

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order and served as the presiding officer.

**DEPARTMENT ISSUES**

**Resolution: Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program FY16-17**

Police Chief Carol Martin stated the proposed resolution authorized the execution of a 50/50 grant for \$30,000. The cash match was included in the department's budget.

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**Wrecker Services**

Police Chief Carol Martin stated some wrecker services were concerned about not being able to charge the actual cost for services rendered. She provided a brief overview of the ordinance noting the last review occurred in 2007. She confirmed officers do not recommend a wrecker service when addressing an accident.

Upon inquiry from Mayor Dunagan, Chief Martin stated staff could review the ordinance.

**Resolution: Regarding Second Quarter Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2015**

Budget and Purchasing Manager Matt Hamby reviewed budget adjustments that occurred from October 1 to December 31, 2014. The proposed resolution authorized the adjustments to occur.

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**Resolution: FY2016 Budget**

Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe stated three documents must be approved to finalize the budget. She discussed the timeline indicating a public hearing and first reading on the ordinances would occur on May 5. The budget resolution would be adopted and second reading of the ordinances would occur on May 19. The budget resolution was prepared based upon the recommendation of the City Manager.

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**Ordinance: FY2016 Ad Valorem Tax Rate**

Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe reviewed the millage rate ordinance noting the following:

General Government:	\$1.75 on each \$1,000 of taxable property
Parks and Recreation:	\$0.78 on each \$1,000 of taxable property
Debt	<u>\$0.49</u> on each \$1,000 of taxable property
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3.02 on each \$1,000 of taxable property</b>

The proposed ordinance also addressed property tax billing. The goal was to bill this Fall with a due date on/before December 1 and to accept installment payments. The roll-back calculation

would occur when the tax digest was available. Information would be presented to the governing body if a roll-back/roll-up of the millage rate was needed to remain revenue neutral.

Council Member Hamrick commented on the general government millage rate.

Mayor Dunagan asked several questions regarding the timeline for certifying the tax digest.

Council Member Wangemann expressed a concern about the bond for the jail property.

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**Ordinance: FY2016 Ad Valorem Tax Rate - Board of Education**

Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe reported the school system did not request a change to the existing millage rate. The proposed ordinance reflected the following:

Maintenance and Operations:	\$7.48 on each \$1,000 of taxable property
Debt	<u>\$0.00</u> on each \$1,000 of taxable property
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7.48 on each \$1,000 of taxable property</b>

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**CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:**

**Resolution: Authorization to Execute Use Agreement By and Between City of Gainesville and Gainesville City Board of Education**

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard stated the proposed resolution would formalize the terms and conditions for the Board of Education to use the Municipal Court Room for meetings of the board. The agreement was for a twelve-month period renewable up to four times. There was a brief discussion about the fee structure and access to the facility. Dr. Creel (Gainesville City School Superintendent) signed the agreement on behalf of the school system. The resolution authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement.

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**Resolution: Support of an Application for Low Income Housing Tax Credits – Atlanta Street Development, Phase 1**

Housing Program Manager Chris Davis discussed the Atlanta Street renovation project underway by the Housing Authority indicating the application needed local government support.

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**Resolution: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2015 Annual Action Plan**

Housing Program Manager Chris Davis reviewed Exhibit A of the Action Plan which itemized the budget for the program as follows:

**PROGRAM FUNDING SOURCES**

2015 Grant Allocation	\$441,727
Projected Program Income	\$ <u>98,000</u>
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$539,727</b>

**PROPOSED ACTIVITIES**

Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements	\$347,727
Public Services	\$ 65,000
Code Enforcement	\$ 20,000
Program Administration	<u>\$107,000</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$539,727</b>

The proposed resolution authorized execution of the necessary documents.

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Upon inquiry from Council Member Figueras, Mr. Davis provided a brief update regarding the administration of the Hall County Program.

Council Member Figueras made an appeal for in-town housing to offer connectivity to services.

**Resolution: Authorization to Develop a Stormwater Management System**

Distribution and Collection Systems Manager Joey Leverette stated the proposed resolution (1) creates an enterprise fund for a stormwater utility, (2) establishes a line of credit to start the program and (3) changes the name of the Public Utilities Department to the Department of Water Resources as recommended at the 2015 Public Utilities Department Workshop.

Council Member Wangemann commented on the importance of creating partnerships with other governmental entities to allow this effort to stretch beyond the City of Gainesville.

It was noted that the name change would be official on July 1, 2015.

City Manager Padgett stated information regarding the Advisory Committee would be presented at a later date.

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**Resolution: Flat Creek Water Reclamation Facility Digester Lid Removal**

Construction and Project Manager Section Chief Jarrett Nash stated the proposed resolution authorized funding to remove existing digester lids. One had completely failed and the other was at the end of its life. This was the first step of a bigger project. He requested permission to add this work to an existing project.

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**Public Hearing Item for the May 5, 2015 Council Meeting**

**Request from Fernando Martinez to annex a 0.24± acre tract located on the west side of Pine Circle Drive, having road frontage on Spring Road (a/k/a 2321 Pine Circle Drive) and to establish zoning as Residential-I (R-I). Ward Number: Five. Tax Parcel Number(s):08-006-006-001. Request: Sewer for an existing single-family residence.**

Planning Manager Matt Tate reviewed the application noting the request stems from a failed sewer system. There were no proposed changes to the property. The Planning and Appeals Board, as well as staff, recommended approval.

