

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

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

DEPARTMENT ISSUES

Resolution: FY2014 Water Main Extensions and Improvements

Civil Engineer Jason Perry stated this request will address current needs and prepare for future development. Competitive bids were received. Strickland & Sons Pipeline was the low bidder. The proposed resolution authorized awarding the contract and the expenditure of up to \$2,161,510.30. He stated the work will be in the northern part of Gainesville.

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Resolution: To Authorize Execution of Agreement Between City of Gainesville and CitiBank, N.A. Pertaining to Limestone Parkway – Milliken Foundation Sanitary Sewer Easement

Department of Water Resources Director Kelly Randall provided some history indicating the property in question was a deed of gift for access to the Gainesville Mill property. The department no longer needs the property and was ready to return it back to Milliken. The proposed resolution authorized execution of the appropriate documents.

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Resolution: FEMA Reimbursement – 2015 Winter Storm

Budget Manager Tommy Hunt presented a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for a FEMA reimbursement (up to \$363,835) for cost incurred during the February 15 winter storm.

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Resolution: Authorization To Apply for FAA-GDOT Grant for the Terminal Area Improvements Phase II Project

Airport Manager Terry Palmer stated the proposed resolution was similar to one presented in 2013. Unfortunately, FAA did not have funding for the project. Since then, FAA has submitted new paperwork for the project with a larger level of participation which made it worth the wait.

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There was a brief conversation about the hangars being at full capacity and about the services provided by Lanier Flight.

Presentation: Hillcrest Avenue Traffic Study

Transportation Engineering Coordinator Rhonda Brady commented on a study to transition to parking on one side of the street. There was a good bit of negative feedback so the department looked for another solution and recommends “Do Not Block Street” signage to resolve the problem. Staff will revisit this if it doesn’t achieve the desired goal.

There was consensus to proceed with the recommendation.

Ordinance: Amend Chapter 3-4 Entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” as it Pertains to Dyer Street – Change to One-Way Street

Ordinance: Amend Chapter 3-4 Entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” as it Pertains to Dyer Street – Prohibit Parking on Eastside

Transportation Engineering Coordinator Rhonda Brady stated the Public Works Department had been advised of emergency vehicles and solid waste trucks having difficulty navigating Dyer Street. Staff recommended changing to a one-way street which required the adoption of two ordinances.

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Davis Street Traffic Calming Device Study

Transportation Engineering Coordinator Rhonda Brady stated Good News at Noon requested a traffic evaluation of Davis Street between Mitchell Street and Dorsey Street. The area met the requirements for a speed hump. The department recommended the rubberized speed hump which was easy to remove and more cost effective.

Complete Streets Policy

Transportation Engineering Coordinator Rhonda Brady presented a policy to use when evaluating streets designed for internal use.

Public Hearing Items

Rezone 4.899± acres at 0 S Smith Road, SW

Amend Planned Unit Development zoning on 14.233± acres at 2436 S Smith Road SW

Planning Manager Matt Tate stated there were two public hearing items involving the Roman Catholics Archdiocese. He reviewed both requests indicating they would allow a new sanctuary to be built and the existing sanctuary would transition to an education center. The Planning and Appeals Board recommended approval with six conditions as provided by staff.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES

Police Department Promotions

Interim City Manager Melody Marlowe stated the department would hold a pinning ceremony on August 3 at 10 AM.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES

Appointment(s): Convention and Visitors Board

Mayor Dunagan recommended appointing Jay Singh to fill the unexpired term of Grier Todd.

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Appointment(s): Main Street Advisory Committee

Mayor Dunagan recommended appointing Thea Dubose to replace Derrick Case.

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Appointment(s): Planning and Appeals Board

Mayor Dunagan recommended reappointing Jane Fleming and appointing Carmen Delgado to fill the unexpired term of John Snyder.

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Appointment(s): Redevelopment Authority

Mayor Dunagan recommended reappointing Carol Burrell and appointing Jay Jacobs to replace George Hokayem.

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Employee Event

Mayor Dunagan commented on the Employee Event scheduled for July 31 at the Civic Center.

Council Member Myrtle Figueras

Stated she was honored to participate in the RISE Summer Program Graduation offered by the Housing Authority and Brenau.

Council Member Bob Hamrick

1. Expressed pleasure with an email from Sergeant Jeffery Welch who was impressed with the City of Gainesville and the Police Department.
2. Recent publicity about an odor gave the impression that it was within the city limits when that was not the case. This is a very serious problem for the residents in that area and it was important to address it as quickly as possible.

Council Member George Wangemann

1. Provided an update regarding Keep Hall Beautiful.
2. Will attend a Georgia Mountains Regional Commission meeting later in the day.
3. Reported concerns about coyotes being prominent in the city.

Mayor Danny Dunagan

Expressed a desire to revisit the detention pond ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Palmour requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation matters.

Mayor Dunagan requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate matters.

Motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate matters at 9:57 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

Council Absent: Bruner

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NOTE: David Dockery Chris Rotalsky and Rhonda Brady attended portions of the Executive Session.

Motion to close the Executive Session and continue the Work Session at 10:50 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

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Resolution: Pump Station 23 Improvements Release and Settlement Agreement

Interim City Manager Melody Marlowe stated the proposed resolution authorized the execution of documents to settle an issue.

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Tax Digest

Interim City Manager Melody Marlowe stated the certified tax digest was received last week. There were questions about some reassessment amounts. She was working with the Tax Assessor's Office and hoped to have more information soon.

Election Precincts

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated election precincts listed in the Code Book need to be updated. She requested permission to remove them from the Code Book indicating the State Election Code dictates how they are to be established. Changes to the precincts would be discussed with Council and implemented in accordance with the law.

The City Attorney was authorized to prepare the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:00 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk