

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

DEPARTMENT ISSUES

Alcoholic Beverage License Application: Downtown Drafts, 115 Bradford Street
Senior Finance Technician Tracie Morris stated the application was in order.

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Resolution: Award of Contract for Chattahoochee Golf Course Grill

Director of Golf Rodger Hogan commented on the RFP process. He recommended awarding the contract to Christopher Jones with three one-year renewals at the city's option. The contract was under review by Mr. Jones and should be ready for the upcoming Council Meeting. The proposed resolution authorized execution of the contract contingent upon obtaining licenses and permits.

Council Member Bruner expressed a desire to keep the facility open longer.

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Upon inquiry, Mr. Hogan provided an update on the delay for installing new grass at the Golf Course.

Resolution: Adoption of the Gainesville-Hall '96 Olympic Venue FY15 Lease Agreement

Parks and Recreation Agency Director Melvin Cooper stated the proposed resolution authorized the execution of a one-year lease agreement for the Olympic Venue. There was no change to the agreement.

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Resolution: Norfolk Southern Donation to the City of Gainesville Police Department

Corporal Joe Britte and Corporal Kevin Holbrook presented a proposed resolution allowing the department to accept a \$1,000 donation.

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Upon inquiry, Police Chief Brian Kelly commented on the department's school resource officers indicating there are three officers working in this program throughout the school year.

Resolution: Public Utilities Department Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan

Ordinance: Amend Title 10 Entitled "Schedule of Fees" for Water & Sewer

Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall commented on the 2014 Utilities Retreat. He heard some concerns and revisited those areas and was ready to present a recommendation. The Department of Transportation projects were still in the CIP. The cost of services study was recalculated to propose no increase for sanitary sewer rates and a 1% increase for water rates. Mr. Randall indicated there has never been a 1% increase from his recollection.

Mayor Dunagan expressed his desire for no increase.

Council Member Couvillon stated he would not support any increase.

Council Member Wangemann expressed a desire for no increase and felt a 1% increase wasn't unreasonable. He was more concerned about keeping future increases to a minimum.

Mr. Randall stated he would love to recommend no increase but he couldn't. Doing so would have a compounding effect and create a large increase at some point in the future.

Council Member Bruner stated she'd rather see small increases each year.

There was discussion about what the changes mean to the bill.

Ordinance placed on the August 19, 2014 Council Meeting
Resolution to be addressed after second reading of the ordinance

Resolution: FY2013 and FY2014 Full Depth Reclamation Project Award of Contract

Senior Civil Engineer Stanley Aiken stated the proposed resolution would address Lenox Drive, Cannon Ridge Drive, Nix Drive and Lakemont Drive. The contract would be awarded to the low bidder, Pittman Construction Company, with an 8.5% contingency. The total project cost would not to exceed \$603,240.68.

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Athens Road

Council Member Figueras commented on calls received from area residents concerned about closing Athens Road again for paving.

Assistant Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky shared his knowledge about the project indicating there had been some delays due to unforeseen circumstances.

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard stated the city's role has been completed.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES

Pay Study

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard stated Human Resources Risk Management Director Janeann Allison was present to discuss a pay study to retain the best and brightest employees.

Mrs. Allison stated this study was part of the departmental budget. She summarized the process and extended caution indicating it would not solve all problems. She was preparing to request a multi-year plan. Mrs. Allison planned to begin the process with public safety employees. She had distributed statewide notices and received approximately 40 responses. The majority use Carl Vinson Institute of Government for these type projects. She welcomed thoughts/ideas to include in this process.

There was consensus to proceed.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES

Council Member Figueras

1. Commented on the Dancing for a Cause Non-Profit.
2. Provided a brief report from meetings of the Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation and the Main Street Gainesville Advisory Board.
3. Thanked those who participated in the Second Saturday meeting.

Council Member Couvillon

Provided a brief report from attendance the Parks and Recreation Agency and the Airport Advisory Committee meetings.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Provided a brief report from the Regional Commission Meeting.
2. Provided notice of a Keep Hall Beautiful Cleanup event scheduled for August 16 on Atlanta Highway.
3. Met with the City Marshal and Ashley Bell regarding taxi cab issues. There was discussion about creating a taxi cab committee to submit recommendations. The Assistant City Manager agreed to discuss this with the City Marshal.
4. Reported a road name change request from Dexter Stanley.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Reported the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) would hold a called meeting to retract action to retain federal funding (\$4.5 million).
2. Read a prepared statement regarding his disappointment about Monday's article about the Health Clinic. The statement read as follows:

"I was disappointed to read in the Gainesville Times on Monday about the disinterest of a few Hall County Commissioners in partnering with the City of Gainesville on an employee health clinic. The city opened an employee clinic in 2008. Since its opening, the participation in our clinic has grown significantly with medical care being provided to approximately 750 patients.

We were excited about an opportunity to partner with Hall County on their effort to establish an employee health clinic. City of Gainesville and Hall County staff met to discuss ways in which the clinic operations could be organized and expanded to benefit both governments. Through staff's analysis, a joint employee health clinic can result in great savings to Hall County, the City of Gainesville and ultimately the taxpayers of Hall County. A joint clinic will result in a greater utilization rate which allows healthcare to be provided at a lower cost and a joint clinic will allow for an expansion of services that would be provided to employees.

I do feel it is important to provide correct information and hope we can provide information to make a more informed decision on the matter.

I first want to address the clinic facility. The City already has a functioning clinic that has vacant space. Therefore, the creation of a joint clinic would not require a major overhaul but rather a renovation of a few rooms to suit the expanded clinic's needs. The clinic is centrally located with the Airport Industrial Park. This

location is convenient for the City's employees and we know it will be convenient for the County's employees as well.

Secondly, I want to address the cost sharing agreement between the City and County. The distribution of cost for the clinic is to be based on each government's use of the clinic simply meaning that Hall County pays for its employees and the City of Gainesville will pay for theirs. The cost sharing arrangement was to address how the bills would be paid on the front end, before expenses could accurately be distributed to each government based on employee usage. The City has been willing to equally divide that expense until a history of usage is established.

I believe the advantages of the City and County partnering together far outweigh any of the concerns that have been mentioned. I believe we owe it to our employees and the taxpayers of Hall County to continue these discussions and hopefully reach an agreement."

CITY CLERK ISSUES

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported Retirement Plan A will present a few business items at next work session.

RECESS: 10:49 AM
RECONVENE: 11:00 AM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Assistant City Manager Sheppard requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Mayor Dunagan requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

City Attorney Palmour requested an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation matters.

Motion to close the Work Session at 11:00 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation matters.

Motion made by Council Member Couvillon
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann
Votes favoring the motion: Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon

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PARTIAL ATTENDANCE: Brian Kelly, Janeann Allison, Rusty Ligon

Motion to close the Executive Session and continue the Work Session at 11:51 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Couvillon

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Top of Gainesville

Council Member Figueras asked about extended hours for alcohol sales at the Top of Gainesville. She expressed a desire for all establishments to be treated the same.

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard provided an overview of the alcohol ordinance indicating the cut off is 1:30 AM. Top of Gainesville follows the requirements of the adult entertainment ordinance. She requested guidance on how to proceed.

Council Member Couvillon was not in favor of supporting this establishment.

Council Members Bruner and Figueras were comfortable with making changes that allow equal treatment.

NOTE: Council Member Couvillon left the meeting at 11:53 AM.

Park Ranger

Council Member Bruner reported the Park Ranger was planning to retire and there were no plans to replace this position. The Assistant City Manager agreed to follow-up on this matter.

Growlers

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard reported a request to offer special events at Growlers through the Special Permit process.

City Marshal Debbie Jones discussed issues with the alcohol ordinance then requested direction from the governing body.

Mayor Dunagan suggested making contact with Growlers to gain clarity about their desires.

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon suggested a periodic local business expo in the midtown greenway.

Alcohol Ordinance

Proposed amendments to the alcohol ordinance would be presented in September.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:12 PM

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