



AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017
5:30 PM

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Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue, Big Splash room

A. Harvest Farm Annual Report

Travis Lanier, chair of the Managing Board, will present the annual report.

B. Staff Updates - The following items are not planned for discussion at the workshop, unless specifically requested by Council.

1. Alcohol Beverage License – Greek Island Grill

Greek Island Grill would like to add another licensee to their existing license at 3463 A Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd, Ste. 100. Mr. Amir Rasheed Mughal is the applicant. The applicant's criminal history was reviewed in the GCIC database and there were no violations on file. The Business Services department recommends approval of the license. This item will be included on the May 23 public hearing and regular agenda.

2. Resurfacing Projects

This project is substantially complete.

3. Building Code, Chapter I

The State, through the Department of Community Affairs, requires jurisdictions to adopt certain building codes. Those codes are automatically updated by the State every three years. However, local jurisdictions are empowered to adopt local amendments to these codes. Staff has developed Chapter I for these codes. This chapter addresses how the City administers the codes locally and would clarify code enforcement. Consideration of this item will be included on the May 23 regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

4. Right of Way Abandonment on Northholt Parkway

There is a small curb cut on Northholt Parkway that the adjacent property owner is requesting the City abandon in conjunction with the recent rezoning application RZ-2016-006. They indicate that the curb cut is not needed as part of the project. This item was previously tabled and is ready for action. This item will be included on the May 23 public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

5. IGA Regarding George Pierce Park Trail Project

The City is working on a trail connection between Ruby Forest and George Pierce Park, which will include construction within the park itself. The County requires the City to enter into an intergovernmental agreement granting permission for this project. Staff has worked out the details of the agreement with the County and we have forwarded it to Gregory Jay for review. The proposed project is being designed and put out to bid in conjunction with the Stonecypther Road sidewalk project. The agreement will be included on the May 23 regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

6. 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Our consultants conducted focus groups on April 20th. These included a total of 29 stakeholders including HOA board members, some Suwanee business owners, and many members from the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Downtown Development Authority, and Public Art Commission. Overall 19 of Suwanee's neighborhoods were represented. All Councilmembers have been interviewed as well.

The planning process officially kicked off at our first public open house on April 27th. Attendees gave their input on land use issues via a few one-on-one exercises. There is currently an online survey accessible via the project website and the City website to gather further input from more citizens.

The input from all three of these outreach efforts will be summarized by our consultants and considered in the final needs and opportunities assessment. Demographic analysis and evaluation of existing physical conditions will also inform this assessment. A steering committee is being formed that will meet once a month May through September. This steering committee will be composed of 2 members of each of the following: City Council, Planning Commission, ZBA, DDA, and the Public Art Commission; up to 5 at-large members selected from the community; and planning staff. The role of the steering committee is to provide continuous stakeholder feedback as decisions are made in each phase of the Comprehensive Plan update.

C. CIP Updates

Staff will provide a current update on the following projects during the workshop.

1. Buford Highway

2. Smithtown Road

- D. RZ 2017-003 - Owner: Jim Harris. Applicant: R. James Halsema. The applicant requests a rezoning from C-2A (Special Commercial District) to C-2A (Change of Conditions) to allow for a convenience store with gasoline pumps. The site is located in Land Lot 209 of the 7th District at the southeast corner of the intersection of Scales Road and McGinnis Ferry Road and contains approximately 2.3 acres.**

Staff and Planning Commission recommend denial. This item will be included on the May 23 public hearing and regular agenda.

E. Economic Indicators Report

Staff will present the report for 1st quarter 2017.

F. Discussion of Outdoor Lighting

Following discussion at the March workshop, staff and Gregory Jay have further evaluated the potential for regulating outdoor colored lights in commercial areas.

G. 2018-2022 CIP

Staff is finalizing the recommended 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Program, which will be presented at the workshop.

H. Urban Redevelopment Plan

The City of Suwanee Old Town Suwanee Urban Redevelopment Plan was originally adopted on September 17, 2002. Staff has updated the 2002 plan to clearly identify Town Center on Main and other proposed projects. A public hearing on the draft plan was held April 25. Two items will be on the May 23 regular agenda: 1) a resolution to approve the amended plan and 2) an intergovernmental agreement with the URA that outlines that the URA will agree to issue the bonds and the City will agree to acquire, construct, equip and operate the projects, and pay the URA amounts sufficient to enable the URA to pay the debt service on the bonds.

I. Update on Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities

Council-led discussion.

J. City Manager's Report

- i. Special Recognition Options for the Council Meeting**
- ii. Minutes for Approval**
 - 1. April 13, 2017 Called Meeting**
 - 2. April 13, 2017 Council Workshop**
 - 3. April 25, 2017 Council Meeting**