

**CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2006**

Meeting Location: Suwanee City Hall

Attendees: Nick Masino, Mayor
Jace Brooks, Councilmember
Jimmy Burnette, Councilmember
Dan Foster, 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**

The Public Hearing opened at 6:30 P.M. City Manager, Hardin Watkins read the procedures for Public Hearings for the record.

1. Application for License to Sell Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits to be Consumed on the Premises: Indigo Joe's Sports Pub & Family Restaurant, 3890 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, Suite 1-4. Applicant: Christopher E. Linkowski.

Hardin Watkins stated that Indigo Joe's Sports Pub and Family Restaurant has applied for a license to serve beer, wine and distilled spirits to be consumed on the premises. Christopher E. Linkowski is the licensee. Staff is recommending this item be postponed due to the fact that a building does not currently exist at this address. Staff would prefer that the building be erected before voting on the issuance of an alcohol license to the establishment. The Public Hearing has been advertised and will be held so that the item can be voted on at a later date without having another public hearing.

Licensee: Christopher Linkowski, 1480 Mill Place Drive, Dacula, GA 30019. Building is slated for completion in May 2006 and the tentative optimistic open date for the restaurant is June 2006.

Mayor Masino asked if Indigo Joe's is a franchise concept. Mr. Linkowski stated it is a family restaurant. Specifically marketed to families. It is a franchise out of California. The first location in Georgia is on Fulton Industrial. The second location will be in Cumming.

There being no audience participation, the Public Hearing closed at 6:40 P.M.

7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Masino at 7:02 P.M.

2. Swearing In of Newly Elected Councilmembers

Judge Deborah Benefield, Superior Court Judge, Clayton County, will be in attendance to administer the Oath of Office to Councilmember Jace Brooks, Councilmember Dan Foster, and Councilmember Alan Landers. Judge Benefield is the sister-in-law of Dan Foster.

3. Organizational Matters for 2006

A. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

Motion by Councilmember Burnette to nominate Councilmember Rispin as Mayor Pro Tem for the 2006 year, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 5-0-1 (Jeannine Rispin abstain).

B. Adoption of Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure for adoption will be Robert's Rules of Order, 10th Edition.

Motion by Councilmember Brooks to adopt the 10th Edition of Robert's Rules of Order as the Rules of Procedure, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.

4. Announcements

- Twenty paintings by Suwanee-area artist Elizabeth Bame are on exhibit at the City of Suwanee Crossroads Center, through March 10. Bame's oil-on-canvas paintings, which include landscapes as well as portraits, are rich in detail and color and range in style from realistic to impressionistic. An **artist's reception** will be held from 5-7 p.m. **Thursday, January 19**, in the Crossroads courtroom, where the exhibit is on display. The reception is free and open to the public.
- In Gwinnett Magazine's annual "Best of Gwinnett" listing, Suwanee parks were tops in several categories. Town Center Park scored as a favorite in three categories--best park, best concert venue, and best activities for the family. PlayTown Suwanee got the nod for best place to take the kids. In addition, Suwanee Town Center was

recognized as one of Gwinnett's best downtown areas and Suwanee Day as one of the best local festivals. Mayor Nick Masino was also listed as one of Gwinnett's favorite elected officials.

- Melissa Fernandez has been appointed as the Suwanee Day Committee Chair for 2006. She served on the Marketing Committee last year and was a key volunteer for PlayTown Suwanee.
- Officer Rob McCoy has been voted by his colleagues as Officer of the Year for 2005. McCoy is described by his fellow officers as having a good attitude, dedicated, enthusiastic, dependable, and always willing to help. Lt. Dan Clark and Lt. Matt Scott received the 2005 Chief's Award for consistent exemplary performances throughout the year. For the second consecutive year, Communications Officer Ben Bolin was selected as the Police Department's Civilian of the Year. Congratulations!

5. Pledge of Allegiance

Piper a 3rd Grader at Suwanee Elementary School assisted Mayor Masino.

6. Approval of Minutes

A. 12/8/05 Called Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Brooks to approve the 12/8/05 Council Minutes, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 4-0-1 (Dan Foster abstain).

B. 12/10/05 Called Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Landers to approve the 12/10/05 Council Minutes, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 4-0-1 (Dan Foster abstain).

C. 12/20/05 Council Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Burnette to approve the 12/20/05 Council Minutes, second by Councilmember Landers and so carried 4-0-1 (Dan Foster abstain).

7. Adoption of Agenda as Presented

Motion by Councilmember Foster to adopt the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Landers and so carried 6-0.

8. Annual Appointments for 2006

- A. City Attorney
- B. City Solicitor, Lead
- C. City Solicitor, Primary Associate
- D. City Solicitor, Assistants
- E. Municipal Court Judge, Chief
- F. Municipal Court Judge, Primary Associate

G. Municipal Court Judge, Associates

The following are the recommended appointments that were discussed at the January Workshop:

- A. City Attorney: Gregory Jay**
- B. City Solicitor, Lead: Luther Beck**
- C. City Solicitor, Primary Associate: Julie Potts**
- D. City Solicitor, Assistants: Zeb Meadows, Paul Groth, Jennifer White, Shawn Bratton, Robby King**
- E. Municipal Court Judge, Chief: Mark Lewis**
- F. Municipal Court Judge, Primary Associate: William Brogdon**
- G. Municipal Court Judge, Associates: Claude Mason, Laura Tate**

Motion by Councilmember Landers to approved the Annual Appointments for 2006 as indicated as Items 8A-8G, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.

