

**CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2004**

Meeting Location: Suwanee City Hall

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

**5:30 P.M.
DINNER SESSION**

City Council Informal Session

Informal discussion among City Councilmembers and staff. Food provided for Elected Officials and staff. No action to be taken during session.

**6:30 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING**

There are no items for the public hearing this month. The regular Council Meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

**7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Masino at 7:03 P.M.

2. Announcements

- Suwanee's Town Center has been recognized by the Georgia Planning Association (GPA) for Best Plan Implementation. The award, presented October 14 at the GPA annual conference in Young Harris, recognizes the most successful realization of a plan; in Suwanee's case, the 2003 Town Center Master Plan. The Georgia Planning Association was so impressed with Suwanee's Town Center that it recognized it as the best project from Georgia among this year's award applicants and nominated the project for consideration by the American Planning Association (APA) for a national award.

- Suwanee was recognized by the Georgia Downtown Association for Best Design Improvement for Town Center Park.
- Suwanee was also recognized for its Open Space Initiative by the Atlanta Regional Commission on November 10 at the State of the Region Breakfast. The ARC gave out Create Community Awards and the Open Space Initiative won in the Environmental Sustainability Category. There were 55 entries in the ARC competition.
- The Annual Caboose Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. in Old Town.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Members of Troop 827 assisted the Mayor.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. 10/7/04 Called Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Brooks to approve the 10/7/04 Called Council Meeting Minutes, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0-1 (Mayor Pro Tem Hassell abstained).

B. 10/21/04 Council Meeting

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hassell to approve the 10/21/04 Council Meeting Minutes, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 5-0-1 (Councilmember Landers abstained).

5. Adoption of Agenda as Presented

Motion by Councilmember Rispin to adopt the Agenda as presented removing Item #12, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.

6. Special Recognition

A. Suwanee Day Committee

Councilmember Landers and Events Coordinator, Vicki Keyser, recognized the 2004 Suwanee Day Committee members for their work in coordinating the first event at Town Center Park.

B. Steve Olvey, PlayTown Suwanee Co-Coordinator

Mayor Masino and Special Projects Manager, Kristi McCarley, recognized Steve Olvey for his assistance with the Super Playground project. Mayor Masino presented Mr. Olvey with a Key to the City.

C. Remembrance of Judge Bill Coolidge

Judge Coolidge passed away on October 30th due to a massive heart attack. Gregory Jay read a tribute to Judge Coolidge. The City will miss him.

7. Audience Participation – None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. RZ-2004-008 - Applicant: Bowen Family Homes. Owner: David R. Bowen. Requests rezoning from PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development District) to PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development District) with a change of conditions to allowed for an additional 1,600 square feet for a commercial shopping center. The site is located in Land Lots 211, 212, 235 and 236 of the 7th District on the northwest corner of the intersection of Suwanee Avenue and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and contains approximately 1.36 acres. [P2]

This item was postponed at the November 4, 2004 Called Council Meeting. Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions. Planning Commission Recommendation: Approval with conditions. ACTION: Consider the rezoning.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hassell to approve RZ-2004-008 with recommended staff conditions with an amendment to condition #4 as follows: “4. Overall development shall not exceed 50 single-family detached units with 40-foot wide lots, 50 single family detached units with 45-foot wide lots, 100 single-family attached units, or 200 multi-family units. The overall number of residential units shall not exceed 372 units. ~~The overall development shall not exceed 12,800 square feet of commercial retail uses.~~ *For any non-residential building construction, all site plans (including building locations and parking designs) as well as architectural plans, shall be subject to the review and approval of the City of Suwanee Planning Director prior to the issuance of any Development Permits. Appeal of any decision by the Director related to this section*”, shall be made directly to the Suwanee City Council, **second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 6-0.**

9. NEW BUSINESS – None.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Uniform Codes Act

Earlier this year, the Department of Community Affairs revised the Uniform Codes Act, which pertains to Building and Construction Codes. The City has to adopt these changes as well. The Uniform Codes Act was revised to make the following eight construction codes mandatory as the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes: International Building Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, National Electrical Code, International Fire Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Residential Code. A memo from DCA outlining these changes is included in your packet. The International Code Council has also issued a revised fee schedule for governing authorities to use, if they choose. Staff is recommending updating the City Fee Schedule. ACTION: Consider approval of the Resolution.

B. Authorization for the Mayor to Enter into Agreement with Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority to Extend the Loan Amount for Water System Improvements in the Amount of \$119,000

The original amount of the GEFA loan was \$385,000. Due to Gwinnett County's water meter impact fee, removal of the existing water tank, additional costs for land acquisition, fencing of the tank property, and additional professional services, an additional \$119,000 may be needed to complete this project. Staff is recommending that the loan be extended by this amount. A 15% contingency is also included in this total. This money does not have to be "pulled down" unless needed; therefore, there is no penalty for simply requesting that amount be available. ACTION: Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority to extend the loan amount for the water system improvements by \$119,000.

C. Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the Gwinnett County Solid Waste Management Plan

The City of Suwanee participates in the Gwinnett County Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan. Every five years, the plan has to be updated and submitted to the Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission to ensure compliance with the minimum standards of the Georgia Solid Waste Management Act. The Gwinnett County Update has been submitted and approved by both DCA and the ARC and now has to be adopted by the local governing authority. Staff recommends adoption of this plan. ACTION: Consider approval of the resolution.

D. Consideration of Approval of Baxley Point Fee-in-lieu-of Sidewalk Request

Staff recommends allowing the Baxley Point developer to pay a fee of \$30,207.00 in lieu of installing sidewalks in environmentally sensitive areas along Buford Highway. ACTION: Consider approval of the request.

E. Authorization for the Mayor to Enter into Agreement with Gwinnett County for Tier II 2001 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Funds

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved the GMA's recommendations for distribution of the Tier II 2001 SPLOST Funds. The County has issued the contracts for disbursement of the Parks and Recreation and the Transportation Funds, in the amount of \$52,976.75 for each. ACTION: Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with Gwinnett County for Tier II 2001 SPLOST Funds.

Motion by Councilmember Brooks to approve Consent Agenda Items A-E, second by Councilmember Rispin and so carried 6-0.

11. City Manager's Report – None.

12. Land Acquisition Update (Possible Executive Session) – Removed from Agenda.

13. Adjournment – 7:35 P.M.

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

Approved 12/21/04