

**CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 25, 2008**

Meeting Location:

Dinner Session – City Hall Conference Room (373 Highway 23)

Public Hearing and City Council Meeting - Crossroads Center (323 Highway 23)

Attendees: Dave Williams, Mayor
Jimmy Burnette, Mayor Pro Tem
Jace Brooks, Councilmember
Dan Foster, Councilmember
Kevin McOmber, Councilmember
Jeannine Rispin, Councilmember
Marty Allen, 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**

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. and read the Procedures for Public Meetings for the record.

1. **Application for License to Sell Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits to be Consumed on the Premises: Merlot Restaurant, 300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Suite 300. Applicant: Fraidoon Izadi.**

Application for a new restaurant at 300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Suite 300. The Finance Department recommends issuance of the license. The applicant, Mr. Fraidoon Izadi, 4945 Woolton Hill Lane, Suwanee, GA, was present. Mr. Izadi stated he has been in the restaurant business for over 27 years. There was no additional audience comment.

2. **Application for License to Sell Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits to be Consumed on the Premises: Sea Ya Restaurant, 1300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Suite 1301. Applicant: Chin Hyon Paek.**

Application for a new restaurant at 1300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Suite 1301. The Finance Department recommends issuance of the license. The applicant, Mr. Paek, was present but did not comment. There was no audience comment.

3. Application to Add On-Premise Distilled Spirits Consumption to Existing Beer and Wine License: Tanners, 525 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Suite 1. Applicant: Deanne Tanner.

Addition of distilled spirits to existing beer and wine license for Tanners, 525 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Suite 1. The Finance Department recommends issuance of the license. The applicant was not present. There was no audience comment.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:35 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Call To Order

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Announcements

- *The 2008 Suwanee Farmers Market will open for business on May 3. The weekly market will be held each Saturday through October 11, except for September 20. Interested farmers may apply to sell at the market.*
- *The City of Suwanee is nearing completion of its 2030 Comprehensive Plan process. A draft of the plan is available for public review and there are at least two opportunities for citizen feedback: A Task Force/Work Group meeting at 6:30 p.m. on March 27 and a public hearing on April 22.*
- *Suwanee will be part of the world cycling scene on Friday, April 25 when 120 bike riders take off from Town Center Park for Stage 5 of the Tour de Georgia presented by AT&T. The race will start at 10:00 am that morning, with pre-race events held beginning at 8:30 that morning. The City will also hold a pre-race concert the on Thursday the 24th beginning at 5:30. For more information, including an opportunity to participate in our own Tour de Suwanee Greenway, please visit www.suwanee.com.*
- *Those shorter showers and fuller loads of dishes and laundry are paying off, Suwanee. Congratulations to City of Suwanee water system customers who clearly have been doing their part to help conserve water as Gwinnett County and much of north Georgia address historic drought conditions. Gov. Sonny Perdue ordered that all water systems in affected areas reduce monthly water production by 10 percent. Because the more than 800 people served by the City's water system have taken steps to reduce water usage, the Suwanee system has been able*

to meet that goal each month. The City of Suwanee is taking additional measures to reduce water usage. A streetscape project for the Gateway area has been placed on hold. And, Big Splash fountain at Town Center Park will remain off at least for the near-term. The City of Suwanee and other government agencies continue to monitor the drought situation and appropriate responses. As of March 17, Lake Lanier remained more than 15 feet below its full pool level. For ideas about how you can conserve more of this precious commodity, visit www.conservewatergeorgia.net.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Representatives from Troop 520 Sugar Hill, Troop 518 Shadowbrook and Scouts from Pack 538, Den 6 assisted Mayor Williams in leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. February 14, 2008 Called Meeting

Motion to approve the February 14, 2008 Called Meeting Minutes by Councilmember McOmber, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.

b. February 26, 2008 Council Meeting

Motion to approve the February 26, 2008 Council Meeting Minutes by Councilmember Foster, second by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette and so carried 6-0.

c. February 29, 2008 Called Meeting

Motion to approve the February 29, 2008 Called Meeting Minutes by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.

5. Adoption of Agenda as Presented

Motion to adopt the Agenda by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember McOmber for discussion – request to add Legal Matters to Executive Session. Councilmember Foster amended the motion to include adding Legal Matters to the Executive Session, McOmber amended the second and so carried 6-0.

6. Special Recognition

a. SFEA Awards Recipients: Kim Towne; Primrose Schools of Suwanee; Lynne Bohlman DeWilde; and Amy Doherty

Amy Doherty, Events Coordinator, assisted Mayor Williams. Suwanee entered seven award applications and won five awards at the Southeastern Festival and Event Association (SFEA) Conference. The Conference consisted of event planners and coordinators for festivals, Chamber of Commerce agencies and other government agencies. Over 120 applicants were submitted with 29 different organizations represented. The City of Suwanee walked away with 5 awards, 4 gold awards and 1 silver award. Ms. Doherty stated, “it’s nice to win awards like this because we are competing against larger festivals and also festivals that are similar in size for us. We compete in a budget category of events under \$75,000.”

The awards are as follows:

- Silver Award – Suwanee Day t-shirt design.
- Gold Award: Best Event Photograph – Lynne DeWilde photographed the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Concert. Competitors in this area were Atlanta Olympic Park and City of Decatur.
- Gold Award: Best Event within an Event – Suwanee Day Festival Money Magazine Celebration Area.
- Gold Award: Primrose School – Mascot Pavilion Sponsor (Don & Helen Nelson and Allison McMillan) Primrose has been a sponsor for many years.
- Gold Award: Suwanee Day Volunteer – Kim Towne was recognized for streamlining the volunteer recruitment effort.

b. Suwanee Star Award

City Manager, Marty Allen assisted Mayor Williams. Mr. Allen presented Lt. Cass Mooney with the Hardin Watkins Suwanee Star Award. Lt. Mooney was recognized for his service to the City including the start-up of the new records management system, CAD software and mobile control operations. Chief Jones presented Lt. Mooney with the Police Star Award (black and white ribbon with a gold star). Lt. Mooney was joined by his wife and daughters.

7. Audience Participation – None.

8. OLD BUSINESS – None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Application for License to Sell Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits to be Consumed on the Premises: Merlot Restaurant, 300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Suite 300. Applicant: Fraidoon Izadi.

Application for a new restaurant at 300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Suite 300. The Finance Department recommends issuance of the license.

Motion to approve the Application for License to Sell Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits for Merlot Restaurant, Applicant: Fraidoon Izadi by Councilmember Foster, second by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette and so carried 6-0.

B. Consideration of Application for License to Sell Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits to be Consumed on the Premises: Sea Ya Restaurant, 1300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Suite 1301. Applicant: Chin Hyon Paek.

Application for a new restaurant at 1300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Suite 1301. The Finance Department recommends issuance of the license.

Motion to approve the Application for License to Sell Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits for Sea Ya Restaurant, Applicant: Chin Hyon Paek by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.

Note: Applicant stated Suite is 3101. Information confirmed with staff: Sea Ya Restaurant, 1300 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Suite 3101.

C. Consideration of Application to Add On-Premise Distilled Spirits Consumption to Existing Beer and Wine License: Tanners, 525 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Suite 1. Applicant: Deanne Tanner.

Addition of distilled spirits to existing beer and wine license for Tanners, 525 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Suite 1. The Finance Department recommends issuance of the license.

Motion to approve the Add-on License to Sell Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits for Tanners, Applicant: Deanne Tanner by Councilmember Foster, second by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette. Councilmember Foster amended the motion to verify the Suite as Suite 1 not Suite I, Mayor Pro Tem amended the second and the motion carried 6-0.

D. Consideration of Adjustment to the Downtown Development Authority Budget

The DDA is partnering with the Town Center merchants to produce a direct mail brochure that highlights downtown businesses and events at Town Center Park. The anticipated cost of this project is \$12,500, with the Town Center merchants contributing \$11,500 and the DDA contributing \$1,000 from the advertising budget of the Downtown Program.

