

**CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2007**

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

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

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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**

The Public Hearing opened at 6:35 P.M. City Manager, Hardin Watkins, read the Public Hearing procedures 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.**

Josh Campbell, City Planner, presented the staff analysis as follows: The applicant seeks rezoning on an approximately 148 acre tract to develop a large multiple-use project. The applicant requests rezoning from O-I (Office-Institutional), C-2 (General Commercial), C-3 (Special Commercial) and a conditional M-1 (Light Industrial) to PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development District) to construct a project totaling approximately 1.02 million square feet of hotel, office and commercial space and 637 residential units. The subject property is located on the southwest side of Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road just south of Satellite Boulevard and north of Burnette Road.

Due to its size, the project is considered a Development of Regional Impact (DRI). ARC found the project was in the best interest of the state.

As proposed, the project would total 580,000 square feet of office uses covering approximately 31.5 acres, 520,000 square feet of retail uses covering approximately 44.5 acres, a 75,000 square foot full-service hotel covering approximately 5 acres, and 637 residential units covering approximately 66

acres. The site would be split by a proposed three to four lane boulevard running between Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and McGinnis Ferry Road.

The applicant proposes numerous commercial buildings ranging in size from 3,600 square feet to 170,000 square feet and totaling approximately 360,000 square feet over 44.5 acres. The buildings are 1 to 2 stories with building heights up to 53 feet tall. One “big-box” commercial/retail 170,000 square foot building is proposed for a 16.75 acre tract (Tract 1). Tracts 3 is a 7.5 acre parcel that appears to be designed to simulate a “Main Street” type of commercial feel with approximately 120,000 to 150,000 square feet of retail uses lining both sides of an interior drive. There is also 10,000 square feet of commercial uses proposed for the apartment site (Tract 8).

The site plan indicates three 4 to 6 story office buildings totaling 580,000 square feet (Tracts 5-7) and a 75,000 square foot 4 to 5 story hotel (Tract 4) located on 36.5 acres. This portion of the project is located on the southernmost portion of the project closest to I-85. Both surface and deck parking spaces are proposed to serve the office portion of the project. The parking deck is proposed to be up to 5 stories in height.

There are 5 residential components proposed for the project. Tract 10 is a 14.5 acre parcel that is proposed to be developed with 100 front-loaded townhomes. Tract 11 is another 14.5 acre parcel that is proposed to be developed with 40 front and rear loaded single-family residential detached units. Tract 12 is a 10.95 acre parcel that is proposed to be developed with 19 single family residential detached units and a recreational amenity area.

Tract 8 is a 9.78 acre parcel proposed to be developed with a 4-story, 340 unit multi-family residential building, 10,000 square feet of commercial uses and a 5-story, approximately 720 space parking garage (two of the stories would be below ground and the parking deck would also serve the adjacent retail site). Tract 9 is a 9.78 acre parcel proposed to be developed with 138 front and rear loaded townhome units. Located between the buildings on Tracts 8 and 9 is a centrally located park.

The revised site plan indicates approximately 45 acres of green space. It appears that this green space calculation includes several detention facilities which are not typically considered preserved open space. However, it should be noted that this calculation also does not include formal open spaces such as a plaza located in the retail section (tract 3) or the central park located between tracts 8 and 9. The applicant also proposes a number of soft-surface trails along the creeks and ponds located on the site.

The road network for the project includes a proposed boulevard and a mixture of private and public roads. The proposed main boulevard starts out as four lanes at Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and then, after passing the commercial uses, narrows to two travel lanes with a center lane continuing all the way to Burnette Road. The final configuration of the Boulevard’s intersection with Burnette/McGinnis Ferry Road has not been determined since the timing of the McGinnis Ferry Road and the Boulevard’s construction has not been finalized.

The subject property is divided into two tracts. The larger tract, commonly referred to as the “Motorola tract”, is a 110-acre wooded undeveloped tract with topography that drops. The smaller tract commonly referred to, as the Falcon’s site, is 38 acres. This site is developed with a professional football training facility including a motel, practice fields, a small gym and an office building. None of these facilities are currently being used. The land can be suitable for a well-designed and well-defined mixed-use project.

The site is located on the southwestern side of Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road in the I-85 business district. The surrounding area consists of a mixture of single-family residential, light-industrial, and commercial/retail development. To the south and west are numerous single-family homes in unincorporated Gwinnett County and one house in the Suwanee city limits. To the northwest are two M-1 zoned data centers, an office/warehouse facility and a C-2 zoned day care center along Satellite Boulevard. To the east, across Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, are numerous commercial uses and zoning districts including a couple banks (C-2A), an automotive service establishment (C-2A), a large footprint retailer. With conditions to mitigate the impacts on adjacent single-family residential uses and to improve area road network, the site could be appropriate for intensive office, commercial and residential development as part of a well designed project.

The Comprehensive Plan designates the subject property a Character Area that encourages appropriately designed mixed-use development. The subject property falls into a designated Character Area called Main Street/Lakeside. The Plan anticipates the area to be a mixed-use center. Mixed use centers are expected to, "...emphasize commercial or office uses in mixed-use buildings or settings...uses may include boutique centers or office clusters surrounded residences, mixed-use buildings with shops or offices downstairs and residences upstairs, live-work arrangements at higher intensities than allowed in a mixed-use village, and even big-box commercial development at human scales of proportion articulation and pedestrian orientation."

The Comprehensive Plan indicates medium and high intensity residential and high intensity commercial and office uses would be appropriate in the Main Street/Lakeside Character Area.

The City recently completed a Competitive Assessment and Development Strategy for the I-85 Business District. This report recommends creating catalyst projects in the I-85 Business District and specifically envisions a mixed-use project on the 140 plus acre Motorola/Falcons tracts.

The modified site plan is a considerable step forward in meeting the goals of both the Comprehensive Plan and the Competitive Assessment and Development Strategy for the I-85 Business District (I-85 Study). The plans creates a stronger "town center" focused around tracts 3, 8 and 9 and meets the goals of the I-85 study with a mixture of single family attached and detached units, flats, class 'A' office buildings (tracts 5-7) and a full-service hotel (tract 4).

In accordance with the I-85 study, Tracts 4, 5, 6, and 7 include a full service hotel and 3 four to six story class 'A' office buildings.

The original staff analysis indicated concerns about the long-term viability of the apartment units located directly to the rear of a big box retailer. The new plan incorporated the single apartment building into a town center design with the apartments located between townhomes and a retail "main street". The design offers a more sustainable multi-family site.

The prior plan also did not appear to take stream buffers into account at the required 75-foot width. The revised site plan generally appears to recognize the stream buffers.

In conclusion, with the appropriate conditions to ensure a quality design, approval of the request could be appropriate as submitted. The proposed project falls into a Character Area that allows for intensive development. The revised proposal is also sensitive to the surrounding uses with the proposed single-family residential uses and green space providing a transition to existing single family detached uses. Therefore, the Planning Department recommends approval with conditions of the request. Staff recommended conditions are included for Council review as well.

Councilmember Foster stated that soft surface trails were mentioned in the presentation. In condition #14 it specifies hard trails. Mr. Campbell stated that the applicant proposed soft surface trails. Staff recommends hard surface trails.

Councilmember Foster state in condition #10 there is reference to the parkway tapering down from 4 lanes. Under what circumstances is that needed? Mr. Campbell stated there is a portion of the road that extends outside the city limits and crosses onto a piece of property with an 8 foot easement.

Applicant Representative, Mike Tennant, 1201 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30309. Mr. Tennant stated never has he seen as much “change, surprise and the earth move” as in this zoning case. Recommendations for approval have been received from GRTA and ARC. With this case there have been recommendations of approval, denial, GaDOT project impacts and this past Friday, the earth moved again. There were suggestions made to the site plan to change some uses in accordance with the City’s vision of economic development and job growth. These revisions have been embraced. Since Friday afternoon a lot of work had gone into the plan to get to this point. City staff has worked diligently. There has been an exchange of candid and frank ideas. Significant sessions have been made to better understand the City’s goals. The City has indicated an understanding of the applicant’s issues as well.

Based on the revised staff conditions approval of this case is requested in addition to the change in land uses as proposed. In Tract 10, instead of townhomes, to change to M-1 designation. Tract 11, instead of single-family residential, change to M-1 with permitted uses from the O-I District. Tract 12, change from single-family residential to O-I.

Opposition – None.

Mr. Tenant stated there was one additional clarification - Condition #23 related to pedestrian access at the Northbrook Square Subdivision. They are hopeful the Planning Director can assist in identifying appropriate access in order not to delay in negotiating with the Homeowner’s Association.

- 2. SUP-2007-001 - Applicant: Joan Sammond/Georgia Humane Society. Owner: Megatech International, Inc. Requests a special use permit for a pet adoption center in the C-2A zoning district. The site is located in Land Lot 209 of the 7th District on Buford Highway north of Namasco Drive and contains approximately 1.48 acres.**

Josh Campbell, City Planner, presented the staff analysis as follows: The applicant requests a Special Use Permit to open a pet adoption center within a commercial/retail center zoned C-2 (General Commercial District). The applicant proposes to open an approximately 2,500 square foot pet adoption center located within an existing 15,400 square foot shopping center off Buford Highway. Uses that require extended onsite care of animals, such as an animal hospital or a pet adoption center, are allowed only as a Special Use in the C-2 District.

The proposed project includes an approximately 2,500 square foot pet adoption center that would involve maintaining up to 15 dogs and 30 cats, related storage and office administration. Each dog would have its own room, while the cats would be kept in a single room. The facility will also house the Georgia Humane Society’s administrative offices.

The Special Use Permit process was created by the City Council in 2001 to better handle certain land uses. The property was rezoned from M-1 to its current C-2 classification in 2000 per case number RZ-2000-034.

The subject property totals 1.49 acres. The site is accessed via two drives off Buford Highway. The site and its facilities are suitable for a pet adoption center.

The surrounding area consists of primarily light industrial properties with some commercial property and recreational uses in the area. The City's Future Land Use Plan recommends industrial uses for the property. The existing zoning on the site is inconsistent with this designation. However, it is the City's policy to redirect many special uses away from highly residential areas and towards non-residential areas such as the area around the subject property. The special use proposed should not conflict with the surrounding light industrial area.

Because the subject use will include extended kenneling of animal, the property could produce noise. The surrounding industrial area is not likely to be adversely impacted by the pet adoption center.

In conclusion, the requested Special Use Permit for a pet adoption center could be appropriate at this location. The proposed use should not conflict with commercial uses in the shopping center, the nearby industrial or the park use. It is unlikely approval of the request would have a negative impact on the surrounding area. As such, the Planning Department recommends approval with conditions of the request. The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions.

**Support:** Debra Harkrider, 805 Park Street, Gainesville, GA 30501. Ms. Hunt stated this is a new concept. There will be no external handling. The animals undergo a pre-clearance. There will be a bonding room. Volunteers are already in place.

Opposition – None.

**3. AMD-2007-001 - A proposed amendment to the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance relating to the Infill Residential District to modify Article III. Definitions to add new definitions; Article V. Zoning District Development and Use Regulations to amend the district name, certain district development standards, and create additional district requirements; and Article XXI. Amendments to create procedures for Community Input Meetings; and other related items.**

Josh Campbell, City Planner, stated this proposed amendment to the IRD District accomplishes a few items. One change is the name of the district. It also requires a community input meeting for projects which produce five or more new residential units. It limits the size of tracts eligible for this zoning district to two acres. It limits the number of additional units that can be created to ten units through an individual zoning. The text references the City's list of historic structures. Residential units are limited to two story and 2,000 sq. ft. The proposed amendment was heard by the Planning Commission earlier in the month and the item was tabled.

There was no audience participation regarding this item.

**4. Application for License to Sell Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits to be Consumed on the Premises: Olde Towne Tavern and Grille, 340 Town Center Avenue, Suite A-8. Applicant: Joseph Chewing Hawkins**

Hardin Watkins, City Manager, stated Olde Towne Tavern and Grille has requested an alcohol license for beer, wine and distilled spirits to be consumed on the premises. Joseph Chewing Hawkins will be the licensee. Staff has reviewed all the materials and recommend approval.

Applicant: Joseph Hawkins, 4418 Village Field Place, Suwanee, GA. Hopeful to open the first week in March. There was no audience comment.

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

**1. Call To Order**

Mayor Masino called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

**2. Organizational Matters for 2007**

A. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

*Motion by Councilmember Rispin to elect Jimmy Burnette as Mayor Pro Tem for 2007, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 5-0-1 (Councilmember Burnette abstained).*

B. Adoption of Rules of Procedure

**The Rules of Procedure for adoption will be Robert's Rules of Order, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition.**

*Motion by Councilmember Brooks to adopt Robert's Rules of Order, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition as the official Rules of Procedure for 2007, second by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette and so carried 6-0.*

**3. Announcements**

- For the third consecutive year, the Georgia Municipal Association and Georgia Trend Magazine have awarded the City of Suwanee and its residents with a Trendsetter Award. The award was presented at the Mayors' Day Conference on January 21 in the category of "Parks and Recreation." Suwanee was recognized for its Open Space Initiative. Congratulations Suwanee!
- The City of Suwanee is seeking artists who are willing to go out on a limb with their creativity. The City is hosting a design competition for artwork to be featured this year in its award-winning Art on a Limb program. Samples of proposed artwork must be submitted by Friday, February 2. Submitted artwork must be original, able to be placed outdoors, and be reproducible. For additional guidelines and an application form, go to [www.suwanee.com](http://www.suwanee.com).
- The next Citizens Police Academy will begin on Tuesday, February 13, and classes will be held once a week for eight weeks. The program is open to Suwanee residents as well as to those who work in the City. Topics covered include crime scene investigations, firearms safety, traffic stops, crime prevention, and motor vehicle enforcement. Participants also have an opportunity to run radar, ride along with an officer, practice traffic stops, and search buildings. The deadline for notarized [applications](#) is Friday, January 26. For more information, contact Sgt. Elias Casanas at Suwanee PD.
- *Gwinnett Magazine's* 2006 edition of its annual "Best of Gwinnett" issue features several City of Suwanee events, locations, and icons. Suwanee was among those who received a nod in the following categories:
  - Best Concert Venue: Town Center Park
  - Best Artistic/Cultural Scene: Arts in the Park
  - Best Local Festival: Suwanee Day
  - Best Park: Town Center Park
  - Best Downtown: Town Center

#### **4. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **5. Approval of Minutes**

A. 12/7/06 Called Meeting

*Motion by Councilmember Rispin approve the 12/7/06 Called Council Meeting Minutes, second by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette and so carried 6-0.*

B. 12/19/06 Council Meeting

*Motion by Councilmember Foster approve the 12/19/06 Called Council Meeting Minutes, second by Councilmember Rispin and so carried 6-0.*

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

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

#### **7. Special Recognition**

A. Suwanee Star Award

Finance Director, Amie Sakmar, received the Suwanee Star Award for the following long lasting contributions to the City: Open Space Bond refinancing, 2<sup>nd</sup> ever large City bond, first Budget presentation award from GFOA. This is the highest award a City employee can receive for a job well done. This is Amie's third award. She sets the record for City staff.

B. PACT Neighborhood – Village Grove

Sergeant Elias Casanas and Office Susan Roetzer recognized Village Grove as a PACT Neighborhood.

C. Service Award – Vince DeSilva

Mayor Masino and Councilmember Foster recognized Vince DeSilva for time served on the Zoning Board of Appeals (January 2002 – December 2006).

#### **8. Audience Participation**

Councilmember Landers noted that on the announcements of the *Gwinnett Magazine's* Best of Gwinnett, Mayor Nick Masino is recognized as the favorite elected official.

#### **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 southwest side of Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and north Burnette Road and contains approximately 148.32 acres.

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions. Planning Commission Recommendation: Approval with conditions. ACTION: Consider the rezoning.

*Motion by Councilmember Rispin to approve RZ-2006-013 with staff conditions entitled OPUS Revised/Consolidated Conditions dated 1/23/07 DRAFT (Revision 4) with the following changes:*

*Page 2, item 4.a. – reinstate item 4.a.1. which reads: “For Tracts 1, 2, and 3 no automotive sales or service establishments shall be allowed.”*

*Page 6, item 14.a. – should read “The required trail extending along the creek shall connect to the trail system along the parkway and extend below or above the parkway to create a grade separated situation.*

*Page 7, item 23 – “Subject to the approval of the City of Suwanee Planning Director provide pedestrian access consisting of a trail on the north and west common property line to the Northbrooke Square Subdivision, as identified by the Planning Director.”*

*Second by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette and so carried 6-0.*

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SUP-2007-001 - Applicant: Joan Sammond/Georgia Humane Society. Owner: Megatech International, Inc. Requests a special use permit for a pet adoption center in the C-2A zoning district. The site is located in Land Lot 209 of the 7th District on Buford Highway north of Namasco Drive and contains approximately 1.48 acres.

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions. Planning Commission Recommendation: Approval with conditions. ACTION: Consider the special use permit.

*Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve SUP-2007-001, second by Councilmember Brooks. Call for discussion. Need to add conditions to motion. Amended motion by Councilmember Foster to approve SUP-2007-001 with conditions, amended second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.*

- B. AMD-2007-001 - A proposed amendment to the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance relating to the Infill Residential District to modify Article III. Definitions to add new definitions; Article V. Zoning District Development and Use Regulations to amend the district name, certain district development standards, and create additional district requirements; and Article XXI. Amendments to create procedures for Community Input Meetings; and other related items.

Planning Commission Recommendation: Tabled to the February Meeting. ACTION: Consider the amendment.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette to table AMD-2007-001, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.*

- C. Consideration of Issuance of an Alcohol License: Olde Towne Tavern and Grille. Applicant: Joseph Chewing Hawkins

Olde Towne Tavern and Grille has requested an alcohol license for beer, wine and distilled spirits to be consumed on the premises. Location: 340 Town Center Avenue, Suite A-8. Applicant: Joseph Chewing Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins fingerprint reports have been returned from GBI and the FBI showing no violations. The Finance Department is recommending approval. ACTION: Consider issuance of the alcohol license.



***Motion by Councilmember Rispin to approve issuance of an Alcohol License: Olde Towne Tavern and Grille. Applicant: Joseph Chewing Hawkins, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.***

- D. Consideration of Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Agreement with Integrated Science and Engineering, Inc. for NPDES Phase I MS4 Stormwater Permit Requirements

GaEPD regulates the NPDES Phase I MS4 requirements that governmental jurisdictions within the State must comply with. During this last year, Gwinnett County formed a storm water utility; and for the benefit of its citizens, the City of Suwanee and nine (9) of the other cities within Gwinnett County elected to not participate in the newly formed County storm water utility. On behalf of these ten (10) cities, GwMA requested proposals from consulting engineering firms for services to meet the minimum requirements of the Stormwater Permits. After review of qualifications, cost proposals, and firm interviews, GwMA recommends Integrated Science & Engineering, Inc. Staff is in agreement with GwMA's recommendation. The estimated contract cost for Suwanee is \$73,105 for the initial scope of services over the next year or more. We budgeted \$22,000 for this fiscal year, and that value appears to be on target to cover proposed services until July 1, 2007. **ACTION: Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with Integrated Science and Engineering, Inc. for NPDES Phase 1 MS4 Stormwater Permit requirements.**

***Motion by Councilmember Brooks approve authorizing the Mayor to enter into Agreement with Integrated Science and Engineering, Inc. for NPDES Phase I MSR Stormwater Permit Requirements, second by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette and so carried 6-0.***

- E. Consideration of Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Agreement with Urban Collage, Inc. for Comprehensive Planning Services for an Amount Not to Exceed \$95,000

Four proposals were received for Comprehensive Planning services. The consultant selection committee interviewed each firm and is recommending Urban Collage, Inc. Phases I and II are budgeted and will be completed this fiscal year. Phases III and IV will be completed next fiscal year. **ACTION: Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with Urban Collage, Inc. for comprehensive planning services for an amount not to exceed \$95,000.**

***Motion by Councilmember Foster approve authorizing the Mayor to enter into Agreement with Urban Collage, Inc., for Comprehensive Planning Services for an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00, second by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette and so carried 6-0.***

- F. Arbor Day Proclamation

Arbor Day is proposed for Friday, February 16th. Staff is planning to plant a tree at the Crossroads Center. Councilmember Foster read the Proclamation into the record.

***Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette to approve the Proclamation to designate Friday, February 16, 2007 as Arbor Day, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.***

## 11. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept Donation of \$1,500 from Walmart and a TV/DVD Player from the Korean-American Community Patrol to the Police Department

Walmart has donated \$1,500 to the Police Department for Community Policing activities. The Korean-American Community Patrol has donated a TV and DVD player to the Police Department. Staff is recommending official acceptance of both donations. **ACTION: Accept donation of \$1,500 and the TV/DVD player to the Police Department.**

B. Approve Resolution Regarding Participation in the ICMA Metro Atlanta Performance Measurement Consortium

The ICMA Center for Performance Measurement has started a Metro Atlanta Performance Measurement Consortium. This is a program where at least 15 jurisdictions in the Metro Atlanta area will collect data in up to 15 service areas. The data will be collected once a year and available for review and analysis to help everyone improve service delivery. Staff is recommending that Council approve a resolution memorializing Suwanee's participation in this consortium. **ACTION: Approve the resolution.**

C. Authorize Mayor to Enter into a Participation Agreement for the GIRMA Law Enforcement Initiative

The Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) has approved an initiative to work with law enforcement agencies to reduce the frequency and dollar costs of liability losses attributed to law enforcement operations. Twelve high risk/critical task policies were developed and if agencies implement and use these policies, a discount will be offered on the law enforcement liability portion of the annual liability contribution. These policies will be incorporated in the state certification program and greater discounts will be offered to those agencies seeking state certification. To be eligible for this discount, the City needs to become part of the GIRMA Law Enforcement Initiative by adopting their participation agreement. **ACTION: Authorize the Mayor to enter into a participation agreement for the GIRMA Law Enforcement Initiative.**

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

## **12. City Manager's Report**

Administrative Item: In November 2006, City Council approved a Resolution to adopt an Ethics Ordinance. In preparing the material for submission to Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), staff realized there was particular language GMA wants to see, we need to amend the Resolution for submission.

Specific bullet points in this Resolution for submission to GMA include the following:

- Serve Others, Not Ourselves
- Use Resources With Efficiency and Economy
- Treat All People Fairly
- Use The Power of Our Position For The Well Being Of Our Constituents
- Create An Environment Of Honesty, Openness And Integrity

***Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve the amended Resolution for submission for the City of Ethics Program, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.***

**13. Adjournment – Time: 7:40 P.M.**

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

*Approved 02/27/2007*