

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2003

Meeting Location: Suwanee City Hall

Attendees: Alan Landers, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jace Brooks, Councilmember
Jimmy Burnette, Councilmember
Carol Hassell, Councilmember
Jeannine Rispin, Councilmember
Hardin Watkins, City Manager
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Nick Masino, Mayor

6:30 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application for License to Sell Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits to be Consumed on Premises: Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant, 2855 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road. Applicants: Delia and Juan Manuel Aguirre.

Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant, located at 2855 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road (Horizon Village Shopping Center/Publix), has applied for an alcohol license for beer, wine, and distilled spirits to be consumed on the premises. Delia Aguirre and Juan Manuel Aguirre will be the licensees. Both the GBI and the FBI prints have been returned with no problems.

The applicant was not present for the Public Hearing. There was no opposition.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:31 P.M.

7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- 1. Call To Order**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Landers at 7:04 P.M.

- 2. Announcements**

- Suwanee is building a Kids Super Playground and we need your help. We are using the community build approach to design and construct this playground. To learn more about this project and how you can be involved, come to one of two public meetings being held this week. The first is Thursday night at 7pm here at City Hall. The second is Saturday morning at 10am also at City Hall.

- Suwanee's BIG Movies Under the Stars series concludes on Saturday, August 23, with the presentation of last year's blockbuster hit *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. The film is rated PG; parents are encouraged to review information about the film's content at www.screenit.com prior to attending. The movie will begin around 8:45 p.m. at the Burnette-Rogers Pavilion on Main Street in historic Old Town. A pre-wedding "reception" will begin about an hour earlier. Bring blankets and low-back chairs, snacks, and friends, but no alcohol please.
- The Farmer's Market will return to Suwanee on September 6th and September 13th. Market starts at 8:00am and goes until 12:00 noon in the City Hall Parking Lot.
- Suwanee Day – September 20, 2003. Parade begins at 9:00 AM. Estimated 100 vendors and rides for kids.
- Councilmember Jimmy Burnette announced he will be seeking re-election.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Kevin Baker and Alex Scheffer of Troop 419 assisted Mayor Pro Tem Landers.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. 7/2/03 Called Council Meeting

Motion to approve 7/2/03 Called Council Meeting minutes by Councilmember Hassell, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 3-0-1 (Councilmember Brooks).

B. 7/15/03 Council Meeting

Motion to approve 7/15/03 Council Meeting minutes by Councilmember Burnette, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 3-0-1 (Councilmember Hassell).

5. Adoption of Agenda as Presented

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented made by Councilmember Hassell, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 4-0.

6. Special Presentations

A. Don Schwarz of the Georgia Native Plant Society

Mayor Pro Tem Landers and Council Member Hassell presented a proclamation to Mr. Schwarz recognizing him for his efforts in coordinating the plant rescue project at the Town Center Park site. August 20, 2003 was proclaimed "Don Schwarz Day".

Mr. Schwarz stated the plant rescue project was very natural for him to do. He acknowledged other members of the plant rescue team who were in the audience.

B. Mark Tibbetts and the Tibs Group

Mayor Pro Tem Landers presented Mr. Tibbetts a Certificate of Recognition. Mr. Tibbetts was named Small Business Person of the year 2003 by Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce.

C. Christopher Hansard

Hardin Watkins presented the following: Christopher is a student of North Gwinnett High School and worked as a volunteer this summer at City Hall. He spent most of his time assisting the Finance Department with many of their daily tasks. He also had the opportunity to assist the Planning Department with some projects. Christopher was very reliable and dependable. He demonstrated self-motivation and a willingness to serve his community. The City was happy to provide him with a unique learning opportunity and is thrilled that he took advantage of the opportunity.

