

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and served as the presiding officer. He introduced Brittany Richards, a college student observing government in action.

### **DEPARTMENT ISSUES**

#### **Resolution: Sanitary Sewer Service at White Sulphur Road and State Route 365**

Director of Water Resources Kelly Randall used a map to identify the property requesting sewer service confirming it was in the city's service district. The city has no infrastructure in this area and no intention of providing service in the foreseeable future. The proposed resolution authorized the county to provide service. The next update to House Bill 489 would include this change.

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#### **Resolution: Clothing Donation**

Deputy Chief Jay Parrish stated there were 40 police uniforms that were no longer serviceable. The proposed resolution allowed them to be donated to Good News At Noon. All police insignia would be removed before releasing the garments.

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#### **Resolution: FY 16-17 Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Acceptance**

Deputy Chief Jay Parrish stated the proposed resolution authorized the Police Department to accept a \$14,763.35 grant from the federal government for bulletproof vest. He stated this funding would cover the cost of almost one-half of the vests that will exceed their useful life by the end of the month.

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#### **Resolution: Accept FY16 Coordinated Transportation Contract**

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss stated the proposed resolution authorized execution of the referenced contract. The Department of Human Resources (DHR) has a coordinated transportation program that pays Dial-A-Ride programs throughout the state to provide services. She stated the Community Service Center (CSC) will initially be the regional coordinator for Hall County, Hart County and Dawson County. The contract also authorized the standard services provided by the CSC. Next year, Hall County will be asked to execute the contract as done in the past.

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#### **Resolution: Funding for Vehicle Purchase for Communications and Tourism**

Communications and Tourism Director Catiel Felts requested funding to purchase a vehicle to transport items to/from events. She felt they could benefit from a small van. The proposed resolution authorized the use of \$30,000 from the Communications and Tourism Fund Balance to make the purchase.

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**Resolution: Authorization to Apply for Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Grant**

Public Works Director David Dockery commented on the opportunity to apply for a grant to help fund the following transportation projects:

1. South Enota Drive Realignment / Enota Avenue Turn Lanes
2. Thompson Bridge Road at Enota Avenue Intersection Improvements
3. Park Hill Drive at South Enota Drive Intersection Improvements

Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company, distributed a written summary of the concept plans for the referenced projects.

Mr. Dockery anticipated a 20% match from the city's budget. The proposed resolution authorized the grant application to be submitted.

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**Resolution: Closing of Streets and Downtown Square for 2015 Mule Camp Market**

Public Works Director David Dockery stated the proposed resolution authorized street closings for the 2015 Mule Camp Market scheduled for October 9-11. The resolution outlines the street closings and barricades. It also addressed alcohol sales and consumption which model the requirements for First Friday events.

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**Airport Industrial Park Ingress/Egress**

Mayor Danny Dunagan reported there had been some complaints about entering/exiting in this area.

**CITY MANAGER**

**Public Hearing regarding the Millage Rate**

Interim City Manager Melody Marlowe reminded the governing body of the public hearing on tax millage rate scheduled for the next Council Meeting.

**City Manager Search**

Interim City Manager Melody Marlowe reminded the governing body of the Called Council Meetings scheduled for September 15, 16 and 17 at 9:00 AM for the city manager interviews.

Mayor Dunagan asked the Council to sign letters thanking those who helped with the city manager search.

**Intergovernmental Agreement: Impact Fees for Libraries**

Hall County approved to move forward with an agreement for the City to collect impact fees for libraries. The agreement was ready for legal and staff review.

## **MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES**

### **Council Member Myrtle Figueras**

1. Stated City Marshal Debbie Jones and Attorney John Breakfield were in attendance at her request to discuss the taxicab issue as it pertains to changes at the state level. Mrs. Jones distributed a proposed ordinance that paralleled with the State. Mr. Breakfield reported the State significantly changed the requirements creating a political issue that required direction from the elected officials. After a brief discussion, there was consensus to delete the existing taxicab ordinance in its entirety.
2. Reported Jimmy Adams was still concerned about public parks. Mayor Dunagan commented on the action that has occurred indicating this matter was in the school board's hands. Assistant City Manager Sheppard recalled discussion about waiting until cooler weather for tree plantings.
3. Provided a brief overview of the agenda items for the upcoming Second Saturday Meeting.
4. Commended Housing Authority for publicizing the changes forthcoming for Atlanta Street.
5. Thanked everyone for attending the racial profiling meeting at St. Paul United Methodist Church. She discussed the perception of racial profiling and its impact on history.
6. Stated she spoke with staff about enforcing the loitering ordinance which prompted changes that allowed law enforcement to take action. Mayor Dunagan stated Housing Authority residents requested help with this issue.
7. Provided an ex-officio report from the Planning and Appeals Board meeting.

### **Council Member George Wangemann**

Announced the Rivers Alive Project and Shore Sweep community projects will occur on September 26.

### **Mayor Danny Dunagan**

Reminded everyone of the 9/11 ceremony on Friday.

## **CITY CLERK ISSUES**

### **November 3 Election**

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported the qualifying period for the election closed on September 2. Yesterday was the last day to declare write-in candidacy. None were received. The election will have three seats with opposition, i.e., Council Ward 2, Council Ward 3 and Board of Education District 5.

### **E-SPLOST**

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported plans were moving forward with E-SPLOST and reminded Council of the discussion about holding the municipal election in conjunction with the county-wide election so voters go to one place. She confirmed there was consensus among Council to hold the municipal election in conjunction with the county-wide election.

There was consensus.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Interim City Manager Melody Marlowe requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters at 9:42 AM.

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Council Member Couvillon left at 10:32 AM  
Council Member Ruth Bruner left at 10:35 AM

**Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:48 and to continue the Work Session.**

Motion made by Council Member Myrtle Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Bob Hamrick

**Votes favoring the motion: 4 favor (Dunagan, Hamrick, Figueras, Wangemann)**

**Council Members Absent: Bruner, Couvillon**

*The Mayor voted to provide the fourth affirmative vote in compliance with the Charter.*

**ADJOURNMENT: 10:48 AM**

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk