

**MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 12, 2008
5:30 PM**

Meeting Location: 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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 5:37 P.M.

Note: Mayor Pro Tem Burnette and Councilmember Rispin arrived after the meeting began.

2. Public Hearing

A. FY 2008-2009 Budget and FY 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program
Marty Allen, City Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Allen thanked Amie Sakmar, Finance Director, and her staff for their tireless efforts in preparing the budget document. "She is a pro at what she does." Mr. Allen also thanked the Department Directors for their support in the process.

Mayor Williams echoed these comments and stated, "the budget documents are professionally done and we have a very sound budget."

Audience Participation:

- Maurice Cook, 1342 Riverview Run Lane, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Cook stated he has reviewed the budget and is disappointed. He referenced comparisons he has completed between Gwinnett County and Suwanee crime stats. He also stated, "all we do is build, build, build – we don't reach out to the people." He referenced population growth and how he feels the Police Department is falling behind. He also made mention of the last election and he feels the City is being divided.
- Tom McConnell, 3795 Smithtown Road, Suwanee, GA. Mr. McConnell encouraged Council to meet with the community. He stated he concurs with Mr. Cook. The City needs to perform at a higher level in many areas. There is an enormous amount of money going to pet projects. We need to be prudent and wise stewards of tax dollars.

He stated he believes estimates are out of proportion and the City would not be able to recoup the funds in 35-40 years. He stated the City could hire patrol and save a substantial amount of money.

- Margie Cook, 1342 Riverview Run Lane, Suwanee, GA. Ms. Cook asked about the Eva Kennedy road improvement and sidewalk project and what can be done about projects such as this in subdivisions without sidewalks. She has safety concerns.

Mayor Williams stated there are many factors being taken into account.

3. Consideration of Authorizing Mayor to Execute Change Order with Astra Group, Inc. for the Addition of a Play Yard to their Scope of Work

Motion by Councilmember Rispin to approve the Mayor to execute a Change Order with Astra Group, Inc. for the addition of a Play Yard to their scope of work, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.

4. Executive Session: Legal and Real Estate Matters

Motion by Councilmember Brooks to ENTER Executive Session, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette to EXIT Executive Session, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.

Mayor Williams called for a recess at 6:52 PM and reconvened the meeting at 6:55 P.M.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette to accept payment to the City of Suwanee in satisfaction of our attorney fee award in Roberts, Gorman vs. City of Suwanee, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.

5. Adjournment – Time: 6:56 P.M.

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

Approved 07/22/2008