

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and served as the presiding officer.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Alcoholic Beverage License Applications

Senior Finance Technician Tracie Morris presented the following Alcoholic Beverage License Applications indicating all were in order.

1. Discount Food Mart, 3350 Thompson Bridge Road
2. Pupuseria Salvadorena, 1870 Atlanta Highway, Suite B
3. Tap It, 1850 Thompson Bridge Road
4. Uncle Maddio's Pizza Joint, 658 Dawsonville Highway, Suite B

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Resolution: Authorization for a Pavement Study for the Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport

Airport Manager Terry Palmer stated the proposed resolution authorized the execution of documents required to conduct a pavement strength study for runway 5-23. W. K. Dickson will complete the study. He indicated there was a cost sharing agreement with Hall County. There was discussion about the timeline for the project.

Council Member Hamrick inquired about the landing and departure path.

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Resolution: Acceptance of 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon stated the proposed resolution authorized acceptance of \$417,758 in CDBG Block Grant funding noting this was the annual allotment from HUD.

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Resolution: Authorization to Transfer 2500 MLK Jr. Boulevard, 2492 MLK Jr. Boulevard, and 1158 Desota Street Property to the Gainesville Nonprofit Development Foundation (GNPDF), Incorporated

Housing Program Manager Chris Davis stated the proposed resolution transfers the referenced property to GNPDF for redevelopment and sale to eligible homebuyers.

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Resolution: Authorization to Apply for NEA "ART WORKS" Grant for Public Art

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar stated the proposed resolution authorized a partnership for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Arts Works Grant. The partnership would be with the Quinlan Visual Arts Center, the North Georgia Community Foundation, the Arts Council and Vision 2030. The grant would fund the design, production/building and installation of the City's first piece of public art. The project budget is approximately \$60,000. The city will provide an in-kind match.

LeTrell Simpson stated the committee has worked very hard and City staff has been extremely helpful. The first piece of public art will be displayed on the lawn at the Civic Center. Information will also be available via the internet. Ms. Simpson indicated there was a desire to expand the project beyond the city and expressed appreciation for the city's support.

Frank Norton commented on cemetery art indicating there were some impressive pieces within Gainesville/Hall County.

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Resolution: Authorization to Accept a \$48,836 GDOT GATEway Grant

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar stated the application was for \$50,000. The proposed resolution will allow the City to accept \$48,836 to assist with beautification efforts at Exit 20 along I-985/State Route 365.

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Resolution: Authorization to Accept a \$20,000 ARC Economic Development Grant

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar stated the grant was associated with a federally funded program offered through the Appalachian Regional Commission. This grant will be combined with capital improvement plan funds to develop a downtown strategic plan. The City will be the administrator of the grant funds.

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon stated they have some great ideas for downtown. They will need to prioritize them to focus on implementation based upon available funding.

Council Member Hamrick commented on the proposals for the two lots of Jesse Jewell. He felt they offered good concepts but didn't think they had enough time to address feasibility issues. He asked if there was a way for the respondents to be involved in this process.

City Manager Padgett suggested allowing this process to be completed so there could be clear direction for those lots. He also stated staff would be working toward having this completed before the next Council retreat so this could be a topic of discussion.

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Resolution: Authorization to Accept a \$522,125 GTIB Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Grant

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar stated the grant was from the State Road & Tollway Authority. The City was awarded the grant in May. The proposed resolution authorized acceptance of the funds to create three turn-lane extensions along State Route 369, i.e., (1) the extension of the eastbound right-turn lane at E.E. Butler Parkway; (2) building a westbound right-turn lane at the intersection with West End Avenue; and (3) building an eastbound right-turn lane at the intersection with Auburn Avenue.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Sidewalks

City Manager Padgett commented on the Mayor receiving calls about sidewalks. He shared some history about the city's focus on this subject noting recent calls were about connectivity. The Community Development and the Public Works Departments have been asked to work together to review the sidewalk plan. The goal was to provide a master plan for sidewalks and a policy for how to address requests.

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon expressed a desire to provide a scope of work for the sidewalk master plan indicating they have quite a few projects underway and hoped to have this one completed by the end of year.

Council Member Bruner felt it was important to determine the origin of the request indicating this should be a consideration.

PlanFirst Program

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar stated Gainesville made the first cut in the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) PlanFirst Program. A team will visit and evaluate the City on Tuesday, August 26, 10:00 AM.

