

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

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

### **BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **Parks and Recreation Agency**

Parks and Recreation Agency Director Melvin Cooper introduced board members attending the presentation then read an opening statement sharing some history about the agency.

Deputy Director Michael Graham presented the budget. Highlights were noted as follows:

- Over 750,000 people visit the parks and facilities on an annual basis.
- The agency is nationally accredited.
- The primary goals for the agency are enhance the quality of life, sustain financial stewardship and customer satisfaction.
- The proposed FY'15 budget represents a 4.14% increase from the current budget

Upon inquiry from Council Member Figueras, Mr. Cooper confirmed the agency was involved with a pocket park at Myrtle Terrace. Plans were underway to develop a partnership.

The Parks and Recreation Board Members commented on their experiences with the agency and expressed their support of the proposed budget.

Council Member Couvillon commended the board members for their level of participation.

Council Member Wangemann commended the staff for their commitment and submitted a request to open the splash zone earlier in the year.

Mr. Graham commented on the process of opening the splash zone indicating it begins in April 1 and requires several weeks to complete. He stated the month of May was reserved for groups to utilize the Splash Zone. This area is open to the public in June.

Council Member Hamrick stated impact fees had addressed some of the agency's capital needs and hoped the economy would continue to improve thus offering additional support.

Council Member Bruner made a testament to the agency's needs.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:**

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application: Quick Trip #847, 1910 Jesse Jewel Parkway**  
City Marshal Debbie Jones presented the application indicating all was in order.

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**Business Resolution: Declaration of Surplus Property**

Senior Accountant Karen Roper stated the assets referenced in the attachments had exceeded their useful life or were no longer needed. Staff completed the proper procedure. The resolution authorized the property to be declared surplus to be sold or disposed of in a timely manner.

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**Business Resolution: Write Off of Delinquent Personal Property Tax**

Financial Services Manager Beverly Williams presented a request to write off 2006 and 2007 property taxes for specific properties as identified. The list was comprised of mostly businesses that have been closed for a while and was submitted to the Board of Education for their review/consideration.

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**Business Resolution: Write Off of Delinquent Utilities Receivables**

Financial Services Manager Beverly Williams presented a request to write off uncollectible water receivables for specific customer accounts noting the account holders had declared bankruptcy or were deceased.

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**Business Resolution: Write Off of Delinquent Airport Hangar Rental Receivables**

Financial Services Manager Beverly Williams presented a request to write off one account. The airplane was removed from the premises in 2012. Attempts were made to collect outstanding rental fees. Information would be retained for reference purposes should there be an attempt to rent space in the future.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES:**

**Project Resolution: Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GHOS) Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (HEAT) Grant**

Police Chief Brian Kelly stated GOHS recently announced a grant opportunity that would provide funding to hire one additional officer, acquire two fully equipped patrol vehicles along with associated operational costs of the two vehicles and provide traffic enforcement training for two officers assigned to the HEAT Team. The request covers funding for one year with an option to apply for two additional years of funding based upon the availability. The department applied for the grant in the past but did not receive an award.

Council Member Wangemann inquired about traffic enforcement efforts to reduce/eliminate violations associated with not adhering to traffic signals.

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**EX-OFFICIO REPORTS:**

Council Member Bruner presented the Friends of the Parks Report and specifically mentioned the Butterfly Release scheduled for May 18.

Council Member Figueras stated the Main Street Board had a productive retreat. She also commented on the recent meeting of the Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation noting there was good attendance.

Council Member Hamrick stated the last two Historic Preservation Commission meetings were cancelled due to lack of business.

Council Member Couvillon reported the Parks and Recreation Agency's budget was presented earlier in the meeting and the Airport Advisory Committee had not met this year.

Council Member Wangemann provided an update on the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Meetings. He also stated the Planning and Appeals Board approved a request from Mercy Housing that would be heard by the Council in May.

**COUNCIL ISSUES:**

**Council Member Bruner**

1. Reported she will be out of town the weekend of the Chicken Festival.
2. Reported Frank Armstrong was working to establish a community garden.

**Council Member Figueras**

1. Thanked Wyc Orr, Abbit Massey and Kayanne Massey for their impact to Gainesville.
2. Announced the Adult Literacy Spelling Bee will be held on May 13.
3. Council is invited to a luncheon on April 15 at the new Woodruff Medical Training and Testing Center (API).
4. Council is invited to the Bethel AME Church Anniversary on April 27.
5. The Public Utilities Department education program for this year will focus on stormwater.
6. Reported John Phillips, Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, had extended an offer to provide student interns.

**Council Member Wangemann**

1. The countywide Great American Cleanup will be held on April 12. He encouraged public participation.
2. Announced the Georgia Mountains Food Bank has a local garden that provides fresh produce for its patrons.

**Mayor Dunagan**

Will present appointment information at the next Work Session.

**ADJOURNMENT: 10:30 AM**

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