

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Dunagan, Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks
STAFF PRESENT: Lackey, Sheppard, Hayes, Jordan

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

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Project DAN Grant for Naloxone Kits

Police Lieutenant Nina Harkins commented on the Medical Amnesty and Naloxone Access bill that went into effect in 2014. Efforts were underway to provide law enforcement agencies with Naloxone Kits to use on victims of opioid drug overdoses. The kits saved 300 people in Georgia thus far. The proposed resolution authorized the department to accept funds from Project DAN (Death Avoided by Naloxone) to purchase the kits.

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Resolution: Approve Submission of FY2017 Legacy Link Grant Proposal

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss stated the purpose of this resolution was to authorize acceptance of a grant to provide senior transportation, home delivered and congregate meals through Meals on Wheels, the Senior Life Center and Hall Area Transit. Matching funds would be included in the annual budget.

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Resolution: Funding for Civic Center Chiller Replacement

Parks and Recreation Agency Director Melvin Cooper stated the chiller was more than 25 years old and was beginning to interfere with customer service. The Parks and Recreation Board authorized the expenditure of unappropriated funds from the agency's fund balance to purchase a replacement.

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Resolution: FY2016 Sanitary Sewer Improvements - Design and Bidding Services

Civil Engineer Jason Perry commented on the use of remote cameras to inspect sanitary sewers. Routine inspection and maintenance identified deficiencies on Mundy Mill Road, McEver Road, Long Oak Drive and Holly Drive. The total cost for design and bidding services was \$120,000. Mr. Perry commented on using technology that would minimize interruptions for the customers.

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Resolution: FY2016 Information Technologies Master Plan

Engineer and Construction Services Division Manager Myron Bennett commented on future plans that require managing electronic data. It was important to determine the IT needs and associated cost before making investments.

Project Manager Jeremy Rylee commented on the project team, the Request for Quotes and the scope of services. Innovative IT LLC was selected to provide the necessary services. The project would take approximately four months to complete and had a total cost of \$103,030 which would be paid from the Department of Water Resources Capital Projects Fund.

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Resolution: FY2015 Road Paving Project - Award of Contract

Civil Engineer Matt Tarver reviewed the funding sources for the referenced project and stated portions of the following roads would be addressed: Club Drive, Memorial Drive, Northside Drive, Piedmont Road, Purina Drive, Ridgeview Drive, Summit Street, Chicopee Mill Road and Downey Boulevard. Staff received bids from five qualified contractors. The proposed resolution authorized awarding the construction contract to Allied Paving Contractors, Inc. with a total cost not to exceed \$945,908.98.

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Resolution: Authorize Transfer of Funds for Jesse Jewell Parkway/Browns Bridge Road and John Morrow Parkway/Queen City Parkway Intersection Upgrades

Transportation Engineering Coordinator Rhonda Brady stated the purpose of this request was to transfer \$81,450 for intersection improvements. The design phase would take approximately 30 months to complete. It will take 4 to 5 years to complete the project from start to finish.

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Resolution: Satisfactions, Releases, Cancellations and and Other Documents for Loans for HUD / DCA

Housing Program Manager Chris Davis stated the proposed resolution authorized the City Manager to execute various documents associated with loans under HUD/DCA grants.

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Resolution: Community Development Department Inspections Division Additional Personnel

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon reported the level of service in the Inspections Division had increased significantly and the existing staffing level was not sufficient to meet the needs. He commented on developments in the horizon.

Plans Review Manager Joe Davidson shared statistical information.

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated this was the slow season which was why the request was being presented now instead of during the budget season.

There was a brief discussion about specialized skills, training for new staff members and vehicles for the department.

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Vision 2030 Public Art Project Update

LeTrell Simpson and Frank Norton, Jr. co-chair the Public Art Committee. There was discussion about the importance of public art within communities noting Hall County is rich in this regard. Mr. Norton used a power point presentation to:

- Show some public art within the community.
- Share information about the community guide (an inventory of existing public art).
- Discuss future installation of public art throughout the county.

The following requests were submitted:

- Endorse Jessica Tullar as the city's public art liaison.
- Allow placement of free range art in midtown and at other city properties.
- Support the public art policy.
- Consider the placement of public art in future construction development projects.
- Consider a public art invitational as part of the city's sequa centennial.

Mayor Dunagan stated the City Attorney must review the public art criteria before the Council could take action.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES

Resolution: Amendment to Kubota Manufacturing Corporation of America Lease Agreement

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard presented a request to amend the existing lease agreement to redefine and expand the premises noting the current lease began in April 2015. The lease can be terminated with notice. She worked with the City Attorney to prepare the lease agreement.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES

Council Member Barbara Brooks

Reported a request to provide rehabilitative service for the homeless.

Council Member Zack Thompson

Provided a brief report on the Planning and Appeals Board Meeting.

Council Member Sam Couvillon

Provided a brief report on the Parks & Recreation Board Meeting.

Council Member George Wangemann

1. Announced the Arbor Day Celebration would occur on February 19 at the Elachee Nature Center.
2. Reported the Green Alliance was working to create a Litter Education Program.

3. Commented on the Second Saturday Meeting.
4. Announced he would participate in the Polar Bear Swim in February.
5. Announced a meeting was scheduled for January 20 to discuss homelessness.

Appointment(s): Housing Authority

Mayor Danny Dunagan nominated Myrtle Figueras to fill the unexpired term of Emory Turner.

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Joint Municipal Association Meeting

The JMA quarterly meeting was scheduled for January 25 and would be hosted by the Town of Braselton at the Cotton Kalf Kitchen. The agenda was designed to introduce those seeking the Hall County Commission Chairman seat.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager Bryan Lackey requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion to close the meeting to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters at 10:32 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:52 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

Motion to close the meeting to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation matters at 10:53 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Couvillon

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:59 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Couvillon

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

ADJOURNMENT: 11:00 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk