

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Ruth Bruner, George Wangemann,
Sam Couvillon, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Denise Jordan

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

BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Parks and Recreation Board FY2017 Budget Presentation

Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Susan Daniell stated the Agency demonstrated excellent stewardship with the tax allocation it received. She also stated the agency contributed more than \$16 million to the community per the Department of Economic Development.

Director of the Parks and Recreation Agency Melvin Cooper shared some history and accolades during his opening comments.

Deputy Director of the Parks and Recreation Agency Michael Graham presented the budget which was supplemented by a power point presentation. Highlights from the discussion are noted as follows:

- Agency facts
- FY2016 goals in progress
- Capital developments, i.e., Linwood Nature Preserve, Gainesville Upper Lanier Water Trail, Wessell Park Renovations, Cabbell Field Renovations and Frances Meadows Aquatic Fitness Center
- FY2017 goals and objectives, performance measures and capital projects
- The FY2017 proposed budget represents an overall 2.67% increase from revised FY2016 budget.

Council Member Couvillon stated there was a need to figure out how to manage large crowds at the soccer field.

Council Member Wangemann asked if the Frances Meadows Aquatic Center Splash Pool could open earlier. There was discussion about the current schedule and private rentals occurring during May. Staff felt it was a balancing act to find the right time.

Council Member Wangemann inquired about Frances Meadows Aquatic Center usage by county residents.

COMMUNITY ISSUES:

Resolution: Gainesville City School System Tax Levy

Attorney Cory Kirby stated the school system requested the adoption of a tax levy resolution in relation to general obligation debt, i.e., bonds, which are primarily for Enota and Mundy Mill. He discussed the process noting the school district doesn't have levying power. He requested approval of the resolution so the school can proceed with issuing the bonds.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Gainesville Convention & Visitors Bureau / TV 18 Goals and Accomplishments

Communications and Tourism Director Catiel Felts discussed the goals and accomplishments of the department during the last year with specific discussion about the citywide signage project.

TV Station Manager Ronny Childs discussed the goals and accomplishments for TV18 with specific discussion about social media.

Community Service Center Goals and Accomplishments

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Moss provided an overview of the accomplishments over the last year with specific discussion about the homeless directory available on the Hall County website and the elimination of Meals on Wheels waiting list. She discussed some upcoming projects then announced the Community Council on Aging will honor former Council Members Myrtle Figueras and Bob Hamrick on May 12.

Public Works Goals and Accomplishments

Public Works Director David Dockery stated the department was comprised of 8 divisions. He reviewed the goals and accomplishments of each. There was discussion about the traffic signal on Athens Street at Burger King and the challenges it presents. There was also discussion about the sidewalk master plan and the goals for FY2017. Mr. Dockery reported customer accounts were increasing due to population growth. Recycling had also increased.

Council Member Couvillon inquired about the cost of installing sidewalks and Council Member Brooks asked about the priority list for their installation/repair.

Council Member Brooks reported a request for notification when a train is approaching on Athens Street so they will take a different route.

Council Member Wangemann reported a request from Cresswinds Subdivision for signage addressing Jacobs (Jake) brakes. He also reported a concern that Montgomery Road at Browns Bridge Road was very dark at night.

Council Member Brooks commented on a pothole on McEver Road between Gainesville Elementary School and the apartment complex.

Resolution: Retirement Plan A Experience Study

Retirement Plan A Board Chairman David Frazier stated the actuary completes an annual review of the Plan which considers specific assumptions. Periodically, it is necessary to review the assumptions to make sure they are still relevant and as accurate as possible. The Board decided every five years was the best timeframe for completing this study. Segal Consulting proposed to complete the study for \$25,250. The Board was requesting approval of a resolution that would authorize an agreement.

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Resolution: Write off of Delinquent Personal Property Tax

Financial Services Manager Beverly Williams stated this write-off was related to businesses that have closed. The statute of limitation had expired. Almost half of the total amount was penalty and interest. The school system had authorized write-off of their portion.

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Resolution: Write-off of Delinquent Utilities Receivables

Financial Services Manager Beverly Williams stated she was requesting the write-off of utility receivables for customers that are deceased or that have filed bankruptcy.

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Resolution: FY15 Transmittal of the Annual Update to the Capital Improvements Element (CIE)

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar requested a public hearing before adoption of the proposed resolution. She stated staff was on track with expending the funds within six years of collection.

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Public Hearing Item for the April 5, 2016 Council Meeting

Request from R. Lawton Jordan, Esq. Partner, Williams Teusink, LLC to rezone a 3.53+/- acres tract located on the southeast side of the intersection of Candler Highway and Calvary Church Road (a/k/a 1305, 1307, 1309, 1311, 1313, 1315, 1317 and 1319 Calvary Church Road) from Residential-I-A (R-I-A) and General Business (G-B) to Light Industrial (L-I). Ward Number: Three. Tax Parcel Number(s): 15-035-000-024. Request: Recycling center. Matt Tate

Planning Manager Matt Tate reviewed the application to rezone the property for a recycling center. The Planning and Appeals Board recommended approval with three conditions by majority vote.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES

Proposed Airport Industrial Park Traffic Operation Change

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated staff had been working with tenants on a traffic operation change at the Airport Industrial Park to address traffic concerns and congestion at 5 PM. A tenant of the park approached staff with an idea for resolving the problem.

Deputy Public Works Director Chris Rotalsky stated the proposal was to change Airport Parkway to two lanes of one-way traffic circling around the Parkway. This change required some striping, alteration to the curb line and additional paving to create a dedicated right turn lane going into the intersection of Queen City Parkway and West Ridge Road. There was some concern about thru trucks which have already been addressed.

Mayor Dunagan reported the Department of Transportation felt it was unlikely to get a right-in-right-out installed at RaceTrac (from Queen City Parkway).

There was consensus to proceed with preparing the necessary documents to make Airport Parkway a one-way street.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES

Council Member Brooks

1. Spoke with Larry Payne (Rainey Street/West Avenue property owner) who was concerned about overgrown lots.
2. Wimberly and Jackson Funeral Home expressed concern about the proposed entrance/exit for the Housing Authority's development project.

Council Member Wangemann

Reported a request for the senior exemption from property taxes to begin at age 62.

Council Member Bruner

1. Ex-Officio report from the Hall '96 Meeting with a notation that volunteers were needed for the May 19-20 for Pan American Games.
2. Invited everyone to the unveiling of the plaque honoring Dan Summer.

Council Member Couvillon

He and Commissioner Jeff Stowe spoke to 8th graders at Gainesville Middle School.

Mayor Dunagan

Reported the Adopt-a-Park area sponsored by SunTrust needed attention.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:05 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk