

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and served as the presiding officer.

Council Member Figueras delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

### **PRESENTATION(S):**

#### **Police Department Employee of the Year 2014 - Officer Justin Martin**

Captain John Robertson presented the *Employee of the Year Award* to Officer Justin Martin. He shared a brief summary of Officer Martin's accomplishments noting this nomination was submitted by a fellow Officer. The Mayor and Council extended words of appreciation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Mechee Johnson, 1137 Desota Street**, expressed concerns about the Purina Mill. She shared some medical history within her immediate family since returning to the area 2.5 years ago. She commented on a fine brown dust in the air that leaves a residue on the cars which she believed was released from the Purina Mill. Ms. Johnson also stated this issue has been ongoing for many years noting residents of the area had died from lupus. She commented on contacting the Public Utilities Department regarding water quality issues. She indicated she had videos, pictures and a police report to support her findings. She asked what could be done about this issue that is affecting the neighborhood. Ms. Johnson also commented on a book published by the Newtown Florist Club approximately 20 years ago about the Mill and deaths caused by lupus.

Council reported many tests and reports were performed over the years by the State and various organizations.

Council Member Figueras requested that she forward her information and pictures to the City Council for review.

**Jerry Edwards**, county resident, stated he was with the North Georgia Veterans Outreach Center. He invited the Mayor/Council to attend their one-year commemoration event on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 PM on the Gainesville Square noting it was to raise public awareness of veterans' suicide.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **Resolutions**

- A. AR-2015-06 Police Video Data Servers and Storage
- B. BR-2015-19 Authorization to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Kubota Manufacturing Corporation of America

NOTE: When only four members of the governing body are in attendance, the affirmative vote of the majority is required to approve a motion. Per Charter Section 2.22(c).

- C. BR-2015-20 Homeownership and Small Rental Housing Development Policies and Procedures
- D. PR-2015-11 FY 2014 Road Paving Project Award of Contract
- E. PR-2015-12 Linwood Water Reclamation Facility - Influent Pump Station Bar Screen
- F. PR-2015-13 Request to Submit FY16 Section 5307 Grant Application

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard stated she received a request from Kubota to remove Resolution BR-2015-19 from the consent agenda noting they needed more time to review the lease.

**Motion to remove item B from the consent agenda.**

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

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard provided a brief review of each resolution item.

**Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented excluding item B.**

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

**Minutes: March 12, 2015 Work Session**  
**Minutes: March 17, 2015 Mayor/Council Meeting**  
**Minutes: March 27-28, 2015 Public Utilities Department Workshop**

**Motion to approve the minutes accepting the edits as presented.**

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

**GENERAL LEGISLATION:**

**Second Reading: Ordinance No. 2015-06**  
**Amendment to Chapter 1-8-1 Entitled Administrative Hearing Officer**

**Motion to hold second reading on Ordinance 2015-06, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1.8 ENTITLED ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA; TO AMEND SECTION 1-8-1 TO ADD TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER THE OPTION OF IMPOSING A MONETARY ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY; TO DEFINE THE JURISDICTION OF THE HEARING OFFICER AS CONCURRENT WITH THAT OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT; AND THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER, THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER**

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SHALL APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER PRO HAC, UPON APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, TO PRESIDE OVER ALL ISSUES WHICH COME BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

**Absent: Wangemann, Couvillon**

### **PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

#### ***Transmittal of the Annual Update to the CIE***

Mayor Dunagan reviewed the public hearing process.

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon stated this was the annual audit of the Impact Fee Program. The audit was submitted to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) and Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and received no comments. A public hearing was required before the final transmittal. Mr. Ligon stated the program was doing well.

Mayor Dunagan opened the floor for comments. There being none, the hearing was closed and the matter returned to Council for a decision.

#### **Motion to adopt Resolution BR-2015-21 entitled *Transmittal of the Annual Update to the CIE* as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

**Absent: Wangemann, Couvillon**

***Request from Nilanjan Datta for a special use on a 39.7± acres tract located on the northwest side of the intersection of Atlanta Highway and Chicopee Mill Road (a/k/a 2100 Atlanta Highway SW, Building 3, Suite A), having a zoning classification of Light Industrial (L-I). Ward Number: Four. Tax Parcel Number(s): 08-011-000-003 (Part). Request: Micro-brewery.***

Planning Manager Matt Tate presented the request indicating it was previously approved for a different site which didn't work out. He supplemented his report with architectural renderings of the facility. The Planning and Appeals Board and staff recommended approval with the following condition:

The development standards within the narrative, concept plan and architectural renderings submitted with the applicant's Special Use application shall be made part of the resolution, and shall be subject to the Community Development Director approval.

Mayor Dunagan opened the floor for comments.

FAVOR:

**Richard Foote, 6252 Brookfield Drive, Murrayville**, stated they were happy to be at this building and their basic drive was to restore it back to productivity. He commented on others from the Chicopee community being in favor of the development. They were able to salvage and recycle materials from the building. Mr. Foote stated "It will be the most beautiful brewery in the State of Georgia". They were proud to have the opportunity to restore the building.

There being no other comments, the hearing was closed and the matter was returned to Council for a decision.

**Motion to adopt Resolution BR-2015-22 as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

**Absent: Wangemann, Couvillon**

**CITY MANAGER ISSUES:**

**Support Letter for Federal Historic Tax Credit**

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard commented on a letter from the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) to Senator Isakson supporting the protection of federal historic tax credit (HTC). Mayors throughout the State were asked to sign the letter.

There was consensus for the Mayor to sign the letter.

**CITY CLERK ISSUES:**

**Joint Municipal Association (JMA) Meeting**

City Clerk Denise Jordan reminded Council of the JMA meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center hosted by the City of Gainesville.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Listening Session**

Mayor Dunagan stated the GMA District 2 Listening Session was scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> in Helen noting the governing body had a scheduled meeting on the same day.

**Council Member Figueras**

1. Reported she will attend a Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) event at Callan College on April 13, 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Announced the Second Saturday Meeting (aka Citizen's Advisory Roundtable) on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM and commented on the topics of discussion.
3. Announced the Harper-Smith House Ribbon Cutting event will be on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM noting it was designated as a historical location.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 6:05 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk