

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

PRESENTATION:

City Manager Padgett revealed the "Home of Gainesville High School Red Elephants 2012 State Football Champions" sign to be placed along entryways to Gainesville. The sign was prepared by city staff.

CHATTAHOOCHEE GOLF COURSE ISSUES:

NGA Tournament

Director of Golf Rodger Hogan asked if Council would entertain hosting the NGA Tournament in May 2014. The first time this event was hosted, i.e., 2010, the community impact was the equivalent to \$250,000.

Mr. Segars requested consideration of the schedule for high school students.

There was consensus among Council to proceed with the event.

RETIREMENT PLAN B ISSUES:

Business Resolution: GMEBS/Plan B Retirement Plan (RPB) Amendment to Change Secretary

Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe stated the proposed resolution was necessary to update the Plan Document due to staff changes. The amendment will assign Retirement Plan B secretarial responsibilities to the City Manager or his designee.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application

Senior Finance Technician Tracie Morris presented three alcoholic beverage license applications indicating all were in order. The applications were for: (1) Cosa Nostra Italian Kitchen, Inc., 212 Spring Street; (2) Fast & Friendly, 1680 Park Hill Drive and (3) Meeks Grocery, 309 Atlanta Highway.

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Pawnshop License Applications

City Marshal Debbie Jones presented an application from Pawn International, Inc., 106 Atlanta Highway, indicating it was in order. This application was the result of an annexation.

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Council Member Wangemann commented on there being a maximum number of taxi cab businesses allowed in the City and asked why there was no limit for the number alcoholic beverage and pawn shop businesses.

Budget Projections Overview

Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe stated there were three major events that impacted the city's budget, i.e., Local Option Sales Tax (LOST), Energy Excise Tax and Motor Vehicle Tax. Staff was aware of these items during the budget process but had no way to properly budget for them. Some data is now available and budget adjustments are necessary to address these items. She stated the Energy Excise Tax will be new to the budget. Also, the one-time Motor Vehicle Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) will begin and the Motor Vehicle Tax will end. The LOST distribution will decrease by 12.5% (\$600,000 per year). Mrs. Marlowe distributed a report demonstrating the impact on the budget. As in the past, staff will budget 95% of the expected revenue. Revenue projections indicate a revenue gain of \$244,608 was likely.

Council Member Wangemann felt the City did not have a choice about the new LOST distribution. He also felt Gainesville experienced the only loss.

Appropriation Resolution: Regarding First Quarter Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2014

Budget and Purchasing Manager Matt Hamby reviewed the budget adjustments.

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FY14 Budget Adjustments

Appropriation Resolution: Regarding Reappropriation Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2014

Budget and Purchasing Manager Matt Hamby reviewed the reappropriations addressed by the resolution.

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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 9:44 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

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Motion to close Executive Session and to continue the Work Session at 10:55 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann
Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

PRESENTATION:

Water Operation Superintendent Stephen Douglas introduced Gainesville bottled water. There was discussion about a policy being developed to define how the water would be used.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER ISSUES:

Project Resolution: Request to Execute FY14 VITA Grant Contract

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss commented on implementing the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Site through the grant funds.

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Sequestration Cuts

City Manager Kip Padgett stated the Meals-On-Wheels Program has been placed on hold as a result of the federal government's latest cuts. He stated the program can use the Community Service Center fund balance to complete this year while staff determines how to address the funding cut for the next budget year.

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss provided more background information indicating this is the second round of budget cuts. Staff will need some time to create an action plan for fiscal year 2015. If nothing changes in Congress over the next few weeks, the cuts will last for ten years. The department hoped to create a signature fund raising event. Mrs. Moss closed by stated sequestration also imposed a waiting list for the Meals-On-Wheels Program.

Fares on Ridership

City Manager Kip Padgett shared his request for McDonald Transit to evaluate the Red Rabbit Program.

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss provided background indicating the increase to the price per ride had a negative impact on the program. Staff investigated ways to adjust the routes and made changes recently. Information to date indicated the recent changes were making a difference and were expected to offer a positive impact on the program.

PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:

Business Resolution: Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Gainesville and Jackson County Water & Sewerage Authority

Assistant Public Utilities Director Don Dye presented a resolution to renew an intergovernmental agreement with the Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority noting this was an emergency resource redundancy. The agreement can be broken with a 30 day notice.

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Project Resolution: Water Distribution System Storage Tanks Maintenance

Design and Permitting Section Chief Matt Henderson stated four of the seven water storage tanks have been painted this year. The proposed contract authorized another two-year contract.

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Council Member Wangemann asked if the elevated tank in Lula will be updated. Mr. Henderson stated the tank was in the cue for repainting and the necessary changes would be made at that time.

PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES:

Business Resolution: Ratification, Duties and Term of Service of the Cemetery Advisory Committee

Cemetery Manager Tommy Hunt stated the proposed resolution redefined the composition of the Cemetery Committee. Recommendations for the appointments were provided as part of the discussion.

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Project Resolution: FY2014 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)

Senior Civil Engineer Stan Aiken presented the resolution indicating the grant would allow portions of Bradford Street, Chestatee Road, Hollow Drive, Holly Drive, Riverside Drive, Spring Haven Drive, Woodland Way and Adair Street to be paved.

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It was noted that residents from Desota Drive and Crest View asked for paving consideration of their streets. Also, residents of Myrtle Street have complained about traffic speeds.

Council Member Wangemann requested a list of private streets in Lakeshore Heights.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:

Project Resolution: 2014 Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) Grant Application

Housing Program Manager Chris Davis requested permission to apply for the 2014 CHIP Grant. The City's last grant award was in 2012 and several projects were underway from that funding.

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Project Resolution: Declaration of Surplus Property at 2500 Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard

Housing Program Manager Chris Davis presented a resolution regarding property that does not conform to the city's building code. A plan was devised to build a new home on another tract of property and exchange the new home for the non-compliant property. The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) would not allow this. As an alternative solution, DCA will allow the existing non-compliant lot to be expanded to make improvements to the home. The proposed resolution would declare surplus property on the adjoining lot. Then, staff would use Community Development Block Grant funds to make improvements.

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CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:

Public Utilities Meeting Regarding Riverside Water Treatment Plant

City Manager Padgett reminded the Council of the drop in meeting to show the design for the Riverside Plant.

Lake Lanier Olympic Venue Site

City Manager Padgett reported staff was working on an intergovernmental agreement with Gainesville Hall '96 regarding the Olympic venue site. More information will be presented at the December 12 Work Session if all works as planned.

COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Wangemann

Expressed his desire to increase voter turnout and strongly proposed that all elections be held on even number years. It was noted that this was a discussion to be held with the Georgia Municipal Association because this would affect all cities throughout the state.

Council Member Figueras

Shared her itinerary for the next few days.

Council Member Bruner

Reported the Frances Meadows Center is unofficially open for city employees to test the exercise equipment.

Council Member Hamrick

1. Reported the Wisdom Group requested an extension of the Smoking Ordinance to address sidewalk cafés and asked that staff evaluate this request.
2. Commented on the "Tracks of the Red Elephants" publication.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Tabled Agenda Item: Memorandum of Understanding regarding Water Supplies

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported Council tabled the referenced resolution on October 1 for thirty to sixty days. The sixty day time period was approaching which meant this item needed to be placed on the upcoming Council Meeting agenda for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:51 AM

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