Signage

City Manager Padgett asked Communication and Tourism Director Catiel Felts to provide an update on the signage project.

Mrs. Felts commented on the solicitation process to hire a firm to provide gateway signage, way finding signage and facility signage. Sky Design (Atlanta) was selected as the vendor for this project. She displayed a sample of their work and stated the first visioning meeting occurred earlier this week. This process will be ongoing through the remainder of the year. Mrs. Felts stated the project includes directional signage to main venues and indicated the New Holland sign will fall within the scope of this project.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Convention and Visitor's Bureau Authority

Mayor Dunagan stated the first meeting had occurred. Grier Todd will be the Chairman. Richard Labriola will be the Vice Chairman. Sherri Hooper will be the Secretary.

Appointments

Mayor Dunagan submitted the following nominations for consideration:

- Joe Kolesar for reappointment to the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee.
- Mark Bell and Joe Wood, Jr. for reappointment to the Gainesville Redevelopment Authority.
- Jim Walters and Cheryl Morrow for reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Albert Lunlover to replace Scott Dixon on the Main Street Advisory Committee.
- Jason Everett, Art Kunzer and Dale Jaeger for reappointment to the Main Street Advisory Committee.

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The Mayor requested a meeting with the Housing Manager and City Clerk to address GNPFD appointments.

City Manager Padgett reminded the Mayor of Dean Dadisman's resignation from the Planning and Appeals Board noting it is the governing body's responsibility to determine who will serve as Chairman of that Board.

Ex-Officio Reports

Housing Manager Chris Davis summarized the recent Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation meeting. He also commented on activities of the Housing Authority.

Council Member Bruner provided the Hall '96 Olympic Board.

Council Member Couvillon provided an update from the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting.

Council Member Wangemann commented on the upcoming Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Meeting.

Accolades

Council Member Wangemann thanked the Fire Department for helping Hall County during the July 22 incident that injured several firefighters.

Council Member Couvillon commented on a recent Kiwanis Meeting indicating Fire Chief Jerome Yarbrough made a great presentation.

CITY CLERK ISSUES

Tablets at Council Meeting

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated tablets would be introduced to the August 5 Council Meeting which would significantly reduce the amount of paper required for meetings.

Planning and Appeals Board Meeting

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported a request for the governing body to attend the August 12 Planning and Appeals Board Meeting.

Cosa Nostra Italian Kitchen Ribbon Cutting Invitation

City Clerk Denise Jordan announced the Mayor and Council were invited to the Cosa Nostra Italian Kitchen ribbon cutting on August 21 at 4:30 PM.

GMA Training

City Clerk Denise Jordan reminded the Mayor and Council of a training opportunity through the Georgia Municipal Association noting the deadline for registration was quickly approaching.

RECESS: 10:08 AM

RECONVENE: 10:11 AM

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager Padgett request an Executive Session for real estate matters.
City Attorney Palmour requested an Executive Session for pending litigation.

Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and pending litigation matters at 10:11 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session to continue the Work Session at 10:25 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Request from Lieutenant Governor

Mayor Dunagan reported a request from the Lt. Governor to help fund a traffic signal on Dawsonville Highway (Barry Conner Development). The request was for \$80,000. The City Manager received a call too. The Mayor asked for direction.

Discussion indicated Council was not inclined to proceed at this time.

Olympic Venue

Mayor Dunagan commented on discussions with Commissioner Scott Gibbs with intentions of settling the rowing venue funding issue.

City Manager Padgett reported the service agreement had not been presented to the Commissioners. There will most likely be more discussion about this when the agreement is presented.

City Manager Padgett suggested inviting the legislative delegation to a lunch meeting at the Olympic Venue in hopes of securing their support for funding.

Traffic Engineer

City Manager Padgett reported the Traffic Engineer position had been difficult to fill. He had learned this was a common problem with other communities. The Public Works Director recommended a contractual agreement with a traffic engineering company to address this void. A budget adjustment to move part of the salary into consulting services would be required to proceed in this direction.

Joint Municipal Association (JMA) Mayor's Meeting

City Manager Padgett stated the JMA Mayor's plan to invite Dick Mecum to the next Mayor's meeting to request an audit of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds and to get more information about tier 1 projects.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:56 AM

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