

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

The Mayor 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.

Council Member Figueras delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PROCLAMATION:

National Family Month

Council Member Wangemann read a proclamation declaring the month of November to be *National Family Month*. Three members from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints were in attendance to receive the proclamation. The members presented the Council, staff and media with a token of appreciation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application

Fajitas Mexican Restaurant, Inc., 1210 Thompson Bridge Road, Suite F
New application for consumption on the premises of beer, wine and liquor.

City Manager Kip Padgett presented the application indicating it was in order.

Motion to approve the application as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

Pawnshop License Application

Check into Cash, Inc., 565 Shallowford Road, Suite E
New application

City Manager Kip Padgett presented the application indicating it was in order.

Motion to approve the application as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

Pawnshop License Application

Pawn Mart of Atlanta #28, 1168 Jesse Jewell Parkway
New application

City Manager Kip Padgett presented the application indicating it was in order.

Motion to approve the application as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner
Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras
Votes favoring the motion: Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Segars

Business Resolution: BR-2013-23 Declaration of Surplus Property

City Manager Kip Padgett commented on the city's capital asset policy and the procedure for transferring assets to surplus. The proposed resolution authorized a list of items to be declared surplus property at which time they will be available for sale via the internet.

Motion to adopt the resolution as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras
Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner
Votes favoring the motion: Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Segars

Minutes:

- A. October 15, 2013 Council Meeting
- B. October 17, 2013 Called Council Meeting (Joint City/County Meeting)

Motion to approve the minutes accepting the edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann
Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras
Votes favoring the motion: Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Segars

APPOINTMENTS:

Planning and Appeals Board

- At-Large position currently held by Dean Dadisman
- Ward 1 position currently held by Doyle Johnson
- Ward 3 position currently held by Connie Rucker

Motion to reappoint Dean Dadisman, Doyle Johnson and Connie Rucker to serve another two-year term on the Planning and Appeals Board.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras
Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner
Votes favoring the motion: Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Segars

GENERAL LEGISLATION:

**Proposed Ordinance
Amendment to Chapter 4-2 Entitled Cemeteries**

Motion to hold first reading on Ordinance 2013-23, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4-2 ENTITLED "CEMETERIES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA; TO AMEND SECTION 4-2-10 TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF SERVICE OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Figueras, Assistant Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky commented on possible changes to define the terms of the Board. During this process, there will be some positions to address.

City Manager Kip Padgett stated appointments to the committee would be addressed at the next meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Annexation/Zoning Items

City Attorney Palmour reviewed the public hearing process and confirmed the hearing had been properly advertised.

Request from B & L Bowling Center, LLC for a Special Use on a 2.442± acres parcel located on the southwest side of the intersection of Browns Bridge Road and Green Crest Drive (a/k/a 2317 Browns Bridge Road), having a zoning classification of Light Industrial (L-I). Ward Number: Five. Tax Parcel Number(s): 08-007-003-020. Request: Outdoor electric go-kart track.

Planning Manager Matt Tate reviewed the application and its purpose. The Planning and Appeals Board and the Planning staff recommended approval with the following five conditions:

1. The special use approval shall be limited to an electric go-kart track. A gas powered go-kart track is not an approved use for the property.
2. All outdoor amplification devices are limited to what is installed on the individual go-kart. The sound emitted from the amplification device must not be heard from the adjacent properties.
3. *All proposed structures shall meet the Gateway Corridor Overlay Zone standards including exterior facade materials which shall include fifty (50) percent brick, stone, or split face block.*
4. The applicant/property owners shall be required to plant evergreen buffer trees within the existing grass frontage landscape strip located along Green Crest Drive as to provide for a buffer against the neighboring residential properties. The number, type, size and location of the trees must be approved by the Community Development Department Director.
5. The operation of the electric go-kart track shall be limited to the hours of 9 AM to 11 PM.

Council Member Curtis Segars expressed the following concerns regarding the request:

- Are there any age limitations?
- How many cars will be on the track at one time?
- Strongly suggested a cutoff time for middle school aged children and younger on school nights.

FAVOR

Debbie Love, represented the applicant. She stated they are proposing to build an electric go-kart track. They will use the existing property that is not currently being used. She indicated the cars were electric and have less sound than a car traveling in front of the business. She commented on there being a minimum height requirement as opposed to an age requirement. She also commented on there being family karts (a parent and a child) to accommodate the smaller children. Ms. Love commented on an override mechanism to reduce the speed. She indicated the karts have different levels of speed noting the maximum level was approximately 22 miles per hour. She commented on there being eight cars on the track at one time while eight other cars were charging. To address the request for a cut-off time, Ms. Love explained the closing hours are different each night and the only night that goes beyond 10:00 PM was on Wednesday night.

There being no other comments, the hearing was closed and the matter was returned to Council for a decision.

Motion to approve zoning resolution ZR-2013-01 for a special use permit to allow for an outdoor electric go-kart track within Light Industrial, with conditions (L-I-c) located at 2317 Browns Bridge Road.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Election Update

City Clerk Denise Jordan shared unofficial municipal election information regarding the votes that had been cast based upon precinct visits that occurred earlier in the day. She indicated the election results will be posted on the Hall County website as they are received.

COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Figueras

1. Invited everyone to attend the upcoming Second Saturday meeting (aka Citizens Advisory Roundtable) on Saturday, November 9 at 9:30 AM at the Fair Street Neighborhood Center. She shared the topics of discussion.
2. Upon inquiry, City Clerk Denise Jordan confirmed a Work Session is scheduled on Wednesday, November 27. The meeting could be cancelled if there are no pressing issues.
3. Expressed thanks to the City Clerk's Office for efforts to educate the community on the election process.

Council Member Wangemann

Commented on the possibility of increasing the election numbers by conducting municipal elections during even numbered years.

Council Member Bruner

Commented on the Hometown Connection hosted by the Mayors within Hall County.

Council Member Hamrick

Recognized members of Leadership Hall that were in the audience.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:04 PM

DJ/ag

Robert L. Hamrick, Mayor Pro Tempore

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk