

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

DEPARTMENT ISSUES

Resolution: Amend Plan Document as it pertains to Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QUADRO's)

Retirement Plan A Chairman David Frazier stated it has been the position of the Board to not honor Qualified Domestic Relations Orders. Legal counsel was contacted after identifying conflicting language in the Plan Document. Counsel agreed with the Board's position and provided language to clarify the Plan Document. The proposed resolution authorized the amendments to the Plan.

Placed on the September 2, 2014 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Resolution: Amend Plan Document as it pertains to Definitions for Spouse and Eligible Spouse

Retirement Plan A Chairman David Frazier stated the proposed resolution pertains to a court ruling regarding same sex marriages. IRS requires the Plan Document to be amended in accordance with the ruling. Legal counsel provided the appropriate language. Mr. Frazier indicated the change addresses a tax issue for the beneficiary and adds no additional cost to the Plan.

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Ordinance: FY2015 Ad Valorem Tax Rate - Millage Rate Rollback for the City of Gainesville

Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe stated calculations were revisited after receiving the certified tax digest. A millage rate rollback from 3.06 to 3.02 mills was recommended to assure there were no revenue gains due to property value reassessments. The proposed ordinance established the following breakdown:

General Government	1.75 Mills
Parks and Recreation	0.78 Mills
Debt Service	<u>0.49</u> Mills
TOTAL	3.02 Mills

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Ordinance: FY2015 Ad Valorem Tax Rate BOE - Millage Rate Rollback for the Gainesville City School System

Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe stated calculations were also revisited for the school system after receiving the certified tax digest. A millage rate rollback from 7.59 to 7.48 mills was recommended to assure there were no revenue gains due to property value reassessments. The proposed ordinance established the following breakdown:

Maintenance and Operations	7.48 Mills
Debt Service	<u>0.00</u> Mills
TOTAL	7.48 Mills

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Resolution: Authorization to Waive the Sale of Alcohol for Public Consumption for the John Jarrard Foundation Concert

Main Street Manager Regina Mansfield presented a resolution authorizing the waiver of the sale of alcohol for public consumption for a fundraising concert. The event would be held on Friday, September 19 on the Downtown Gainesville Square.

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Small Business Award

Main Street Manager Regina Mansfield commented on attendance at the Georgia Downtown Association Award Banquet. She reported Dress Up (located on Washington Street) received a Small Business Award.

Resolution: Riverside WTP Concrete Rehabilitation Project Engineering and Detail Design

Civil Engineer Barclay Fouts provided some background information and showed photographs of areas to be addressed. An evaluation report was prepared by Wiedeman and Singleton. Staff desired to continue working with Wiedeman for the engineering and design work. The hourly rates were set at industry standards and were in line with previously completed design projects. The proposed resolution authorized staff and Wiedeman and Singleton, Inc. to proceed with design, engineering and production of construction drawings, specifications and contract documents as well as to obtain bids from prequalified contractors. The total cost was not to exceed \$60,650. A recommendation to award the contract would be presented to the governing body.

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Discussion: Water/Sewer Rate Ordinance

Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall stated the department reviewed options after receiving comments about the previously proposed ordinance. He indicated there was a possibility the department could scale back even more based on new projections. He recommended a \$0.85 increase to the account servicing fee and no increase to water fees. He also recommended proceeding with other fee changes as reported during the last work session.

Council Member Wangemann felt it was important to be self-supporting on the account servicing fee. He also felt the recommendation was a good alternative for the governing body.

Council Member Figueras stated the system must operate as a business.

Council Member Hamrick felt this recommendation would hit the small user. He shared some history regarding the utility which prompted a question about funds available at this point in time. Mr. Hamrick also commented on the importance of meetings with large users to help them understand the operation as well as forecasting information.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation matters at 9:48 AM.

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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OTHER ATTENDEES: Dana Maine, Janeann Allison and Juli Tomlin

Motion to close the Executive Session and to continue the Work Session at 10:59 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

CLERK ISSUES

Medical Arts Properties, LP

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported a legal ad was published announcing a public hearing on a request from Medical Arts Properties, Inc. to abandon a portion of right-of-way. The Planning and Appeals Board tabled this item until its October 14, 2014 meeting. The legal ad required this item to appear on the upcoming Council Meeting Agenda. No action would be required.

Notice of Intent to Construct a Transmission Line

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported receipt of a notice from Georgia Power regarding intentions to construct a transmission line. Two public meetings were scheduled on September 24. One would begin at 2:00 PM and the other would begin at 6:00 PM. Both meetings would be held at the Brenau University Downtown Center.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES

Council Member Bruner

Summarized discussions from the Hall '96 Strategic Plan Meeting. There was discussion about annexing the venue into the city limits to take responsibility for maintenance and other issues that need to be addressed.

Council Member Figueras

1. Provided a brief report about the recent Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation meeting.
2. Announced the September and October Second Saturday Meetings will include educating the community on the election process.

Council Member Hamrick

Reported Ben Carter was involved in several large developments outside the community. He suggested asking him to consider Gainesville as a site for a development project.

Council Member Wangemann

Announced he was organizing a neighborhood watch on his street and was working with the Police Department's Community Relations Unit.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Reported the Chicken Festival yielded over \$10,000 for the Main Street Program.
2. Commented on a meeting regarding pharmacies. Staff was present and gained insight on this subject that would be helpful toward managing the Clinic.
3. Provided a brief report about the Housing Authority.
4. Reported action was required to complete the appointment of Albert Lunalover to the Main Street Advisory Committee. Placed on the September 2, 2014 Council Meeting Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:27 AM

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