

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order and served as the presiding officer.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:**

#### **Alcoholic Beverage License Application**

Senior Finance Technician Tracie Morris presented five alcoholic beverage license applications indicating they were all in order. The applicants were noted as follows:

1. Avocados Restaurant, 109 Bradford Street: a new application for consumption on the premises of liquor
2. Bluefin Hibachi & Sushi, 1642 Park Hill Drive: a new application for consumption on the premises of beer and wine
3. El Rodeo Restaurant, 1736 Atlanta Hwy, Ste 500 & 600: a new application for consumption on the premises of beer
4. Kroger #682, 1931 Jesse Jewell Pkwy: a new application for package sale of beer and wine
5. Rio Balsas, 975 Dawsonville Hwy, Unit 12: a new application for consumption on the premises of beer, wine and liquor

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#### **Drug-Free Workplace Policy**

Human Resources Officer for Administrative Services Vikki Fox presented the Drug-Free Workplace Policy indicating the most significant change pertained to random drug testing for safety sensitive positions and named the jobs in this category. Another change pertained to pre-employment drug testing. It was noted that drug testing also applies to employees under reasonable suspicion. Training will be offered for both supervisors and employees. With council's concurrence, the policy would become effective in March 2014.

Council concurred. It was later determined that a resolution was required to adopt this change based upon the City's practice for implementing and documenting city-wide policy.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES:**

#### **Project Resolution: FY14 Records Software System - Award of Contract**

Police Chief Brian Kelly stated the department had researched records management systems for several years. SunGuard Public Sector, Inc. was selected to address the department's needs. He discussed the cost of the software, including training, noting this was a capital improvement project. The software will merge existing software into one system. The goal was to have the system operational for Fiscal Year 2015.

Council Member Hamrick asked about the budgeted cost compared to the actual cost. He also asked how long the system would last.

City Manager Kip Padgett stated a performance bond was required for this project.

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:**

**Project Resolution: Athens Highway Utilities Relocation - Design and Bidding Services**

Design and Permitting Section Chief Matt Henderson stated this was a Department of Transportation project that has been in the planning stages for several years. The department was requesting to proceed with in-house design and bidding services portion of the project. The cost is expected to be no more than \$200,000 and would be expended from the Public Utilities Capital Project Fund or other appropriate funding sources.

Council Member Hamrick asked about the size of the lines and the dates for the actual construction.

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Council Member Wangemann reported a comment about the bidding process on another project indicating the bid price was not the final determination for the award.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:**

**Public Hearing items for the January 7, 2014 Council Meeting**

Planning Manager Matt Tate reviewed an application from Michael Slate to rezone a 0.67+ acres at 971 Lanier Avenue, NE. He indicated nothing changed since the last request regarding this property. The Planning and Appeals Board and staff recommended approval with five conditions.

Council Member Wangemann received comments from someone indicating a promise was made to not allow commercial business to encroach upon residential zoning.

**COUNCIL ISSUES:**

**Council Member Figueras**

Asked if businesses allow loitering on their property.

**Council Member Hamrick**

1. Asked about the status of completing the remaining island annexations.
2. Expressed concern about real estate purchases made by exempt entities. He wondered if a report could be compiled showing the impact of property tax exemptions on the City's revenue. He also wondered if the Georgia Municipal Association could help with this concern.
3. Expressed concerned about Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) negotiations. He wondered how to promote Gainesville to secure more of these taxes. He also expressed a desire to see a community effort to promote Gainesville.
4. Asked if there had been any discussion about the jail.

**Mayor Dunagan**

1. Asked Senator Miller and other legislators to address the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) formula.
2. Announced he'd present a proclamation to Riverside Pharmacy in celebration of its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Council Member Wangemann**

Reminded Council of his desire to hold municipal elections during even numbered years to increase voter participation. It was noted that this was a discussion to occur at the state level.

**CITY CLERK ISSUES:**

**January 7, 2014 Organizational Meeting**

City Clerk Denise Jordan reviewed the organizational meeting business items. It was determined that the order of succession would be Mayor Dunagan, Mayor Pro Tem Hamrick, Council Member Figueras, Council Member Bruner, Council Member Wangemann and Council Member Couvillon. She commented on the meeting calendar noting Council Meetings were scheduled on the first and third Tuesday at 5:30 PM. Work Sessions were scheduled on Thursday before the Council Meeting with a few exceptions due to holidays. Changes could be made by issuing a public notice. Mr. Jordan also circulated a sign-up sheet asking the elected officials to select two months to take responsibility for securing a minister to deliver the invocation at the Council Members.

Mayor Dunagan presented his recommendations for ex-officio appointments.

**Consent Agenda Items**

Mayor Dunagan expressed a desire to change the way consent agenda business items were being addressed indicating he didn't feel a need to discuss them again at the Council Meeting.

Council Member Hamrick felt good feedback was received from the public after hearing more information about the city's business.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the City Manager would provide a verbal explanation of consent agenda resolutions and Council would take one vote to address all consent agenda resolutions that were not removed from that agenda. It was also agreed that no explanation was necessary for Alcoholic Beverage License Applications appearing on the consent agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate matters at 10:09 AM.**

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

**Vote favoring the motion: Dunagan, Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon**

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OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Melody Marlowe and Janeann Allison attended a portion of the session

**Motion to close the Executive Session to continue the Work Session at 10:43 AM.**

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

**Vote favoring the motion: Dunagan, Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

City Clerk Denise Jordan read a message from Curtis Segars asking Council to review the Lanier Avenue rezoning request carefully and reminding them that a previous request at this location was denied.

**ADJOURNMENT: 10:46 AM**

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