

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

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

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

PROCLAMATION:

National Family Month

Council Member Wangemann read the proclamation declaring November 2015 to be *National Family Month*. He recognized members of a local group that were in attendance and commented on the value of family.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Fred Ball, Alpharetta, GA, stated he owns property on Thompson Bridge Road. He commented on receiving a tax bill and questioned the charge for debt service. Mr. Ball felt there was a better alternative to collect the debt rather than penalizing business owners. He suggested that the Council review the City of Cumming's processes on handling business.

Council Member Couvillon summarized a previous discussion with Mr. Ball.

Dianne Ball stated she owned several properties in Fulton County and has never received a tax bill with a debt service charge. She felt she should not have to pay for something they do not use (i.e. parking deck and jail). She felt there should have been notification regarding this matter.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolutions

- A. BR-2015-55 Declaration of Surplus Property
- B. BR-2015-56 Water and Sewerage Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 Closing
- C. PR-2015-36 Accept the FY16 Section 5307 Operating & Capital Grant Contracts

Interim City Manager Melody Marlowe provided a brief review of the resolutions.

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, Couvillon

Minutes: September 15, 2015 Mayor/Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes: September 16, 2015 Called Mayor/Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes: September 17, 2015 Called Mayor/Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes: September 28, 2015 Called Mayor/Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes: September 30, 2015 Called Mayor/Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes: October 1, 2015 Called Mayor/Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes accepting the edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

APPOINTMENTS:

City Manager

Motion to appoint Bryan Lackey to serve as the City Manager effective November 30, 2015.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

Bryan Lackey expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to be a part of the City of Gainesville. He was looking forward to working with his new team and the community to face the challenges that lie ahead.

Mayor Dunagan commented on some of the changes to occur specifically mentioning those concerning the Council and staffing positions.

GENERAL LEGISLATION:

Proposed Ordinance

Amend Chapter 1-6 Entitled Personnel

Motion to hold first reading on Ordinance 2015-35, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1-6 ENTITLED PERSONNEL OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA; TO AMEND SECTIONS 1-6-1 EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES OF COUNCIL MEMBER, PUBLIC OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE; AND SECTION 1-6-3 CONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS; 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 Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

Ordinance No. 2015-34

Amend Title 6 Entitled "Licenses, Permits and Business Regulations" as it Pertains to Taxicabs

Motion to hold second reading on Ordinance 2015-34, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 6 ENTITLED "LICENSES, PERMITS AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA REPEALING AND DELETING CHAPTER 6-8 IN ITS ENTIRETY; 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 Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Annexation/Zoning Items

Mayor Dunagan reviewed the public hearing process.

Request from Gipco Southern, Inc. for a Special Use on a 0.36± acre tract located between Thompson Bridge Road and Green Street Circle, south of the intersection of Thompson Bridge Road and Christopher Drive (a/k/a 1191 Thompson Bridge Road NW), having a zoning classification of Neighborhood Business (N-B). Ward Number: Two. Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-074-003-004A. Request: Drive-through for an approved restaurant use.

Planning Manager Matt Tate reviewed the application. He commented on a previous special use request in 2010 for this property requiring conditions. The Planning and Appeals Board and Planning staff recommended approval with five conditions.

FAVOR:

Jay Gibson, 480 East Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta stated the primary changes to the property were the aesthetics. They were aware of the conditions related to the property and wanted to move forward with the existing building with minimal changes. He commented on 95% of the business occurred between 7 AM and noon which was standard for this operation.

There being no further comments, the matter was returned to Council for a decision.

Motion to adopt the resolution ZR-2015-03 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Municipal Election

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated this was Election Day noting there was still time to cast votes.

OTHER ISSUES:

Voting

Council Member Figueras commented on the importance of voting.

Candidates

Council Member Wangemann commented on meeting each of the candidates.

Welcome Reception

Mayor Dunagan invited everyone to a small reception immediately following the meeting to meet the new City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:56 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk