

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 acknowledged receipt of a letter from Tom Rasmussen regarding storm water runoff.

Resolution: Authorization to Implement a Stormwater Management Program and Enterprise Fund

Ordinance: Amend Title 10 Entitled Schedule of Fees to Establish a Stormwater Fee

Ordinance: Amend Title 10 Entitled Schedule of Fees as it Pertains to Sanitary Sewer Fee

Director of Water Resources Kelly Randall thanked all involved for getting this issue before the governing body. The proposed resolution was designed to initiate a stormwater enterprise fund. He used a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the following topics:

- Regulatory requirements
- Logic for implementation
- Action to date
- Level of service
- Funding
- Credits and Rebates
- Action required by the governing body

If approved, the recommended funding plan, i.e., \$1.00 per 1,000 square feet of impervious surface, would go into effect January 1, 2017. This fee could triple over the next decade. The credit and rebate program allowed up to 50% credit for implementing a stormwater management plan. The projected funding was \$955,234 after considering the credit program and collection rates. There was discussion about the funding model assumptions that were considered.

Mr. Randall stated three actions were required by the governing body to proceed.

1. Adopt a resolution to implement a stormwater management program enterprise fund
2. Adopt an ordinance to establish a stormwater fee
3. Adopt an ordinance to reduce the sanitary sewer rate

Mr. Randall stated the intent for adopting the fee structure now was to allow ample time to educate the public.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Wangemann, it was noted that approximately 54 cities have implemented a stormwater utility. He expressed a desire to meet with Hall County officials to ask that they consider similar action.

Council Member Figueras expressed the importance of water quality.

Council Member Couvillon expressed the importance of addressing infrastructure concerns.

Interim City Manager Melody Marlowe stated a formal presentation would occur at the Council Meeting before addressing the business items.

The resolution and two ordinances were placed on the December 1, 2015 Council Meeting Agenda

Ordinance: Amend Article 3, Chapter 5-2 Entitled "Water" – Water Wasting Prohibited

Environmental Services Manager Horace Gee stated the proposed ordinance was a state mandate through Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD). The policy had been under discussion for several years. He stated this ordinance would have been helpful toward resolving a recent problem.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Couvillon, there was discussion about the current penalties/consequences for issues involving wasted water.

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Bandalong Project

Environmental Services Manager Horace Gee provided an update on the referenced project upon inquiry from the Mayor.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES

Resolution: Authorization to Execute Lease Agreement with Supporting Adoption & Foster Families Together (SAFFT)

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard reviewed the proposed resolution to authorize the lease agreement indicating staff had addressed concerns from SAFFT. Execution of the proposed document allowed SAFFT to make changes to the building soon thereafter. The lease agreement begins January 1, 2016.

Director of SAFFT Ashley Anderson commented on service to be provided to children in foster care. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to use the available space and asked a few questions about the timeline for executing the agreement.

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Resolution: Authorization to Apply for Environmental Solutions For Communities Grant from Wells Fargo & National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard stated the Carl Vinson Institute of Government notified the Community Development Department of a grant which could be used to help with the downtown master plan. The grant application deadline was December 10.

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar stated the proposed resolution authorized staff to apply for a \$50,000 grant with a \$25,000 cash match from the Council's contingency. These funds would assist with crossing the moat around the downtown greenway to beautify Academy Street and West Academy. Announcement of the grant award will occur in June 2016.

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Thank You

Interim City Manager Melody Marlowe thanked everyone for their support and assistance during her interim position.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES

Council Member Figueras

Announced the Housing Authority received tax credits and planned to move forward with demolishing the Atlanta Street Apartments.

Council Member Wangemann

Provided a brief report of actions at the recent Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Interim City Manager Melody Marlowe requested Executive Session for real estate.

Motion to close the meeting to enter an executive session to discuss real estate matters at 10:51 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Couvillon

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

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OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Lackey

Parks and Recreation Director Melvin Cooper, Community Development Director Rusty Ligon, Fire Chief Jerome Yarbrough and Community Service Center Director Phillipa Lewis Moss attended portions of the executive session.

Motion to close the executive session at 11:55 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Citizen Comments from Doreen Thomas

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard reported Doreen Thomas cancelled the meeting to discuss concerns presented at the last Council Meeting. Staff would ensure Ms. Thomas had clarity about the options that were available.

Loitering Ordinance Concerns

There was discussion about an email from Rose Johnson requesting follow-up discussion on concerns about the loitering ordinance. A meeting was scheduled with Attorney Abb Hayes. It was noted that the City's ordinance aligns with the state.

Work Orders

1. Mayor Danny Dunagan stated a citizen notified him of drug activity. He provided the location and asked that the Police Department take appropriate action.
2. Council Member Figueras reported trash stacked at the corner of Chamblee Court.

Gas Franchise Agreement

Council Member Hamrick asked if the gas franchise issue related to Mundy Mill property had been resolved.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:07 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk