

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

The Mayor position was vacated upon the resignation of Ward 1 Council Member Danny Dunagan. Per the Charter, the Mayor Pro Tem has the rights and privileges of the Mayor. Mayor Pro Tem Hamrick called the meeting to order.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Ward 1 Council Member Curtis Segars

City Clerk Denise Jordan administered the Oath of Office to Curtis Segars who was appointed to fill the unexpired term as the Ward 1 Council Member.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application: G & P Package, 1664 Park Hill Drive

Senior Finance Technician Tracie Morris presented the application noting it was in order.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:

Project Resolution: Purchase of Used Crawler Dozer

Distribution and Collection System Manager Joey Leverette requested permission to replace a 1973 crawler dozer. The department solicited prices and found an acceptable 2012 John Deere crawler dozer with 200 hours of use at a cost of \$135,000. The funding was included in the Public Utilities Five-Year Capital Improvement Program. Mr. Leverette indicated a new one would cost an additional \$30,000.

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PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES:

Project Resolution: Authorization to Apply for a FAA-GDOT Grant For Design & Construction of the Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport Terminal Area Improvements Phase II

Airport Manager Terry Palmer stated construction for Phase I was completed. The proposed resolution provides permission for the department to pursue grant funding for the referenced project. Funding was included in the Airport's Capital Improvement Plan.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Segars, Mr. Palmer stated the scope of work will be limited to the amount of money that is received.

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Community Resolution: Closing of Streets and Downtown Square for Mule Camp Market

Public Works Director David Dockery stated it's almost time for the annual Mule Camp Market which will require some street closings. The event will be held October 11-13 in the same fashion as previous years. The proposed resolution authorized street closings beginning at 5:00 PM on October 10 and ending at 10 PM on October 13. He called attention to Attachments B and C for details regarding the Beer Garden.

Council Member Segars commented on the number of animals attending this event. He expressed concern about two dogs having a confrontation in a large crowd and asked if the community could be asked not to bring their animals to this event.

City Manager Kip Padgett stated there would be discussion with the Jaycees and advertisement on TV18.

CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:

Economic Development Council Meeting

City Manager Padgett advised Council of the Economic Development Council Meeting on September 13 at the Chamber of Commerce.

COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Figueras

1. Commented on the Second Saturday Meeting (aka Citizens Information and Advisory Roundtable) scheduled for September 14 at 9:30 AM at the Fair Street Neighborhood Center. She also reminded the group that October's meeting was rescheduled for October 5 at the Civic Center at 10 AM.
2. Announced International Friday on the Square was scheduled for September 13 from 6 PM to 10 PM.
3. Announced the Multicultural Concert would be held in November.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Advised he would be out of town September 13 - 16.
2. Announced the Rivers Alive event will occur on September 21.
3. Reported the roadway along Jesse Jewell Parkway in front of the hospital was in bad condition. He asked that this be submitted to the Department of Transportation.
4. Asked that the Armory on Shallowford Road be relocated with assistance from local congressmen.

Council Member Hamrick

1. Reported receiving notification from the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District that two entities have made application, one being the Hall County Public Utilities Department. Staff was in the process of reviewing the information and would reply with any concerns before the comment period closed.
2. Commented on metro area churches published each week in *The Times*. He wondered if the Council would be agreeable to sending letters to churches in or in close proximity to the city to see if any volunteers would be secured for delivering the invocation at future Council Meetings. Council concurred with this idea. Mr. Hamrick agreed to prepare the letter.

3. Commented on *The Upper Room*, an international devotional publication of the Methodist Church, indicating his grandson was fortunate to have an article published in this document.

Council Member Segars

Commented on the Transportation Committee, indicating he was amazed by the ideas that came from their efforts. He felt the solution was tied to money. The consultant mentioned 2040 as the time line for solutions to be in place. He was more interested in taking action now. He expressed a desire for Council to accept the recommendations and start taking action soon thereafter. He also expressed a desire to enlist assistance from the local congressmen.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Special Recognition

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported three recognition items were tentatively scheduled for the September 17 Council Meeting. She reminded Council that the current recognition guidelines do not allow any recognition on the first Council Meeting of the month and allows two recognitions to be scheduled for the second Council Meeting of the month. Recognitions scheduled outside these guidelines have been submitted to the Council for approval.

Council agreed to proceed with the September 17 items as scheduled and expressed a desire to relax the guidelines by distributing recognitions among all Council Meeting dates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters at 9:50 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

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STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Palmour, Randall, Jordan

Motion to close the Executive Session and to adjourn the Work Session at 10:54 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

ADJOURNMENT: 10:54 AM

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