting anyone needing payments for delinquent taxes should make arrangements for payment to be fully paid before the next tax billing and confirming monthly interest charges would be applied.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 11:35 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

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STAFF PRESENT: Padgett

Motion to close the Executive Session and adjourn the meeting at 12:27 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

ADJOURNMENT: 12:27 PM

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