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**Public Hearing Item for the May 5, 2015 Council Meeting**

**Request from Chris Patton to amend the existing condition of zoning for a 0.67± acre tract zoned Neighborhood Business (N-B) located on the east side of Thompson Bridge Road, south of Virginia Avenue (a/k/a 1510 Thompson Bridge Road). Ward Number: Two. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-087-004-006. Request: Professional office.**

Planning Manager Matt Tate reviewed the application. Staff recommended approval with four conditions. The Planning and Appeals Board recommended approval with three conditions.

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**Highway 129**

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon stated Brentwood, Norwood and Versailles apartments were under new management. Staff met with the new owners and was impressed with the plans for the property. He showed several photographs of existing construction noting \$2.1 million was slated for renovations.

**Monthly Planning Report**

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon asked the governing body to consider discontinuing the monthly report presented during Mayor/Council meetings indicating this information was submitted to the governing body in a variety of other formats.

There was consensus to honor Mr. Ligon's request.

**CITY MANAGER ISSUES**

**Beautification at I-985 Entry Points**

City Manager Kip Padgett distributed an email from Hall County Commissioner Jeff Stowe asking for partnership to beautify entry points on I-985. The intent was to offer more frequent upkeep/maintenance. The estimated cost to the city was \$22,000. Mr. Padgett stated it's too late to add this to budget but it could be addressed through a budget adjustment if there was a desire to participate. Also, an intergovernmental agreement was required to proceed.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES**

**Council Member Figueras**

1. Requested Code Enforcement visit the corner of Atlanta Street and E.E. Butler Parkway.
2. Thanked staff for volunteering to provide smart lunches.
3. Congratulated Council Member Couvillon for efforts with United Way.
4. Thanked the community for supporting Habitat for Humanity and its 50<sup>th</sup> home.

**Council Member Hamrick**

1. Inquired about the evaluation of all-way stops at Riverside and Lanier. City Manager Padgett stated a memo was to be placed in the mailboxes.
2. Commented on funding for the Olympic Venue.
3. Celebrated the life of former City Clerk Henry Pinyan.

### **Council Member Couvillon**

Commented on fundraising events for cancer patient Eli Ligon. A benefit concert was scheduled for May 1 at the Midtown Greenway Amphitheater and a golf tournament was in the planning stages at the Chattahoochee Golf Course.

### **Council Member Wangemann**

1. Provided a report regarding Keep Hall Beautiful activities/projects.
2. Requested action by the Department of Transportation regarding potholes on state routes.

### **Mayor Dunagan**

1. Asked the elected officials to start thinking about appointments to the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Review Committee indicating the city will make three appointments. City Manager Padgett stated the County Commission planned to make their appointments on May 14. The County Attorney was working on an intergovernmental agreement regarding the composition of the committee.
2. Recommended reappointment of Nancy Keleman and Margaret Howington to the Cemetery Committee. Placed on the May 5, 2015 Mayor/Council Meeting Agenda.
3. Recommended reappointment of R.K. Whitehead to the Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission. Placed on the May 5, 2015 Mayor/Council Meeting Agenda.
4. Reported written notification was forthcoming regarding a resignation from the Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission.
5. Recommended appointing Tharp Ward to fill the unexpired term of Mike Azotea on the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Placed on the May 5, 2015 Mayor/Council Meeting Agenda.
6. Recommended reappointing Broughton Cochran to the Housing Authority. Placed on the May 5, 2015 Mayor/Council Meeting Agenda.
7. Reported the Main Street Gainesville Advisory Board appointments would be addressed in June.
8. Reported the Redevelopment Authority appointments were pending verification of outstanding debt and would be addressed at a later date.
9. Commented on a recent meeting regarding Lake Knickerbocker.

### **CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES**

#### **Home Rule Ordinance 2015-01 to Increase Per Diem Compensation**

City Attorney Palmour presented a home rule ordinance to increase the per diem to \$150 per meeting and to increase the maximum pays per month to twelve.

There was consensus to proceed with the ordinance.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Manager Kip Padgett requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate matters.

#### **Motion to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate matters at 10:37 AM.**

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Hamrick

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

**Officials absent: Bruner**

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Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe, Public Works Director David Dockery, Assistant Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky, Senior Civil Engineer Stan Aiken and Transportation Engineering Coordinator Rhonda Brady attended portions of the Executive Session.

**Motion to close the Executive Session at 11:09 AM and to continue the Work Session.**

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

**Officials Absent: Bruner**

**OTHER ISSUES:**

**Alcoholic Beverage License Ordinance**

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard stated staff was monitoring legislation and may need to update the local ordinance to address statewide changes regarding distances from schools and brewery regulations. Another issue may require attention regarding outside consumption of alcoholic beverages associated with a business on Thompson Bridge Road and the use of a food truck on an adjoining lot. The business owner was advised outside consumption of alcohol was a violation of the local ordinance. Mrs. Sheppard stated there were some options to consider if there was a desire to allow this activity. The governing body was asked to provide direction on how to proceed.

It was suggested that staff and representatives from the governing body discuss the existing options with the business owner.

There was consensus among the governing body to update the local ordinance to address changes implemented by the state.

**ADJOURNMENT: 11:26 AM**

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk