

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Stormwater Update

Public Works Director David Dockery stated the recent rainfall had been tremendously more than usual and had increased the department's work load. There were twenty areas with isolated flooding and twenty trees had fallen. Street crews have been authorized to work on problem areas and some of those places will require further action. Some issues fell on state routes. Discussion was underway with the Department of Transportation to address them. Mr. Dockery asked that complaints be referred to the Public Works staff to investigate.

Assistant Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky stated the Lenox Drive issue was being addressed and expected to be resolved in approximately three weeks.

PRESENTATIONS:

Transportation Master Plan Update

Traffic Engineer Dee Taylor introduced the Pond Group (Michelle Alexander and Richard Fangman) and the Gainesville-Hall County Metropolitan Planning Organization, i.e., GHMPO, (James Baker and Shrikanth Yamala). A power point presentation was used to supplement discussions. Points of interest were noted as follows:

- Draft recommendations for Jesse Jewell Parkway
 - Turning lanes (short term)
 - New road connection (short term)
 - Major intersection improvement (short term)
 - Complete streetscape (short term)
 - High capacity intersection (long term)
- Draft recommendations for Enota Avenue
 - Three-lane road
 - Connectivity and new alignment to mitigate some Green Street traffic
- Draft recommendations for Green Street
 - Existing design with no left turns
 - Unbalanced lanes
 - Boulevard approach (long-term)
- Draft recommendations for Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
 - Four-lane divided road west of EE Butler
 - Two-lane road with center turn lane east of EE Butler to Downey Blvd
 - Extension of Industrial Boulevard to the east

- Northwest Quadrant Connector (long-term)
 - Connectivity between Thompson Bridge Road and Dawsonville Highway corridors
 - Reduce travel on Green Street and Jesse Jewell Parkway in the downtown area
- Draft recommendations for roadways were shown on an individual map with numbering as an identifier not a priority ranking.
- Draft recommendations for alternative travel modes, i.e., biking and walking
- Next steps
 - Meeting tonight at Civic Center
 - Policy Committee meeting on August 13th with GHMPO
 - Online survey through August 13th
 - Focus Group Meeting in late August

City Manager Kip Padgett stated everything will be packaged and sent to GHMPO for their consideration.

Council Member Figueras reemphasized all of the information was in the discussion stage.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application

- Citgo Food Mart, 2127 Athens Highway
- Texaco Food Mart, 1860 Atlanta Highway

Senior Finance Technician Tracie Morris reviewed the applications and indicated both were in order.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:

Project Resolution: FY2014 Water Main Extensions and Improvements-Design and Bidding Services

Civil Engineer Jason Perry reviewed the resolution indicating its purpose was to authorize staff to proceed with in-house design and bidding services. The resolution authorized a maximum expenditure of \$120,000 from the Public Utilities Capital Projects Fund and/or other funding sources as required.

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Council Member Hamrick felt sewer should be considered also. He recommended placing \$500,000 in the budget for sewer line extensions. He also recommended granting first priority to city residents requesting sewer service.

It was clarified that annexation would still be required. If the property was not contiguous, a power of attorney would be required.

PRESENTATION

Housing Update

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon and staff used a power point presentation to supplement the discussion. The areas addressed during the update were noted as follows:

- Code Enforcement
- CDBG & CHIP Projects
- Housing Inventory & Assessment
- February 22, 2013 Housing Summit (Agency to Agency)
- Housing Fair (Agency to Public)
- Land Bank Authority

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:

Public Hearing items for the August 6, 2013 Council Meeting

Planning Manager Matt Tate reviewed the following requests:

OK Lake Lanier, LLP

Annex 76.05 acres at 3121 Browns Bridge Road and 3110 Montgomery Drive

Public comments were received. He expected the applicant to request a change to condition four.

Robert Dimo

Annex 0.246 acres at 489 and 507 West Avenue, NW

This property was annexed with the island annexations. The applicant will ask to withdraw the application. Council will need to vote on the request.

Curtis McGill

Amend Planned Unit Development zoning on 3.422 acres at 1006 and 1012 Enota Avenue NE and 1271, 1285 and 1299 Yonah Avenue NE

The Planning and Appeals Board recommended approval with six conditions.

City of Gainesville

Rename 1.3174 acre right of way know as Kids Way to Gabriel Drive

Staff and the Planning and Appeals Board recommended approval. There were no public comments.

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Resolution: Acceptance of Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Grant Number B-13-MC-13-0012

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon presented a resolution to accept \$415,452 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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COUNCIL ISSUES:

Mayor Dunagan

1. Received comments from the Board of Education regarding the impact of island annexations. He also expressed concern about the impact on the Public Works and Public Safety Departments. He requested more time for staff to work on this, i.e., beyond December 31, 2013. Council Member Hamrick stated Carl Rogers is going to introduce legislation about island annexations. City Manager Kip Padgett clarified staff should still move forward and establish a meeting with school board to discuss their issues.
2. He commented on the speed table for Memorial Drive and indicated the road was in bad shape. He felt it would be counter-productive to add a speed table on a road that needs improvements and expressed a desire to delay installation until after the road was paved. There was some discussion among Council. City Manager Kip Padgett provided clarification about staff's presentation regarding this matter. Assistant City Manager Sheppard shared information about the process for addressing speed table requests. The Mayor suggested modifying the process to include an assessment of the street. There was consensus among Council to delay the speed table installation at Memorial Drive until the road is paved.

Council Member Figueras

1. Commended Commissioner Avery Niles for educating youth.
2. Thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to participate in the selection of the next School Superintendent.
3. Shared agenda topics for the August 10th Second Saturday Meeting.

Council Member Bruner

1. Attended the Board of Education's focus group session for the School Superintendent search.
2. Commented on an upcoming meeting for Olympic Venue Committee and requested that this committed be included in the 2014 Ex-Officio Appointments.

Council Member Hamrick

Reported receiving an email regarding increased deer population. City Manager Kip Padgett stated the City will need to be a facilitator to provide resources noting some residents want the deer on their property where others do not. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has limited their involvement.

CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:

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

Mayor Dunagan requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

RECESS: 11:24 AM
RECONVENE: 11:31 AM

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel matters at 11:31 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

Council Absent: Wangemann

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NOTE: David Dockery, Chris Rotalsky and Stan Aiken attended a portion of the Executive Session.

Motion to close the Executive Session and to continue the Work Session at 12:08 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Garbage Service at Cresswinds Subdivision

City Manager Kip Padgett stated, by ordinance, Cresswinds Subdivision should be receiving garbage service from the City. They don't want city service and currently are not receiving it. A good compromise was to require all new development within the subdivision to comply with the City ordinances.

Some Council Members expressed concern about not covering all of the Cresswinds properties. Staff was directed to research the matter and provide additional information.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:35 PM

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