

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order noting the Executive Session would occur later in the meeting because the scheduled attendees had not arrived yet.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:**

**Business Resolution: Declaration of Surplus Property**

Financial Services Manager Beverly Williams presented the resolution indicating it declared a list of property to be surplus and allowed those items to be sold through GovDeals, an online auction company recommended by the Georgia Municipal Association.

Council Member Hamrick inquired about the computer system and the equipment from the GMC.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER:**

**Project Resolution: Request to apply for FY14 VITA Grant**

Community Service Center Deputy Director Karina Costantini requested approval to apply for a \$20,000 grant from the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). The grant would allow the purchase of supplies and hire seasonal employees to coordinate the VITA sites. The in-kind match would be satisfied by volunteer hours.

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:**

**Project Resolution: Riverside Drive Water Treatment Plant / Pump Station 26 Concrete Evaluation**

Construction and Project Management Chief Jarrett Nash commented on efforts to address repairs at the 50+ year old facility. The resolution authorized Wiedemen and Singleton, Inc. and staff to proceed with the evaluation and engineering report as defined in the scope of services for the project. It also authorized the expenditure of \$25,000 from the Public Utilities Capital Projects Fund.

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**Ordinance: Amendment to Title 10 Schedule of Fees**

**Appropriation Resolution: Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)**

Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall called attention to the CIP information and the totals for water and wastewater projects. In regards to the ordinance, he discussed the letter from Jacobs Engineering Group which had been modified since the workshop to address comments provided at that time. He also commented on the ordinance. In summary, the proposed ordinance

reduced the sanitary sewer rate increase from 2.5% to 1.75% and increased the Account Servicing Fee (ASF) from 4% to 6.25%. Mr. Randall reviewed the rates as shown in Section 10-1-41 and stated the changes will help everyone receiving services from the Public Utilities Department.

Mr. Randall also commented on the fire hydrant meter rental fees noting the rates reflect the next increment of the increase. The rate will continue to increase on an annual basis until the fair and equitable rate is reached.

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### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:**

#### **Business Resolution: Adoption of the Annual Update to the Capital Improvement Element (CIE) & Short Term Work Program**

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar reported a draft was approved for submission to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in March. DCA completed the review and there were no comments. A public hearing is required before adopting the resolution to allow the final document to be transmitted.

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#### **Land Banks**

Council Member Wangemann commented on media reports about land banks in Griffin. He wanted to make sure Gainesville doesn't have the same problem if this moves forward.

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar stated Griffin started their program before the new statute was adopted and did not have some of the financial options that are now available.

#### **Public Hearing items for the June 4, 2013 Council Meeting**

Planning Manager Matt Tate stated there were four code amendment requests which were amendments to tables, changes to the way banners can be displayed and clarification of the publication requirements for zoning/rezoning property.

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#### **Business Resolution: Adoption of the West Gainesville-Hall County Opportunity Zone**

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon introduced Jonathan Gelber who provided an overview regarding opportunity zones. A PowerPoint presentation was used to supplement the conversation. The following information was noted:

- This was a joint effort between the City of Gainesville and Hall County.
- This was a two-step process, i.e., (1) establish urban redevelopment plan and (2) apply for one or more opportunity zones with specific tasks for each step
- The Gateways Urban Redevelopment Plan was approved in 2012
- The next steps require a resolution to support the opportunity zone and submission to DCA for review and approval.

It was noted that the City will approve properties within the city limits and Hall County will approve properties in the unincorporated areas.

Tim Evans, Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Economic Development, commented on the benefits of this program

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### **Street Name Change**

Council Member Hamrick reported a citizen's request to change the name of Kid's Way. The business has closed and the residents want the road name changed back to its previous name. They have submitted a petition for the name change but have not paid the fee. Mr. Hamrick asked if the fee could be waived.

### **CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:**

#### **Ordinance: FY2014 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the Gainesville Board of Education**

City Manager Kip Padgett stated the Board of Education will meet on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. If they pass their budget as submitted, the draft ordinance will be as shown in the agenda package.

#### **Downtown Fellowship Program**

City Manager Padgett stated the Community Development Department and the Main Street Program are working on this project with assistance from the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA).

#### **CDBG Grant Allocation**

City Manager Padgett stated the Housing Program Manager received preliminary notification that the CDBG allocation will increase by about \$35,000.

### **COUNCIL ISSUES:**

#### **Council Member Figueras**

1. Indicated the topic of discussion for the June 8<sup>th</sup> Second Saturday Meeting was the November 5<sup>th</sup> General Election.
2. Commented on the Help Court Meetings, the Chamber Gala and the Economic Development Council (EDC) Meeting.
3. Announced a community cleanup and the Housing Summit would occur on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Council Member Bruner**

1. Provided a brief overview of the Georgia Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee Meeting.
2. Attended the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for Belk's.

#### **Council Member Wangemann**

1. Expressed appreciation for the street repairs on Washington Street.
2. Reported a youth group (approximately 200 youth) would be working throughout the City on July 12<sup>th</sup> to complete service projects at seven locations.
3. Announced he has delivered 8,700 invitations to attend the Council Meeting thus far.

**Council Member Hamrick**

Noticed the person completing the downtown study will be looking at the sidewalk width. He expressed concerns about increasing the width unless they restrict parking on Bradford Street.

**Mayor Dunagan**

Expressed his opinion that the Memorial Day Parade was an outstanding event. A lot of people were involved and made the event a success.

**RECESS: 10:34 AM**  
**RECONVENE: 10:42 AM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session to address litigation and real estate matters at 10:42 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 to adjourn the meeting at 12:43 PM.**

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

**ADJOURNMENT: 12:43 PM**

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