Motion to approve the Adjustment to the Downtown Development Authority Budget by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.

E. Consideration of Creating the Suwanee Public Arts Commission

Staff has prepared a proposed ordinance/resolution to create the Suwanee Public Arts Commission. The ordinance/resolution outlines the duties of the commission, appointment of members, meeting requirements, etc. The ordinance has been revised to reflect discussion at the March 13 Council workshop.

Motion to approve the Ordinance/Resolution to Create the Suwanee Public Arts Commission by Councilmember McOmber, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.

Mayor Williams read from the responsibilities of the Commission as follows:

- Expand community awareness and appreciation of the value of art;
- Advise the City Council and staff on art-related issues;
- Assist the City and other organizations and businesses in the commission and selection of artists for public works of art
- Develop art master plans, policies, and other program elements;
- Serve in an advisory capacity to other organizations and businesses pursuing public art projects;
- Prepare an annual report to the City Council on the Commission's activities; and others.

Members will be selected in upcoming weeks and months.

F. Consideration of Appointments to the Suwanee Public Arts Commission

Should the ordinance/resolution from Item E be approved, the Council can proceed with appointing the Suwanee Public Arts Commission, if desired. Staff contacted the Public Art Ordinance Committee regarding their interest in a potential appointment but did not receive a response from all members.

Motion to postpone action of this item to the April 22 Council Meeting by Councilmember Rispin, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.

G. Consideration of Revisions to Outdoor Water Use Ordinance

The Governor has mandated that local water systems reduce usage by 10% and identify appropriate local outdoor water use restrictions for addressing the drought. As a local water system permit holder, Suwanee must respond to this mandate. The proposed ordinance would allow filling of pools and the watering of professionally installed landscapes for a limited time, but would prohibit most other types of outdoor watering. It should be noted the proposed ordinance applies only to customers of the Suwanee Water System.

Motion to approve the Revisions to the Outdoor Water Use Ordinance by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Authorize Mayor to Enter into Lease Supplement with Georgia Municipal Association for Two Police Patrol Cars

The Police Department has purchased two patrol vehicles as part of the FY08 budget, with the intention of financing the purchase through GMA's lease-purchase program. The lease supplement outlines a 36-month term with an interest rate of 3.26%.

B. Approval of Amendment to Alcohol Beverage Ordinance

During the January workshop, Council and staff discussed the need to address outdoor music as a possible violation of the Noise Ordinance. Staff has looked further into the issue and identified some enforcement conflicts with the current Alcohol Beverage and Noise Ordinances. Gregory Jay has prepared revisions to the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance to address these conflicts.

C. Approval of 2008 City Council Retreat Report

Retreat facilitator Mike Hourihan has prepared a report summarizing the retreat. In the past, the Council has formally approved the report.

D. Approval of Temporary Alcohol Permits for 2008 Events

1. Smooth Jazz Concert Series – Premier Events Management, Inc./Rob Frazer, Applicant
2. Petapalooza – Ippolito's/Richard L. Cunningham, Applicant
3. Suwanee's August Concert - Ippolito's/Richard L. Cunningham, Applicant

The Alcohol Beverage Ordinance requires the issuance of a temporary alcohol permit to vendors who wish to sell alcohol beverages during events. The City Council must approve these licenses.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Councilmember Brooks, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.

11. City Manager's Report – None.

12. Executive Session – Real Estate and Legal Matters

Motion ENTER Executive Session by Councilmember McOmber, second by Councilmember Brooks, and so carried 6-0. Time: 7:43 PM

Motion EXIT Executive Session by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette, second by Councilmember Foster, and so carried 6-0. Time: 8:20 PM

Motion to authorize staff to enter negotiations regarding the real estate discussed in executive session not to exceed the amount discussed in executive session by Councilmember Brooks, second by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette and so carried 6-0.

13. Adjournment – Time: 8:23 P.M.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Rispin, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.

Approved 04/22/2008