

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

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

BUDGET PRESENTATION(S)

Keep Hall Beautiful

Executive Director Kelly Norman requested a \$5,000 increase to address staffing and workload changes. She commented on various events/projects including but not limited to cleanup efforts and the annual chicken festival. Ms. Norman also shared performance measures and accomplishments.

Elachee Nature Science Center

President/CEO Andrea Timpone and Judge Girardeau presented information. Ms. Timpone distributed the June 2013 – May 2014 Progress Report and other information about the Center. She commented on the use of reserve funding to address upcoming transition due to retirement.

Judge Girardeau commented on the Center's presence in the community and its mission.

Gainesville/Hall 96'

Venue Manager Morgan House distributed a budget request report for the Lake Lanier Olympic Venue. He discussed the economic impact and pending improvements scheduled for completion by May 2016. He also commented on recent improvements. Mr. House discussed upcoming events and indicated there was interest in holding weddings at the venue.

Economic Development

Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Vice Chair of Economic Development Brian Rochester attended on behalf of the Chamber and thanked the City for its investment and support.

Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Economic Development Tim Evans stated it had been a good year in regards to recruitment and commented on some of the businesses that have come to the community. He discussed existing industry and shared materials used for economic development.

Project Manager Amanda Lewis spoke about the small business program which helps businesses focus on marketing and growing their business.

Council Member Figueras expressed a desire for Highway 129 to become more desirable for new businesses.

Council Member Hamrick commented on the airport being a great economic generator.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES

Facility Naming Recommendation - Resolution: Naming of Facility in Memory of Elbert L. Cabbell

Parks and Recreation Agency Director Melvin Cooper reported receiving a recommendation to name the athletic field adjacent to the Frances Meadow Center and the Gainesville Middle School in memory of Elbert L. Cabbell. The Facility Naming Committee reviewed the request and the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board and forwarded it on to the Mayor/Council for consideration.

Communications and Tourism Director Catiel Felts stated the committee recommended honoring the request.

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Gateway and Wayfinding Signage Presentation

Communications and Tourism Director Catiel Felts introduced Todd Vaught from Sky Designs indicating he worked with the committee on the signage project.

Mr. Vaught commented on the process and the thoughts for designing the signage. He discussed two options in detail indicating "Bridging the Old and New" was the overall theme. There was discussion about the cost for each option noting they are the most unique designs he has developed. Mr. Vaught addressed several questions.

RECESS: 10:40 AM

RECONVENE: 10:48 AM

Resolution: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the City of Gainesville and Main Street Gainesville and the Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Main Street Manager Regina Mansfield stated the MOU was required to remain in good standing with DCA.

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Resolution: Lakeside Water Treatment Plant Sodium Hypochlorite Tank Replacement

Construction and Project Management Section Chief Jarrett Nash stated the resolution authorized the replacement of a leaking chemical storage tank. He explained the funding plan. The resolution authorized the expenditure of no more than \$91,500 from the Public Utilities Department Capital Projects fund.

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Resolution: Riverside Drive Water Treatment Plant Chemical System Improvements Detailed Design, Permitting, and Bidding Services Award

Assistant Public Utilities Director Don Dye commented on the funding for a new water quality building. There were six pre-qualified firms and four of them submitted proposals. Hazen and Sawyer was selected for the contract at a cost not to exceed \$580,000. Mr. Dye stated the project timeline was ten months.

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Resolution: Modification of the Corporate Hangar Lease Agreement Template

Airport Manager Terry Palmer discussed a resolution to modify the lease agreement template. He briefly discussed the changes which, in summary, addressed the term, rent/fee structure and insurance requirements.

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Resolution: Amendment of the 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plans

Housing Program Manager Chris Davis stated the resolution will allow amendments to the referenced action plans. A thirty day comment period and a public hearing had occurred. Moving the funds would allow some of the plans to close by the end of the calendar year. Mr. Davis proposed moving \$202,303 from housing rehabilitation to public facilities projects.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES

Resolution: Oppose the State of Georgia's Transportation Funding Act of 2015

City Manager Kip Padgett stated the proposed resolution was being adopted by several communities throughout the state. Administrative Services estimated a \$167,000 loss from the proposed legislation.

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Kubota Lease Agreement

City Manager Padgett stated the City Attorney and the Public Utilities Department Director had met with Kubota regarding a lease agreement.

NOTE: City Manager Padgett left at 11:15 AM.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES

Ex-Officio Reports

Council Member Bruner provided a report from the Friends of the Parks Meeting.
Council Member Figueras made several announcements
Council Member Couvillon commented on the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting.
Mayor Dunagan commented on the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee Meeting.

Appointments

Mayor Dunagan asked that Attorney John Breakfield be considered for the Assistant City Attorney position.

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CITY CLERK ISSUES

House Bill 194

City Clerk Denise Jordan commented on a house bill that would reduce advance voting to twelve consecutive days including Saturday and Sunday. She stated this action would increase the cost of the election if Gainesville was the only entity conducting an election. Some elected officials indicated they were not in favor of Sunday voting.

Council Member Bruner indicated she would pass this information along to Georgia Municipal Association during the legislative briefings.

Georgia Municipal Association Annual Conference

City Clerk Denise Jordan distributed the tentative conference schedule and planning forms for the June 26-30 training program. She asked that the paperwork be returned by February 25.

FY2016 Budget

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated she was working on the budget. She asked the governing body to submit items that needed to be included for the upcoming year beyond normal business items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Dunagan requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 11:25 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session to continue the Work Session at 11:39 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Municipal Election Cost

Mayor Dunagan commented on sharing election cost with the Board of Education.

There was consensus not to ask the Board of Education to share the cost.

There was a desire to make the Board of Education aware of the amount being absorbed through the City's budget if the opportunity presented itself.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:42 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk