

**CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2005**

*Meeting Location: Suwanee City Hall*

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

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**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**

Mayor Masino opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 P.M.

**1. Presentation and Public Hearing on the I-85 Business District Market Analysis and Development Strategy**

Mr. Ken Bleakly of Bleakly Advisory Group was present to provide presentation of the I-85 Business District Market Analysis and Development Strategy. He provided a Strategic Overview of the I-85 Business District Assessment and Strategy (copy attached). There was no audience participation. The Public Hearing closed at 6:55 P.M.

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

**1. Call To Order**

Mayor Masino called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

## 2. Announcements

- The City will host a Trek or Treat event at Suwanee Creek Park on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event will include traditional fall festival activities such as bobbing for apples, storytelling and trek or treating along the trail. A free cookout lunch including hotdogs will be available.
- The next PRIDE Program offered by the Police Department will be held on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am here at City Hall. This program, designed for teenagers and their parents, is to help reduce the high number of crashes, injuries, and deaths involving teenage drivers. To sign up, you can call Sgt. Elias Casanas or go to [www.suwanee.com](http://www.suwanee.com).
- The City of Suwanee's PlayTown Suwanee community build effort has received a 2005 Georgia Downtown Award for Outstanding Organizational Outreach. The award was presented on October 6 by the Georgia Downtown Association and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs during the annual statewide downtown conference, held in Madison.
- Mayor Masino announced that City Manager, Hardin Wakins, and his wife Liz would be running the New York Marathon on November 6, 2005. Best of luck to Hardin and Liz.

## 3. Pledge of Allegiance

## 4. Approval of Minutes

### A. 9/20/05 Council Meeting

*Motion by Councilmember Hassell to approve the 9/20/05 Council Meeting Minutes, second by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks and so carried 6-0.*

## 5. Adoption of Agenda as Presented

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks to Adopt the Agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Rispin and so carried 6-0.*

## 6. Special Recognition

### A. Ms. Minnie Rogers Proclamation

Mayor Masino presented Ms. Rogers a Proclamation recognizing her years of service to the City of Suwanee and recognizing her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 23, 2005.

### B. Suwanee Day Committee

Mayor Masino and Councilmember Landers (Council Liaison to Suwanee Day Committee) recognized the 2005 Suwanee Day committee chairs for their contributions to this year's celebration. In attendance were: Henry Rodriguez – Environmental; Mark D'Angola – Vendors; Dianna Carrier – Transportation; Dan Foster – Vendors; Capt. Janet Moon – Safety

## 7. Audience Participation – None.

**8. OLD BUSINESS – None.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration of an Ordinance Canceling the November Election and Certifying the Results**

When each municipal office is unopposed, the City adopts an ordinance canceling the election and certifying the results. ACTION: Consider adoption of the ordinance.

*Motion by Councilmember Hassell to approve Consideration of an Ordinance Canceling the November Election and Certifying the Results, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 6-0.*

**B. Consideration of Adoption of the I-85 Business District Market Analysis and Development Strategy**

The Bleakly Advisory Group has completed the I-85 Business District Market Analysis and Development Strategy. They presented their recommendations to Council on October 10 and made a final presentation at the Public Hearing prior to this Council Meeting. The report is complete and ready for Council consideration. ACTION: Consider adoption of the I-85 Business District Market Analysis and Development Strategy.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks to adopt the I-85 Business District Market Analysis and Development Strategy, second by Councilmember Landers and so carried 6-0.*

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Consideration of the Update to the City Employee Handbook**

A proposed update to the City Employee Handbook, formerly the Personnel Policy, was presented to Council at the Workshop. ACTION: Consider adoption of the City Employee Handbook.

**B. Consideration of Proposed Budget Adjustments**

The majority of budget adjustments are to set up funds for the SPLOST projects to take place over the next several years. Each SPLOST project has been set up as a capital fund with the appropriated dollar amount. The Pedestrian Underpass and Interactive Fountain were already established capital funds. Adjustments were made to these funds to account for the incoming SPLOST dollars. In the packet is a one page summary sheet with all the projects listed. Following that summary is the detail of each project fund.

One additional budget adjustment is proposed for the Park Areas line item. An error was made during the budget process in allocating funding for maintenance at Town Center Park. The costs associated with weed control, fertilization, and top-dressing are not

included in the budget. \$39,500 was already budgeted and an additional \$23,000 is needed to cover these costs. ACTION: Consider approval of the budget adjustments.

**C. Consideration of Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County Regarding Tier III 2001 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Funding**

The City is receiving an additional \$44,750.84 in Parks and Recreation and an additional \$44,750.84 in Transportation funds from the 2001 SPLOST program. ACTION: Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Gwinnett County regarding Tier III 2001 SPLOST funding.

**D. Consideration of Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Agreements with KCI Technologies, Inc, Street Smarts, and LBGM Associates, Inc. for Consulting Engineering Services**

Eight proposals were received from Metro area engineering firms for the role of Consulting Engineer. Staff interviewed three of these firms. Staff is recommending entering into agreement with these three firms, KCI, Street Smarts, and LBGM, for consulting engineering services. This provides the City flexibility in using the various firms given our specific needs in terms of area of expertise and turn-around time. ACTION: Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with KCI Technologies, Inc., Street Smarts, and LBGM Associates, Inc. for non-exclusive consulting engineering services.

*Motion by Councilmember Burnette to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks and so carried 6-0.*

**11. City Manager's Report – None.**

**12. Adjournment – Time: 7:20 P.M.**

*Motion by Councilmember Rispin to Adjourn, second by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks and so carried 6-0.*

*Approved 11/15/05*