

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Dunagan, Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon
STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Palmour, Felts, Ligon, Jordan, Grayson

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

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

PROCLAMATION:

Career and Technical Education Month

Mayor Dunagan read a proclamation declaring February to be *Career and Technical Education Month*. The proclamation was presented to Jeff Fitzpatrick, Tavarez Holston and Dave Parrish, representatives of Lanier Technical College. Council extended words of appreciation.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Post Employment Recognition

Mayor Dunagan recognized Eloise Gilmer, James Newberry and Stacy Young as retirees of the City. They cumulatively worked 83 years 9 months and 5 days. The Mayor read and presented a retirement testimonial with tokens of appreciation. Fire Chief Jerome Yarbrough and Public Works Director David Dockery extended words of appreciation. Council also extended words of appreciation.

RESOLUTIONS:

Appropriation Resolution 2014-01

FY13 Closure of Public Utilities Projects

Financial Analyst Alisha Gamble stated the proposed resolution would close seven capital projects from the Public Utilities Department. Excess funds totaled \$1,913,412.55 which would be available for future appropriations.

Council Member Hamrick asked about the level of completion for the meter replacement projects. He also asked if the funds would be reappropriated for future meter replacement projects.

Motion to adopt the resolution as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Couvillon

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

Appropriation Resolution 2014-02

FY13 Closure of General Government Capital Projects

Financial Analyst Alisha Gamble reviewed the resolution indicating eleven projects were closed. The excess funds totaled \$98,538.71 of which \$6,424.95 were restricted and would be returned to the TV18 Fund. The remaining balance (\$92,113.76) would be available for future appropriations.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Hamrick, City Manager Kip Padgett confirmed the remaining balance would be reappropriated to the FY15 budget.

Council Member Wangemann commented on the amount of excess funds concerning the Public Utilities Capital Projects. He felt this was an excessive amount of money. Council Member Hamrick commented on the contingency that was built into each project.

Motion to adopt the resolution as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

Appropriation Resolution 2014-03

FY13 Closure of Parks and Recreation Capital Projects

Financial Analyst Alisha Gamble stated two projects were closed leaving excess funds totaling \$6,805.19 of which \$335.19 was restricted and would be returned to the Parks Development fund. The remaining funds (\$6,470.00) would be allocated towards the contractual services.

Motion to adopt the resolution as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

Appropriation Resolution 2014-04

FY13 Closure of Airport Capital Projects

Financial Analyst Alisha Gamble stated two projects were closed leaving excess funds in the amount of \$14,150.87 for future appropriations.

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, Couvillon

Business Resolution 2014-05

Request for the 2014 Georgia General Assembly to Enact Legislation to Authorize the Creation of the Gainesville Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority

Chief Financial Officer Melody Marlowe stated the city collects 6% in hotel/motel tax. Georgia law allows this collection and requires this money to be expended in a manner that promotes tourism, conventions and trade shows through a contract with a Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Authority created by the general assembly for a municipality. In Fiscal Year 2010, Council established an internal department to promote the City. The Communication and Tourism Department has fulfilled this purpose. Mrs. Marlowe stated there's a desire to continue using the department for that purpose and to use the hotel/motel funds to support the department. The Charter has a provision for a Tourism Convention Visitor's Bureau. A formal action at the state level is required to create the Authority. The proposed resolution authorizes the local legislative delegation to proceed with a bill to create the Gainesville Tourism and Convention Visitors Bureau Authority. The bill allows the Authority to be operated by seven directors. Mrs. Marlowe reviewed the structure of the Authority. The bill allows the Authority to contract with the City for

administrative services. The Authority must meet at least twice a year and will report to the Council.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Figueras, Mrs. Marlowe stated the difference between a CVB and the Redevelopment Authority was the promotion of tourism versus economic development, respectively.

Motion to adopt the resolution as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Hamrick

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Parks and Recreation Board

To fill unexpired term of Cheryl Hinderschied

Motion to appoint Bruce Miller to fill the unexpired term of Cheryl Hinderschied on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Motion made by Council Member Couvillon

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

GENERAL LEGISLATION:

Second Reading: Ordinance No. 2014-02

Amend Section 4-1-1 To Change Definition of Dangerous Animal and Potentially Dangerous Animal

Motion to hold second reading on Ordinance 2014-02, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4-1 ENTITLED "ANIMALS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA; TO AMEND SECTION 4-1-1 BY CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF DANGEROUS ANIMAL; TO AMEND SECTION 4-1-1 BY CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ANIMAL; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

REPORT:

Community Development, Planning Division

New items to be referred to the Planning and Appeals Board.

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon stated there were no items to refer to the March 4, 2014 Council Meeting and there was one item to refer to the March 11, 2014 Planning and Appeals Board Meeting consisting of a zoning amendment request.

Motion to accept the report as presented and refer the new items to the Planning and Appeals Board.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Hamrick

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

CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:

Joint Municipal Association (JMA) Meeting – Flowery Branch

City Manager Kip Padgett reminded the Mayor and Council of the JMA meeting on Monday, February 24th at 5:30 PM in Flowery Branch.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to close the Council Meeting to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and litigation matters at 6:59 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Couvillon

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

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STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Palmour, Jordan, Yarbrough, Ligon, Dockery, Rotalsky

Motion to close the Executive Session and to continue the Council Meeting at 7:35 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Hamrick

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

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

House Bill 891 – Election Period Survey

City Clerk Denise Jordan commented on a survey being conducted by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) regarding HB891. This bill would shorten the early voting period for municipal elections from three weeks to one week.

Council Member Bruner provided additional information about the bill and indicated GMA supports it.

OTHER ISSUES:

Safe Streets During Winter Storm

Mayor Dunagan thanked the Public Works and the Public Safety staff for their work during the last storm. He received compliments from the community on the work that was done to make the streets safe.

Second Saturday Meeting

Council Member Figueras thanked everyone who participated in the recent Citizens Information session (AKA Second Saturday meeting).

House Bill 875 – Firearms in Public Places

Council Member Figueras commented on HB875 noting it passed through the House today. She stated the use of a firearm was not good for society in any form and this bill allows firearms in public buildings. She indicated the Georgia Municipal Association opposes the bill. It doesn't allow the government to decide. The only way to prohibit a firearm in a public building was to have a security system in place at all times during hours of operation. She urged citizens to contact their legislators to oppose this bill.

House Bill 153 – Fractional Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax

Council Member Bruner commented on HB153 which is a fractional SPLOST tax. The Georgia Municipal Association opposes the bill. It will be detrimental to passing a future SPLOST due to fractional cents.

House Bill 713 – FACT Act

Council Member Bruner commented on the FACT (Full Accountability in Collection of Taxes) Act. She felt it was necessary to talk with someone on the Ways and Means Committee or legislators about these bills.

Property Taxes

Council Member Hamrick commended citizens about payments of their property taxes.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:42 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk