

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:

Project Resolution: Bogus Road / Wellspring Trail Water Main Extension Request

Permitting Services Manager Nick Swafford presented the proposed resolution noting the request was for a water main extension. They were approached by the property owners to connect onto the City's system. This would include 2,900 feet of water line. The City agreed to participate in 50% of the cost.

Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall stated the City has committed to providing service throughout the County. The ultimate goal is to provide lines throughout. It makes good financial sense for the Public Utilities Department to be included in the cost.

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Project Resolution: Riverside Drive Water Treatment Plant Chemical System Improvements Conceptual Design and Community Outreach Services

Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall stated this resolution was discussed several weeks ago. The proposed resolution was a request to proceed with the design of a new chemical system at the Riverside Drive Treatment Plant. He commented on the current condition of the Riverside Treatment Plant and its system. There was a desire to build a new chemical building on the Crepe Myrtle site. The project also included providing community outreach services. He commented on the public's participation noting meetings would be coordinated with the community before proceeding. The project would consist of two phases. Engineering and public outreach costs were \$119,000 with an additional \$16,000 for contingencies. The total estimated cost was \$8 million. They were requesting authorization to proceed.

Upon inquiry from Mayor Dunagan, Mr. Randall indicated the timeframe schedule was as follows:

- 8 weeks – Initiation, Conceptual Design, and First Community Meeting
- 4 weeks – Revised Conceptual Layouts and Second Community Meeting

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COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER ISSUES:

Project Resolution: Authorization to Apply for and Accept FY14 Legacy Link Grant for \$466,345

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss presented the proposed resolution indicating it was for an annual grant in the amount of \$466,345. The amount was slightly more than last year's. The grant provided for several services. This application was standard and consistent with previous years. She anticipated there would be an impact on the funds due to sequestration. However, staff would remain cautious with spending.

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PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES:

Business Resolution: Assignment of a Portion of Lot A-5 and A-6 Airport Industrial Park
Airport Manager Terry Palmer stated the proposed resolution was a request for a sublease agreement concerning a portion of the lots in the Airport Industrial Park. The current subleases would expire in August 2013. They were asking for a stand-alone sublease for an additional five years. The contract was reviewed by staff and the City Attorney. He requested authorization execution of the documents.

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Paving at Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport

Council Member Hamrick commented on the paving work that had been done. Staff indicated it was a result of the lucrative grant that was received from the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) to provide permanent terminal paving.

Transportation Study

Council Member Figueras commended the Public Works staff on their good work with the transportation study.

CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:

Transportation Plan Community Meeting

City Manager Kip Padgett reminded Council of the scheduled Transportation Plan Community meeting today at 5:30 PM at the Gainesville Civic Center.

Planning and Appeals Board Called Meeting

City Manager Kip Padgett reported there would be a special called meeting of the Planning and Appeals Board on at the Public Safety Complex on July 2nd at 9:00 AM.

Resolution: 2420 Browns Bridge Rd Sanitary Sewer Ext Request

Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall presented the proposed resolution. A property owner on Browns Bridge Road had expressed the desire to connect to the City's sewer system in exchange for annexation. Mr. Randall indicated the extension of sanitary sewer lines through the property would allow future service to adjacent properties. The cost estimate for the extension was approximately \$33,920.00. The owner agreed to provide all necessary easements and to pay necessary costs associated with connection. Other required funding sources would be paid from the Utilities Capital Project fund. Time was of the essence and staff was requesting authorization to move forward with the necessary work.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Figueras, it was confirmed this was not the same property that had previously requested an annexation.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Bruner, Mr. Randall confirmed this extension would provide the ability for others to hook up to the system in the near future.

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Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) Life Membership Award

City Manager Kip Padgett announced that Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall has achieved and will be awarded the GAWP Life Membership Award.

COUNCIL ISSUES:

Discussion: Emergency Interim Succession Plan

City Clerk Denise Jordan provided information about the previous Emergency Interim resolution noting Council Member Wangemann was appointed as Mayor Pro Tem during the Organizational Meeting and the Emergency Interim Succession Resolution was adopted during the same meeting. During last week's Council Meeting, Mr. Wangemann resigned as Mayor Pro Tem which requires these items to be revisited.

