

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

The Mayor's position was vacated upon the resignation of the Ward 1 Council Member in August. Per the Charter, the Mayor Pro Tem has the rights and privileges of the Mayor in his absence.

Mayor Pro Tem Hamrick called the meeting to order and served as the presiding officer.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:

Appropriation Resolution: Regarding Fourth Quarter Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2013

Budget and Purchasing Manager Matt Hamby briefly explained each adjustment.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Hamrick, Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe stated surplus funds will be presented during the audit report which is expected to be available in six weeks.

There was a brief discussion about transfers relating to the Debt Service Fund. There was a comment about the transition of the Georgia Mountains Center to Brenau University noting this change would reduce the overall transfer from the General Fund.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER ISSUES:

Project Resolution: Authorization to Apply for and Accept FTA Section 5307 Fuel Provision Capital Grant Application

City Manager Kip Padgett reviewed the resolution indicating it allowed the Community Service Center to apply for and accept \$86,638.38 in connection with the referenced grant to support Hall Area Transit.

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PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES:

Business Resolution: Cooperative 9-1-1 Emergency Public Safety Answering Point between Hall County and the City of Gainesville

Police Chief Brian Kelly reviewed the resolution indicating it allows the department to renew an agreement that designates the Hall County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center as the city's public safety answering point to receive and dispatch emergency calls for service.

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Project Resolution: FY14-15 Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Acceptance

Police Chief Brian Kelly stated the department had been awarded a \$6,956.97 grant to replace bulletproof vests. The resolution authorized the execution of the necessary documents to accept the funds. It was noted that the Federal funding had been reduced when compared to past years.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:

Project Resolution: Lakeside Water Treatment Plant – Raw Water Metering Facilities Award of Contract

Design and Permitting Section Chief Matt Henderson stated the proposed project originated when staff recognized a need to increase the accuracy of the raw water metering. He commented on the process. The proposed resolution authorized awarding a construction contract to Allsouth Constructors, Inc. with a total expenditure of \$417,146 from the Public Utilities Capital Projects Fund. It also authorized the execution of the necessary documents to complete the project.

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PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES:

Project Resolution: Authorization to Apply for an American Forests Global Relief Grant

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar commented on the opportunity to apply for a grant to receive private dollars to support reforestation efforts at Exit 20 off Interstate 985. This area covered 20 to 25 acres. The proposed budget was \$55,000 of which \$30,000 would be grant funds. The \$25,000 match was included to show the city's commitment believing this will strengthen the grant application. There was some discussion of the type trees that would be planted.

Mayor Pro Tem Hamrick stated this project parallels with the vision of the Council to beautify all entryways into Gainesville.

Council Member Wangemann asked about the possibility of using this grant to address areas discussed prior to the economic downturn. It was noted this grant was specifically for trees. Another funding source would need to be identified for other types of enhancements/improvements.

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CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:

Authorization to Apply for GTIB Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Grant

Traffic Engineer Dee Taylor stated the transportation master plan was reviewed to determine how the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) grant could be used. The proposed

resolution allowed staff to apply for an \$885,000 grant to fund three turn-lane extension projects along State Route 369 to improve traffic flow. The projects were noted as follows:

1. Extend the eastbound right-turn lane at E.E. Butler Parkway
2. Build a westbound right-turn lane at the intersection with West End Avenue
3. Build an eastbound right-turn lane at the intersection with Auburn Avenue

The project has an estimated cost of \$1.1 million which included the grant funds and a 20% match provided from unspent funds, i.e., the Grants Capital Project Fund for the FY12 Street Resurfacing Program. The application must be submitted by the end of the month. It would be the next year before information would be available identifying who met the qualifications.

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Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) District Meeting

City Manager Padgett stated the GMA District 2 Meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 22 in Cornelia. Council was asked to confirm attendance.

Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Issues Committee Meeting

City Manager Padgett stated the Issues Committee Meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 16 and provided a platform to discuss the Convention Center presentation.

COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Segars

1. Asked that staff notice and report critical street related issues as they conduct daily activities.
2. Reported he was asking citizens to submit issues/concerns in writing for record keeping purposes.

Council Member Hamrick

1. Asked when the street resurfacing projects would begin. The Assistant City Manager stated the contract had been signed and the work should begin soon. Mr. Segars confirmed there would be public notification of this work.
2. Expressed his opinion that citizens were not receiving the full benefit of information when items are placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. Provided the City Manager with a letter regarding low fixed natural gas rates for review/consideration.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Consent Agenda Items

City Clerk Denise Jordan requested clarification regarding the items to be placed on the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Hamrick asked staff to provide a recommendation regarding these items during the next Work Session.

November 27 Work Session

City Clerk Denise Jordan reminded Council of the November 27 Work Session noting this is the day before Thanksgiving. She reported the Community Development Department had one

Planning and Appeals Board item that did not appear to be controversial. Other agenda items would not be known until the week before the meeting. Council discussed cancelling the meeting if the agenda was light. A determination would be made on Friday, November 22.

NOTE: Council Member Bruner arrived at 9:50 AM.

2013 Election Guide

City Clerk Denise Jordan commented on the election guide noting it was posted on the website as well as distributed via email to Department Directors, the candidates and the Board of Education Administrative Office. The guide was also available for distribution at the October 5 One Community Organization Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate matters at 9:53 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

Council Absent: Figueras

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Motion to close the Executive Session and continue the Work Session at 11:06 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

Council Absent: Figueras

OTHER BUSINESS:

Tourism Kiosk

Communication and Tourism Director Catiel Felts showed a photograph of a mobile kiosk that will be used by the Tourism Manager along the downtown sidewalks to provide assistance about area. It would be housed at Frame's Unique.

Main Street Christmas Ornaments

Communication and Tourism Director Catiel Felts stated the Christmas ornaments have arrived. This year's focus was on the Poultry Park. A photo opportunity was available on October 11 at 9 AM to kick-off ornament sales.

Gainesville High School Parade

Communication and Tourism Director Catiel Felts reminded Council of the parade tonight at 6 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:09 AM

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