

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

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

Reverend Evelyn Johnson, Bethel AME Church, delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**GMA Lifetime Service Awards**

Lamar Norton, Pam Helton, and Bill Thornton, Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Representatives, presented City Attorney Palmour, Council Member Hamrick and Figueras with a GMA Distinguished Lifetime Service Achievement Award. Ms. Figueras was also presented with an award for her service on the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefit System (GMEBS) Board of Trustees.

Ms. Figueras, Mr. Hamrick and Mr. Palmour extended words of appreciation.

**Donations**

Mayor Dunagan stated donations from the community and city employees were made to the following organizations in honor of Ms. Figueras, Mr. Hamrick and Mr. Palmour:

- Myrtle W. Figueras Scholarship Fund (*Myrtle Figueras*)
- Salvation Army (*Robert Hamrick*)
- Humane Society (*James Palmour*)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Pool Room Application: El Calabozo, 622 Shallowford Road**  
New Application for Pool Room License

**Motion to approve the Pool Room License application as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

**Resolutions**

- AR-2015-20 Flat Creek Water Reclamation Facility Maintenance Funding
- BR-2015-59 Accepting Textile Way as a City Street
- BR-2015-60 Elected Officials Credit Card Policy
- BR-2015-61 2016 Council Meeting Calendar
- BR-2015-62 2016 Planning and Appeals Board Meeting Calendar
- PR-2015-43 Authorization to Apply for Georgia Recreational Trails Grant
- PR-2015-44 Linwood Water Reclamation Facility Influent Pump Purchase
- PR-2015-45 Selection of Airport Consultant

City Manager Bryan Lackey provided a brief overview of each item.

**Motion to adopt the resolutions as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick  
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

**Minutes: October 29, 2015 Work Session 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:**

**Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation - Position previously held by Emory Turner**

**Motion to appoint Montine Whelchel Smith to complete the term of Emory Turner on the Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation.**

Motion made by Council Member Figueras  
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

**Planning and Appeals Board - Position previously held by Zack Thompson**

**Motion to appoint Doug Carter to serve as Ward 1 Representative and Chairman.**

Motion made by Council Member Figueras  
Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

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

Note: See clarification on page 4 of these minutes.

**Planning and Appeals Board - Position previously held by Doyle Johnson**

**Motion to appoint Lemuel Betancourt to the Planning and Appeals Board.**

Motion made by Council Member Bruner  
Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

Note: See clarification on page 4 of these minutes.

**Planning and Appeals Board - Position held by Eddie Martin  
Planning and Appeals Board - Position held by Connie Rucker**

**Motion to reappoint Eddie Martin and Connie Rucker to serve another two-year term on the Planning and Appeals Board.**

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

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

### **GENERAL LEGISLATION:**

#### **Proposed Ordinance**

##### **Chapter 6-20 Atlanta Gas Light Franchise**

Financial Analyst Alisha Gamble stated the proposed ordinance allowed Atlanta Gas Light (AGL) Company to use city streets and right-of-ways for the purpose of providing natural gas service to citizens. She provided a brief overview indicating the city would receive approximately \$12,000 in back fees from AGL.

**Motion to hold first reading on Ordinance 2015-37**, AN ORDINANCE, TO AMEND TITLE 6 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TO ADD CHAPTER 6-20 TO GRANT A FRANCHISE TO ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY, A GEORGIA CORPORATION, HEREINAFTER DESIGNATED AS "COMPANY", ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT AND FRANCHISE TO USE AND OCCUPY THE STREETS, AVENUES, ROADS, PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, ALLEYS, LANES, WAYS, PARKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, FOR CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING, RENEWING, REPAIRING, AND OPERATING A GAS WORKS AND GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, AND OTHER NECESSARY MEANS FOR MANUFACTURING, TRANSMITTING, DISTRIBUTING AND SELLING OF MANUFACTURED, NATURAL OR COMMINGLED GAS WITHIN AND THROUGH THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA; AND FIXING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH GRANT; TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE FRANCHISE FEE CALCULATION; 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**

#### **Second Reading: Ordinance 2015-36**

##### **Amend Article 3, Chapter 5-2 Entitled "Water" - Water Wasting Prohibited**

**Motion to hold second reading on Ordinance 2015-36**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5-2 ENTITLED WATER OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA; TO ADD ARTICLE 4 ENTITLED WATER WASTE; TO SET FORTH REQUIREMENTS OF ALL USERS OF CITY POTABLE WATER IN A PRUDENT FASHION; TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; 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 Figueras

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Troop 16 Boy Scout**

Council Member Bruner recognized Troop 16 Boy Scout Aaron Salzgiver noting he was working on his Eagle Award as well as his Citizenship in the Community and Communications merit badges.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

Judge G. Hammond Law, III administered the Oath of Office to Ruth Bruner, Council Member, Ward 5; Zack Thompson, Council Member, Ward 2; and Barbara Brooks, Council Member, Ward 3.

The oath read as follows:

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of Council Member of the City of Gainesville and that I will support and defend the Charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America; that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this State or any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the laws of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia; that I have been a resident of Ward \_\_ and the City of Gainesville for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this State and by the Municipal Charter; and that I will perform the duties of my office in the best interest of the City of Gainesville to the best of my ability without fear, favor, affection, reward, or expectation thereof.”

Mrs. Barbara Brooks extended words of appreciation.

Mr. Zack Thompson extended words of appreciation.

Council Members extended words of appreciation to the retiring officials and welcomed the newly elected officials.

**APPOINTMENTS (continued):**

Council Member Bruner provided a point of clarification regarding the Planning and Appeals Board appointments indicating the following:

- Doug Carter to serve as Ward 1 Representative and Chairman
- Lemuel Betancourt to fill unexpired term of Zack Thompson

**CITY MANAGER ISSUES:**

**Milliken Institute Annual Index Report**

City Manager Bryan Lackey reported the Milliken Institute released their annual index of U.S. Metropolitan Areas on "*Best Performing Cities*" indicating Gainesville was ranked 27<sup>th</sup> in the nation for the small cities category i.e. #1 in the state of Georgia.

**OTHER BUSINESS (continued):**

**Deshaun Watson Day**

Council Member Figueras commented on declaring a day for Deshaun Watson and recognizing him as Gainesville's Hometown Ambassador.

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:18 PM**

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk