

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

Council Member Hamrick called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and served as the presiding officer.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES

Resolution: Wal-Mart Foundation Local Facility Giving Program

Police Captain Jay Parrish requested approval to accept a grant from Wal-Mart. The grant funds may increase when compared to previous years.

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Resolution: Gainesville Fire Department Additional Personnel

Fire Chief Jerome Yarbrough stated a new recruit school will begin at the end of the month. The twelve week program usually yields a few individuals that are unable to meet the requirements. The proposed resolution allows three additional recruits to participate to offset any losses.

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Resolution: Amend and Add to the City of Gainesville Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual

Human Resources Director Janeann Allison presented changes that revised PTO accruals for employees hired after 2012 indicating the last change has hindered attracting employees. She stated the policy was reviewed by the actuary and the city's financial staff. There were no significant financial implications. Mrs. Allison stated the amendment also reinstates funeral leave with a maximum of 24 hours annually.

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Resolution: Approval of TAD Funding for a Redevelopment Project at 131 Green Street

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar commented on a request from Looking Glass Surveys, LLC for historic rehabilitation of a gas station converted into office space. The TAD Advisory Committee recommended awarding \$62,000 upon receipt of acceptable documentation.

Council Member Wangemann expressed concern about comments from the County Commission and asked that staff issue a statement so the public would have an accurate understanding of TAD funds.

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Resolution: Approval of TAD Funding for a Redevelopment Project at 1630 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar commented on a request from Chastain Janitorial Supply to assist with the demolition and removal of concrete. The TAD Advisory Committee recommended awarding up to \$192,500 upon receipt of acceptable documentation and issuance of the final Certification of Occupancy.

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Resolution: Approval of TAD Funding for a Redevelopment Project Involving Midtown Greenway – Phase II

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar commented on a request from the City to use TAD funds for a portion of the Phase II Midtown Greenway Project to improve the parking lot at the corner of Parker Street and Main. The TAD Advisory Committee recommended awarding \$69,480.

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Resolution: Easements and Property Swap between City and W.I.P. (Community Way, Pine Street and Queen City Parkway)

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon presented a resolution authorizing the execution of three documents to clarify easements and/or property ownership between the City of Gainesville and Walters Income Properties. One document involved an easement associated with the development of apartments off of Community Way. There was discussion about signage in this area. Another document involved a Quit Claim Deed to clarify ownership of property located at 672 Pine Street. The last document granted a non-exclusive easement for ingress/egress and a parking easement at 682 Pine Street.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES

Resolution: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Hall County and Municipalities for SPLOST VII

City Manager Padgett presented a resolution for an IGA for SPLOST funds. He called attention to Gainesville's projects as identified in Attachment A and the Level Two projects identified on Attachment B. All municipalities were asked to approve the agreement by January 31st. Mr. Padgett stated there is a desire to appoint an oversight committee even though it is not referenced in the agreement.

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Issues Committee Meeting

City Manager Padgett stated he would be attending the Issues Committee Meeting on January 21 to discuss Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST).

Redevelopment Authority Issue

City Manager Padgett stated Attorney Tread Syfan will attend the upcoming Council Meeting to present a resolution on behalf of the Redevelopment Authority.

CITY CLERK ISSUES

Qualifying Fees for the 2015 Municipal Election

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated an election would be held on November 3 to address Council Member and Board of Education Member seats for Wards 2, 3 and 5. In preparation for a regularly scheduled general election, state law requires qualifying fees to be set and published no later than February 1. The fees are set at three percent of the total gross salary of the office paid in the preceding calendar year including all supplements. Salary information was obtained

from the City's Payroll Office as well as the Finance Department for the Gainesville City School System. The proposed resolution sets the fees as follows:

Council Ward 2, \$621	Board of Education Ward 2, \$174.60
Council Ward 3, \$621	Board of Education Ward 3, \$174.60
Council Ward 5, \$620.25	Board of Education Ward 5, \$174.60

Disclosure Reports

City Clerk Denise Jordan addressed questions about filing dates for disclosure reports. She also reported the Georgia Municipal Association was requesting amnesty from fines/fees implemented by the Ethics Commission. It was suggested that elected officials share comments/concerns with the local legislative delegation.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES

Council Member Hamrick

1. Asked about the status of a franchise agreement with Atlanta Gas Light. The City Attorney provided an update.
2. Asked about the Martin Luther King, Jr. Program in regards to who will speak on the City's behalf.

Council Member Bruner

1. Commented on Legislative Policy Council discussions.
2. Suggested that the Hall '96 Board attend a future Work Session to discuss the Pan Am Games.

Council Member Figueras

1. Provided a brief report about meetings held by the Planning and Appeals Board and the Housing Authority.
2. Reported her resignation from the Alliance for Literacy Board.
3. Commented on the Family Connection Board.
4. Commented on Ninth District Opportunity working on a project to count homeless individuals in the area.
5. Commented on activities occurring at Brenau.

Council Member Couvillon

Commented on the Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Council Member Wangemann

Stated the next Georgia Mountains Regional Commission meeting will be held on January 29.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk