

**MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2004
5:30 P.M.**

Meeting Location: Suwanee City Hall

Present: Nick Masino, Mayor
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

Absent: Gregory Jay, City Attorney

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Hassell at 5:40 P.M.

2. Authorization for the Mayor to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County Regarding the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Referendum

After many months of discussions, meetings, and negotiations, GWMA is ready to advance a nearly final intergovernmental agreement that will outline the method of distribution for the 2005 SPLOST in Gwinnett County. The City of Suwanee will receive approximately \$6.6 million over the four-year life of the SPLOST. This represents an increase of \$4.8 million from what we received from the 2001. This represents a major victory for Suwanee and all Gwinnett cities; we will be able to make some dramatic progress on the items listed in our most recent capital improvements plan.

Suwanee's project list calls for \$1.6 million for road resurfacing and improvements, \$900,000 for recreation and parks enhancements including completion of the interactive fountain at Town Center Park, PlayTown Suwanee creative play area, and other improvements at Town Center Park. Other projects include pedestrian interconnectivity improvements, sidewalks, storm drainage, I-85 corridor streetscape plan implementation, and renovation of the Trice Trail section of the Suwanee Creek Greenway. \$1 million is allocated for public safety to overhaul our communications system, install mobile data terminals in cars, and renovate current City Hall for police use when the City completes a new City Hall facility.

Gwinnett County plans to adopt the agreement on August 17. The actual SPLOST vote will be held County-wide on November 4, 2004.

The agreement is in "close to final" form. Staff recommends that you accept it as written and authorize the Mayor to enter in to this Agreement on behalf of the City once the final version is complete. ACTION: Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County regarding the SPLOST referendum.

Mr. Watkins stated that he received a new draft agreement on August 4th and a new matrix outlining that the funds will be divided. One final change has been submitted by the City of Lawrenceville regarding parking facilities.

Mayor Masino stated that Mr. Watkins was commended by Gwinnett County (Charlotte Nash) for his contributions to this project.

Motion by Councilmember Burnette to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County regarding the SPLOST referendum, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.

Mayor Masino assumed the role as Chair of the meeting at this time.

3. Authorization for the Mayor to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Auburn Regarding Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Program Funds

The City of Auburn is requesting an agreement to transfer Parks and Recreation SPLOST funds to the City of Suwanee for Transportation SPLOST funds. The amount is \$22,073. Gwinnett County has approved the transfer of funds. The City of Auburn's City Council has approved a Memorandum of Understanding and is requesting the City of Suwanee authorize a similar agreement. A copy of the signed agreement from Auburn is included in your packet. ACTION: Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Auburn regarding SPLOST funds.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hassell to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Auburn regarding Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Program Funds, second by Councilmember Burnette. Mayor Masino stated that the available funds amount may increase by up to \$2,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Hassell amended the motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Auburn regarding Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Program Funds with an increase in the original proposal not to exceed \$5,000, Councilmember Burnette amended the second and the vote carried 6-0.

4. Adjourn – 5:47 P.M.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Brooks, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 6-0.

Approved 09/21/04