

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Angel Cancino, a promotion representative for *Up with People*, stated this group was a non-profit organization that travels around the world with an education program. They bring 100 participants from all over the world to perform community service and they perform a show in each city they visit. This semester, Gainesville was one of the six cities to be visited in the United States. They will also travel to Mexico and then to Europe. The group will be in Gainesville from August 17th - 24th. He hoped to receive help from Gainesville residents with hosting international participants and noted one of the cast members is a Gainesville native.

Performances will be held at the Brenau Pierce Auditorium on August 21 at 7:00 PM; and August 22 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Proceeds from their performances will go to Habitat for Humanity.

The Mayor and Council Members extended words of appreciation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolutions

- A. AR-2015-16 Department of Water Resources Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan
- B. BR-2015-40 DCA 2014 CHIP Home Homebuyer Assistance and Home Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Policies and Procedures Manual
- C. PR-2015-22 Department of Water Resources Crane Truck Purchase
- D. PR-2015-23 Stormwater Management Program Development

Interim City Manager Marlowe provided a brief overview of each resolution.

Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

Absent: Couvillon

Council Member Wangemann commended the Department of Water Resources for their efforts in funding the five-year Capital Improvements Plan without additional borrowed funds.

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Motion to approve the minutes accepting the edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

Absent: Couvillon

GENERAL LEGISLATION:

Proposed Ordinance

Amend Title 10 Entitled Schedule of Fees – Water/Sewer January 2016 Rate

Motion to hold first reading on Ordinance 2015-22, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 10, ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF FEES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA; TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-17(a) TO REVISE MONTHLY SANITARY SEWER SERVICE FEES FOR ALL CLASSES OF USERS; TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-41 (e) TO REVISE WATER SERVICE FEES FOR ALL CLASSES OF USERS; TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-45 (a) TO REVISE RATE SCHEDULE FOR WATER SERVICE FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REMOVE BUILDING INSPECTION COORDINATION FEE IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 10-1-50 (b); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

Absent: Couvillon

OTHER ISSUES:

Retirement Announcement

Council Member Hamrick read the following statement announcing his retirement:

Mr. Mayor and Council Members, so much current debate gives me pause to remember and appreciate all the debates this Council has had over the years and all the issues that we've faced and resolved for the good of the citizens of Gainesville.

On every occasion, we've conducted ourselves honorably and respectfully and followed, to the best of our abilities, "Robert's Rules of Order" which has been our guide for protocol and a resource for conflict resolution.

So, may I invoke two passages from "Robert's Rules"?

First, a point of personal privilege. It has been my high honor to be a member of this Council for 46 years. When I began elective service, Mr. Mayor, you were a senior at Gainesville High school where Myrtle taught, Ruth and George did not live here and Sam was not born.

Under our former charter where the mayorship rotated among our membership, it was my privilege to serve as Mayor for 12 years. I have had the pleasure of being associated and working with 6 City Managers and 14 Council Members.

Second, a self-directed motion for reconsideration. A number of dynamics in my personal life has changed since I announced as a candidate for re-election. Carolyn and I both face some additional health issues. So, for a motion which needs no second, I've reconsidered my intention and plan to retire at the end of this term.

We've come a long way. We have so much for which to be proud, and personally I can look at the progress made and realize I had a small part in the results. We are 12th in the State in population growth and have had industrial development resulting in our being 10th in total employment. Several departments have achieved national accreditation and Class 1 recognition. The Utility Department with "state of the art" water and wastewater treatments and capacities are poised to serve well into the future. Excellence in service delivery has been the primary function of all departments.

I will complete my term with enthusiasm and will relinquish this seat to a worthy successor and wish him or her much success.

Thank you Council and Thanks, Gainesville.

The Mayor and Council Members extended words of appreciation to Council Member Hamrick for his years of dedicated service.

Smart Lunch/Smart Kid Program

Council Member Figueras commented on the Smart Lunch/Smart Kid Program. She extended appreciation to staff for their involvement in making it happen.

Housing Department

Council Member Figueras applauded Housing Program Manager Chris Davis for working with Habitat for Humanity.

Community Cookout at Desota Park

Council Member Figueras commended the Gainesville Police Department for its community policing efforts. They will host a second community cookout at Desota Park on Thursday, July 23. Everyone is invited to attend.

Real Interactive Summer Learning Experience (RISE) Program

Council Member Figueras commented on the RISE program noting it is a program for children to fill in the gap between school sessions. A graduation for 90 students will be held on Friday, July 24th at 10:00 AM at the Brenau Downtown Center.

American Disabilities Act Celebration

Council Member Figueras announced the American Disabilities Act (ADA) will hold a celebration on Saturday, July 24th, 7:45 PM at theater entrance of the Brenau Downtown Center.

Community Cleanup

Council Member George Wangemann shared information about the community clean up that was held on Saturday, July 18th in the Ridgewood Avenue neighborhood and collected approximately 200 pounds of litter.

Food Bank

Council Member Wangemann stated he will be involved in the Food Bank's collection of canned goods. He thanked the city and others who have participated.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:53 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk