

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

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

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Chicopee Mill Road Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Opportunity

City Manager Padgett stated the Development Authority marketed and sold land in Industrial Park West (IPW). Tim Evans has been working with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Public Works Department regarding this project.

Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Vice President Tim Evans stated 28 acres had not been accessible in IPW. He commented on a local company planning to expand and searching for locations outside Gainesville. A desire to retain the company was the driving factor in finding a way to access the 28 acres. Discussions ensued and GDOT agreed to provide some funding. Mr. Evans stated there are 9 projects in IPW that will benefit from transitioning the road to public access.

Assistant Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky stated the total cost of the project exceeded available funds. GDOT offered to add \$50,000 to the LMIG grant to fund for the project. An IGA for the Chicopee Mill Road Project will be presented on July 15 to the Gainesville elected officials and the Development Authority to establish the parameters for partnering on this project. Staff will also present a resolution to apply for and accept the FY15 LMIG grant totaling \$285,000. Staff will oversee the project to comply with city standards and produce a quality project.

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Mr. Padgett stated the Development Authority will proceed with necessary action and will be reimbursed.

Mayor Dunagan requested a thank you letter for Senator Butch Miller acknowledging his help with this project.

Resolution: Gainesville/Hall Area Transit Drug and Alcohol Policy

Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Janeann Allison commented on the need to update the policy. It had been presented to Hall County Government and was expected to be approved at their meeting tonight.

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Resolution: Approval of FY15 Section 5307 ARRA Application and Contract

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Moss stated the proposed resolution would accept grant funds that would be used for the following projects: repaint the Red Rabbit buses with the Gainesville Connection branding, purchase mobile vehicle locator equipment, update computers/equipment and renovate the Hall Area Transit building to include reconfiguring the parking area. The grant provided federal funds and did not require a local match.

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Resolution: Approval of FY15 Legacy Link Grant Contract

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Moss stated the proposed resolution presented the standard contract. The dollar amount was less than desired. However, it is typical to receive amendments to the contract which created hope that the funding will increase during the contract year.

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Report: Hall Area Transit

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Moss stated the report was tentatively scheduled to appear before Council at the end of August.

Resolution: U.S. Department of Justice, Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Acceptance 2014

Chief Brian Kelly stated the proposed resolution will accept a \$10,854 grant with no required cash match. The department applies for this grant each year and uses the funds to purchase equipment and technology for basic law enforcement functions.

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Resolution: Region B Unified Healthcare Coalition Equipment Acceptance

Chief Brian Kelly stated the proposed resolution allowed the acceptance of command vests and night vision goggles. He stated the results of a disaster capability testing exercise justified the need for these items.

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Resolution: Request to Accept the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant

Deputy Fire Chief Scott Stowers stated the proposed resolution allowed the acceptance of grant funds to purchase the LUCAS chest compression system. He explained how the system works.

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Upon Council Member Hamrick's request to publicly thank the local vendor, Mr. Stowers indicated they will issue a press release.

Resolution: Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) Acceptance of FY2013 Homeland Security Grant Award

Division Chief Keith Smith stated the Fire Department is GEMA's hosting agency for the northeast region of the State. The proposed resolution authorized acceptance of a \$10,000 grant for truck maintenance/equipment and a \$4,375 grant for the K-9 program.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Quinlan Sculpture Garden Project

Amanda McClure, Quinlan Visual Arts Center, commented on the referenced project. She indicated construction could proceed with a partnership between the City and the Quinlan for a \$20,000 grant.

Tourism and Trade Manager Debra Gregson stated a resolution would be available for consideration at the upcoming Council Meeting to accept the grant.

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COUNCIL ISSUES:

Request for Directional Signage

Council Member Figueras introduced Celestine Winters, owner of Heavenly Sweets and Biscuits, indicating the business had been negatively impacted by the closure of Athens Street.

Mrs. Winters stated she did not receive ample notice of the road closure and subsequently had no opportunity to reroute customers. She requested directional signage during the construction period.

City Manager Padgett stated the city didn't receive much notice either. The Public Works Department would be asked to assist with temporary signage.

Mayor Dunagan suggested temporary signage and requested a waiver for them.

Council Member Figueras

1. Announced the 64th Anniversary Celebration of the Prayer Band. She extended an invitation to attend a program scheduled for July 19 at 2 PM at Antioch Baptist Church.
2. Commented on Elachee's request for people to see what they have to offer.
3. Commented on GMA's efforts to encourage cities to work with school systems to educate the community. She shared how she personally addresses literacy and challenged others to join the fight against illiteracy.
4. Asked if Keep Hall Beautiful could address the gateway corridor beginning at St. John Baptist Church on a regular schedule.
5. Reported a citizen complaint about smoke from the landfill. The City Manager was asked to pass this information along to the County Administrator.

6. Congratulated Mayor Dunagan for being elected to serve as a District Officer for the Georgia Municipal Association.
7. Commented on mailings regarding water issues.

Council Member Hamrick

Reported CH2MHill will donate \$100 to Meals on Wheels as a direct result of visiting their booth at the Georgia Municipal Association Annual Convention.

Council Member Couvillon

Thanked Danny Scroggs for his work at Chicopee Mills.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Provided a brief report at the recent Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Meeting.
2. Presented a suggestion to relocate the post office to John Morrow Parkway.
3. Reported a home on West Avenue needing attention from Code Enforcement

Mayor Dunagan

Commented on changes at Housing Authority as a result of the new director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

City Attorney Palmour requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, personnel and real estate matters at 10:00 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Couvillon

Motion seconded by Council Member Hamrick

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session to continue the Work Session at 11:14 AM.

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Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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Broker Services

City Manager Padgett provided an update on broker services indicating there was a request for additional funding. Staff worked to reach an agreeable amount. Other discussions with the broker addressed potential changes to open enrollment and expectations.

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)

Mayor Dunagan summarized a call from County Commissioner Scott Gibbs regarding SPLOST.

Hall County Sewer Billing

City Manager Padgett commented on discussions with the Hall County Administrator about sewer billing. The conversation had not been reduced to writing.

Sidewalk Replacement

Mayor Dunagan reported staff denied a request to replace a sidewalk being removed by a resident. The resident was now contacting him with the same request and had been told the governing body must make this decision.

There was no desire to participate in the sidewalk replacement.

John Morrow/Jesse Jewell Parkway Intersection

Mayor Dunagan reported receiving a call from the state regarding grant funds for the referenced intersection.

City Manager Padgett stated staff was unaware of any funding and later determine there had been a discussion at the Georgia Department of Transportation. There are some unanswered questions including details of the match requirement. More information was needed before making any decisions.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:30 PM

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