

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

Meeting Location: *Crossroads Center (323 Highway 23)*

Attendees: Nick Masino, Mayor  
Jeannine Rispin, Mayor Pro Tem  
Jace Brooks, Councilmember  
Jimmy Burnette, Councilmember  
Dan Foster, Councilmember  
Hardin Watkins, City Manager  
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk  
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Alan Landers, Councilmember

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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 6:32 P.M. City Manager, Hardin Watkins, read the procedures for public meetings for the record.

- 1. RZ-2006-013 - Applicant: OPUS South Corporation. Owner: Opus South Corporation/Falcon Nest I, LTD. Applicant requests rezoning from M-1, C-2, C-3, and O-I to PMUD to allow for a multiple use project including commercial/retail, offices, multi-family, townhomes, and single family detached uses. Site is located in Land Lots 152 and 169 of the 7th District on south west side of Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and north Burnette Road and contains approximately 148.32 acres. [P2]**

Marty Allen stated Council postponed this rezoning case last month at the applicants' request. The applicant is still working on revisions to the plan due to staff conditions and information recently received that there is a Georgia DOT project, which will impact the site. To date, no plan revisions have been submitted to the Planning Department. The applicant was not present and there was no audience participation.

2. **RZ-2006-016 - Applicant/Owner: Suwanee Junction, LLC. Applicant requests rezoning from PMUD to PMUD (change of conditions) to allow for a modification to the approved concept plan. Site is located in Land Lots 251 and 252 of the 7th District along Suwanee Dam Road and contains approximately 112.69 acres.**

Marty Allen stated the applicant has requested withdrawal of this rezoning case. Staff recommended denial of the case. The Planning Commission voted to recommend denial. Normal procedure is that the City gives a response when the applicant has gone through the process. The applicant was not present and there was no audience participation.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:38 P.M.

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

1. **Call To Order**

Mayor Masino called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

2. **Announcements**

- The City of Suwanee is seeking input as it creates an Alternative Transportation Master Plan that will utilize sidewalk, greenway, and bike path systems to connect Suwanee locations both within the City limits and in a regional context. An open house is scheduled for Thursday, October 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at North Gwinnett High School to allow citizens to provide input.
- On Friday, October 27 the City will show a Halloween Movie at Town Center Park. The festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. and at dusk The (Original) Mummy will be shown with subtitles. The soundtrack will be played live by The Mustangs.
- On Saturday, October 28, the fun moves to Suwanee Creek Park for Trek or Treat from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Activities include a costume parade and contest, fall festival and carnival games, free hot dogs while supplies last, music, and, of course, trek or treating along the Suwanee Creek Greenway.
- Mayor Masino congratulated the City Manager and staff on the following awards:
  - ✓ GFOA: Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Governmental Finance Officers Association.
  - ✓ GEORGIA DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION: “Organization” category – Most Creative Fundraising – Suwanee’s Better Parks Campaign and the Suwanee Soiree.
  - ✓ GEORGIA DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION: “Promotion” category – Best Downtown Special Event - Suwanee’s Big Splash (combining the fountain grand opening with a fundraiser for Long Beach, Mississippi).
  - ✓ 3CMA: Lynne DeWilde reported back from the City County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA) Convention in Dallas, TX with good news. We’ve

- finally won a Savvy Award (the top one in the US!). We won for Art on a Limb in the “Most Creative Activity with Least Dollars Spent” category. Finalists in the category represented cities with populations up to 106,000 citizens.
- ✓ 3CMA: Art on a Limb also won a Silver Circle Award (second place in the US) in the Best Use of a Promotional Item category. The winner was Tallahassee, FL, and the category included cities with up to 350,000 citizens.
  - ✓ 3CMA: Our newsletter, CrossRoads, won an Award of Excellence (third place in the US) in the External Newsletter category. Decatur, GA won the Savvy and Golden, CO, took the Silver Circle. Population in our category was up to 46,000 citizens.

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Wolverine Pack 518 was present and assisted the Mayor.

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

A. 9/19/06 Council Meeting

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rispin to approve the 9/19/06 City Council Minutes, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.*

### **5. Adoption of Agenda as Presented**

*Motion by Councilmember Foster to adopt the Agenda as Presented, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 5-0.*

### **6. Special Recognition**

A. Suwanee Day Committee and Major Sponsors

The three major sponsors of Suwanee Day, Bowen Family Homes, Richport Properties and Primrose School were recognized. In addition, Suwanee Day Committee volunteers were recognized.

### **7. Appointments to Boards**

#### **Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee**

Pat Montgomery is interested in serving another term. Her term will be for 2 years, to expire in November 2008. Joy Mitchell is interested in serving as the business representative to this committee. Her term will be for 2 years, to expire in November 2008.

*Motion by Councilmember Foster to appoint Pat Montgomery and Joy Mitchell to the Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, terms to expire November 2008, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.*

### **Downtown Development Authority**

The DDA has recommended *Jon Highfield* to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Little. This term expires in January 2007.

*Motion by Councilmember Burnette to appoint Jon Highfield to the DDA to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Little. Term to expire January 2007, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 5-0.*

### **8. Audience Participation - None**

### **9. OLD BUSINESS**

A. RZ-2006-013 - Applicant: OPUS South Corporation. Owner: Opus South Corporation/Falcon Nest I, LTD. Applicant requests rezoning from M-1, C-2, C-3, and O-I to PMUD to allow for a multiple use project including commercial/retail, offices, multi-family, townhomes, and single family detached uses. Site is located in Land Lots 152 and 169 of the 7th District on south west side of Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and north Burnette Road and contains approximately 148.32 acres.

**The applicant has requested a 30-day postponement. Staff Recommendation: Denial. Planning Commission Recommendation: Tabled to the 11/7/06 meeting. ACTION: Consider the rezoning.**

*Motion by Councilmember Brooks to postpone RZ-2006-013 to the November Council Meeting, second by Mayor Pro Tem Rispin and so carried 5-0.*

### **10. NEW BUSINESS**

A. RZ-2006-016 - Applicant/Owner: Suwanee Junction, LLC. Applicant requests rezoning from PMUD to PMUD (change of conditions) to allow for a modification to the approved concept plan. Site is located in Land Lots 251 and 252 of the 7th District along Suwanee Dam Road and contains approximately 112.69 acres.

**The applicant has requested a 30-day postponement. Staff Recommendation: Denial. Planning Commission Recommendation: Denial. ACTION: Consider the rezoning.**

*Motion by Councilmember Foster to deny RZ-2006-016, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.*

### **11. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Adopt Revisions to the Alcohol Ordinance

Staff has made revisions to the alcohol ordinance. ACTION: Adopt the revised alcohol ordinance.

B. Accept Donation of Property: Shadowbrook

Bowen Family Homes would like to donate approximately 1.3 acres of land in the Shadowbrook Subdivision, directly behind the New City Hall site, to the City. ACTION: Accept the donation of the Shadowbrook property.

C. Adopt Amendment to the Development Regulations Regarding Mast Arms

Staff has drafted an amendment to the Development Regulations to require mast-arm style traffic signals at intersections in Suwanee. ACTION: Adopt amendment to the Development Regulations regarding mast arms.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rispin to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.*

**12. City Manager's Report – None.**

**13. Adjournment – Time: 7:25 P.M**

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rispin to adjourn, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.*

*Approved November 21, 2006*