Mrs. Jordan reported on the next steps involved to fill the unexpired Mayor Pro Tem position and to update the Emergency Interim Successors plan. She requested Council's recommendation on the new Emergency Interim Succession plan.

There was consensus from the Council to appoint Robert L. Hamrick as the Mayor Pro Tem and to list the order of succession as follows: C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor; Robert L. Hamrick, Mayor Pro Tem; Myrtle W. Figueras, Council Member; Ruth H. Bruner, Council Member; and George Wangemann, Council Member.

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Council Member Figueras

1. Commented on an article about Gainesville, GA, that was featured in the Traveler's Magazine.
2. Commented on discussions she had with Shannon Cotton, Ninth District Opportunity, in regards to how their budget works.
3. Reported the topic of discussion at the upcoming Second Saturday Meeting was how to start/bring a business in/to Gainesville.
4. Announced a ceremony renaming would occur at the intersection of Athens Street and Athens Highway on July 9th at 11:00 AM. It would become the Beulah Oliver Rucker Intersection.
5. Reported she and Council Member Wangemann were scheduled to be at the Sam's Club on Saturday, June 29th at 10:00 AM to witness the Action Ministries' attempt to be placed in the Guinness World Record Book for making sandwiches.
6. Commented on the topic of discussion from the Community Foundation Annual Meeting.
7. Commented on the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Annual Conference and commended everyone for their contribution.

Council Member Bruner

1. Commented on the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Conference indicating she had committed Council to share information on Hometown Connections.
2. Commented on how well Bucky Johnson, Norcross Mayor, was doing with their parks and greenways. She suggested introducing Communications and Tourism Director Catiel Felts and staff to him for ideas.
3. Commented on Sister City relationship with LaGrange noting we were recently invited to visit their City this fall to learn and see what changes have taken place in their area. She suggested a Sister City visit.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Commented on the Community Housing Festival held last Saturday noting it was an outstanding event.
2. Reported on the cleanup efforts from last Saturday.
3. Provided a report from the Keep Hall Beautiful Meeting regarding the Spring Chicken Festival noting it grossed approximately \$18,000. He commended the Communications and Tourism staff for all their hard work.
4. Reported he had delivered 9,150 invitations to date in his personal invitation to Council Meetings efforts.
5. Received comments from citizens of the Cresswinds Subdivision about their eagerness to participate in a mini Citizen's Government Academy.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Appointment of Election Superintendents

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated there was a need to appoint two Election Superintendents and an Absentee Ballot Clerk in preparation of the upcoming election. She noted the previous appointments were Denise Jordan and Charlotte Sosebee.

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Business Resolution: Intergovernmental Agreement to Conduct Municipal Election

City Clerk Denise Jordan presented the proposed resolution to approve an intergovernmental agreement allowing the Hall County Elections Office to provide election services. She noted the agreement would address general and special elections as well as any run-offs. It had been reviewed by the City Attorney and his recommended changes were addressed. Upon Council's approval, the agreement would be forwarded to Hall County for the Commission for approval.

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Resolution: Qualifying Period for November 5, 2013 Municipal Election

City Clerk Denise Jordan presented the proposed resolution to set the qualifying period for the upcoming election to elect a Mayor and to fill the expiring terms for Wards 1 and 4 of the Gainesville City Council and Districts 1 and 4 of the Gainesville Board of Education. She shared the qualifying period information indicating the resolution was prepared to set a three-day qualifying period which was consistent to what had been done for past elections.

Council Member Wangemann proposed a five-day period as opposed to a three-day period.

Council Member Figueras did not see the need to change to a five-day qualifying period.

After discussion, there was consensus from Council to proceed with the three-day qualifying period.

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2013 Proposed Election Calendar

City Clerk Denise Jordan shared information about the proposed 2013 election calendar, specifically mentioning the dates pertaining to publishing notices and the qualifying period.

There was some discussion regarding reports due to the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission noting their due dates were not included on the calendar because Clerks have no responsibilities related to them until January 1, 2014.

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education for Election Services

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported she was drafting an intergovernmental agreement for the City of Gainesville to provide election services on behalf of the Board of Education. She stated she would meet with staff to be sure all was in order before moving forward with presenting the agreement.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:01 AM

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