7. Audience Participation – None.

8. OLD BUSINESS – None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of an Ordinance to Regulate and Provide for the Calling of the General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2003

This ordinance calls for the General Municipal Election to be held on November 4, 2003 to fill the expired terms of Mayor, Post 1 and Post 2. It establishes the qualifying dates for candidates of September 8 through September 12. The qualifying fee for Mayor is \$180 and for Councilmembers is \$108. The ordinance also establishes compensation for poll workers at \$185 for Poll Manager, \$95 for Assistant Poll Manager, and \$90 for Poll Worker. A copy of the ordinance is included in your packet. ACTION: Consider the ordinance.

Motion to adopt Ordinance to Regulate and Provide for the Calling of the General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 by Councilmember Burnette, second by Councilmember Hassell and so carried 5-0.

B. Consideration of the Issuance of an Alcohol License: Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant. Applicants: Delia and Juan Manuel Aguirre.

Hardin Watkins stated Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant, located at 2855 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road (Horizon Village Shopping Center/Publix), has applied for an alcohol license for beer, wine, and distilled spirits to be consumed on the premises. Delia Aguirre and Juan Manuel Aguirre will be the licensees. Both the GBI and the FBI prints have been returned with no problems. Staff recommends approval. ACTION: Consider issuing the alcohol license.

Motion to approve Issuance of an Alcohol License: Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant. Applicants: Delia and Juan Manuel Aguirre by Councilmember Hassell second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.

C. Consideration of a Resolution to Amend the Agreement Between the City of Suwanee and Crescent Resources, Inc.

Hardin Watkins stated representatives from Crescent Resources attended the May Workshop to present their building plans for the de-annexed land in River Club. They are seeking Council approval to proceed. A copy of their proposed amendment to the de-annexation agreement is included in your packet with the resolution. ACTION: Consider the resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution to Amend the Agreement Between the City of Suwanee and Crescent Resources, Inc. by Councilmember Rispin second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.

D. Authorization for the Mayor to Enter into Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for the Pedestrian Underpass

Hardin Watkins stated the contract from the Department of Transportation to proceed with the pedestrian underpass project. The underpass would be located behind the current City Hall building to allow pedestrian access between Historic Downtown and the present City Hall complex and access to Town Center Parks. This is a \$904,000 grant from GA DOT. This agreement will allow the City to formally accept these funds. A 20% match will be required. There will be a 3-5 year window.

Mayor Pro Tem Landers stated this project was included in the Master Plan to draw these two areas together. plans for the Town Center Park.

ACTION: Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with Georgia DOT.

Motion to authorize Mayor to Enter into Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for the Pedestrian Underpass by Councilmember Brooks second by Councilmember Hassell and so carried 5-0.

E. Consideration of Approval of a Quit Claim Deed to the Maple Ridge Subdivision's Recreation Area

Gregory Jay stated the Maple Ridge Homeowner's Association is trying to secure another loan to make improvements to their recreation area. The original developer deeded this property to the City of Suwanee. To secure the loan, the HOA needs the City to subordinate its position on the property. This same request was made of the City about 15 years ago when the HOA secured their first loan. The HOA is requesting that the City quit claim it's interest in the property to the benefit of both parties. ACTION: Consider the resolution.

Motion to approve a Quit Claim Deed to the Maple Ridge Subdivision's Recreation Area by Councilmember Brooks second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.

F. Consideration of Approval of Budget Adjustments

Hardin Watkins stated there are three budget adjustments for consideration. The first is to establish a fund for the Settles Point Road culvert rehabilitation project. The second is to establish a fund for the Better Parks Campaign. The revenue will be generated from the various fundraising efforts. The third adjustment is to the Open Space Fund to provide funds for paying Gwinnett County taxes on the DeLay, Hewell, and Hovendick properties; to make funds available for the Rivermoore closing; and to reclassify funds for the dam improvements. ACTION: Consider the budget adjustments.

Motion to approve Budget Adjustments by Councilmember Hassell second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.

10. City Manager's Report

- A. June Financial Reports also a trend analysis ending June 30, 2003 has been placed in Councilmember boxes.
- B. Other Updates - None

11. Land Acquisition Update (possible Executive Session)

12. Adjournment – Time: 7:26 P.M.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Hassell, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.