9. Special Recognition

A. PACT Neighborhoods: Colonial Grand, Annandale Village, AMLI at McGinnis Ferry

Sgt. Elias Casanas provided a summary of the PACT program. PACT Neighborhoods were presented by the following: **Colonial Grand** – Sgt. Elias Casanas; **Annandale Village** – Officer Michael Knoll; **AMLI at McGinnis Ferry** – Officer Robert Stewart for Sgt. Bryan Hickey.

10. Audience Participation – None.

11. OLD BUSINESS – None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Issuance of an Alcohol License: Indigo Joe’s Sports Pub & Family Restaurant. Applicant: Christopher E. Linkowski

Indigo Joe’s Sports Pub and Family Restaurant has applied for a license to serve beer, wine and distilled spirits to be consumed on the premises. Christopher E. Linkowski is the licensee. Both the GBI and FBI fingerprint reports have been returned, indicating the violations that Mr. Linkowski referenced on his application. The violations occurred in 1994 and 1995.

Staff is recommending this item be postponed due to the fact that a building does not currently exist at this address. Staff would prefer that the building be erected before voting on the issuance of an alcohol license to the establishment. **ACTION:** Consider postponing this item to an appropriate future meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Landers to postpone issuance of an Alcohol License: Indigo Joe's Sports Pub & Family Restaurant. Applicant: Christopher E. Linkowski, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 5-0.

B. Consideration of Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Agreement with ValleyCrest Landscape Development for Construction of the Interactive Fountain

ValleyCrest Landscape Development was the lowest responsible bidder for the interactive fountain project. Staff is currently negotiating the price and conducting some value engineering with ValleyCrest and our fountain designers and would like authorization to proceed once an agreement is reached. ACTION: Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with ValleyCrest Landscape Development for construction of the interactive fountain.

Motion by Councilmember Foster to authorize the Mayor to enter into agreement with Valleycrest Landscape Development for construction of the interactive fountain at Town Center Park, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 5-0.

C. Arbor Day Proclamation

Councilmember Burnette read the Proclamation requesting February 17, 2006 be acknowledged as Arbor Day. Trees will be planted at City Hall Park. ACTION: Consider adoption of the proclamation.

Motion by Councilmember Burnette to proclaim February 17th as Arbor Day, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration of Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement in the Form of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Regarding the Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

This memorandum of understanding establishes a formal relationship between the Suwanee Police Department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation regarding the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. It will maximize inter-agency cooperation in working crimes of this nature and will allow the City to take advantage of training opportunities and additional equipment that may be needed. The training and equipment will be provided by the Task Force at no cost to the City. ACTION: Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement in the form of a memorandum of understanding with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation regarding the Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

B. Consideration of a Resolution to Accept a Monetary Donation from Wal-Mart to the Suwanee Police Department

Wal-Mart has made a \$1,000 donation to the Police Department. This donation needs official acceptance by City Council. ACTION: Consider approval of the resolution.

C. Consideration of Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Agreement with Gwinnett County Regarding Task A for the Coordinated Gwinnett County/Suwanee Comprehensive Planning Effort

At the December Workshop, staff discussed with Council the County's process for moving forward with their Comprehensive Planning effort and the options the City had to participate. Council indicated they would like to participate in Task A of the planning effort with the County. This agreement would solidify the arrangement with the County. ACTION: Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with Gwinnett County regarding Task A for the coordinated Gwinnett County/Suwanee comprehensive planning effort.

D. Consideration of Second Quarter Budget Adjustments

These adjustments are to account for donations received by the Police Department. ACTION: Consider approval of the budget adjustments.

E. Consideration of a Resolution in Support of Passage of Local Legislation to Create the Suwanee Gateway Visitors Bureau

City Attorney Gregory Jay suggested the creation of a Visitors Bureau to be in full compliance of the law in terms of the hotel/motel tax. The Visitors Bureau would be another method of expending the hotel/motel tax. Local legislation is required for the creation of the Bureau. ACTION: Consider the resolution.

F. Consideration of Approval of the FY 2006-2007 Budget Schedule

The FY 2006-2007 proposed budget schedule is included in your packet. One additional meeting is proposed for Thursday, April 20. ACTION: Consider approval of the budget schedule.

Motion by Councilmember Brooks to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Councilmember Landers and so carried 5-0.

14. City Manager's Report – None.

15. Executive Session

- A. Real Estate Matters
- B. Personnel Matters (Interview Candidates for Planning Commission Vacancy)

Motion by Councilmember Burnette to ENTER Executive Session, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 5-0. Time: 7:25 P.M.

Motion by Councilmember Burnette to EXIT Executive Session, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 5-0. Time: 9:32 P.M.

16. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Burnette to Adjourn, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 5-0. Time: 9:33 P.M.

Approved 02/21/2006