

**MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2010**

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: Dave Williams, Mayor
Jace Brooks, Mayor Pro Tem
Jimmy Burnette, Councilmember
Daniel F. Foster, Councilmember
Richard I. Goodman, Councilmember
Kevin McOmer, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

**5:30 P.M.
DINNER SESSION
Big Splash Room - Room 2302**

1. 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.

**7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers – Room 2101**

2. Call to Order

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

3. Announcements

- *The City of Suwanee is once again offering the popular Bring One for the Chipper program. Unadorned Christmas trees may be dropped off at Sims Lake Park from December 26 to January 15. The City will recycle the trees into mulch to be used at City parks. Residents who drop off their trees on Saturday, January 8 will receive free vegetable seed packets from the Ferry-Morse Seed Company. Volunteers are needed to help on this day. To volunteer, contact Tammy Hiler at thiler@suwanee.com or 770-904-3379.*

- *The Creative Clayhouse paint-it-yourself pottery business in Old Town has recently finished a little painting of its own, thanks to the Downtown Development Authority's façade improvement grant. Creative Clayhouse received \$1,500 from*

the DDA in late November to pressure wash, repair siding and trim, and paint the exterior of its historic facility. The building, located at 593 Main Street, has been home to the Creative Clayhouse since 2005. Originally constructed in 1876, the house has also served as Suwanee's first post office, doctor's office, and cotton gin manager's office. For information about the grant program, contact Alison Starnes at astarnes@suwanee.com or 770-945-8996.

- *This is the final call for entries in the City's annual Snap Suwanee photo competition, as the deadline for submitting is December 31. Winning photographs will be exhibited at City Hall through much of 2011. The contest seeks photos that are clearly identifiable as Suwanee and tell a story about the community or the subject matter. Information and applications are available at www.suwanee.com.*
- *This room is where you'll want to be on the evening of Wednesday, January 12, as we present the annual State of the City address. You'll hear first-hand the highlights and achievements from the past year and get a sense of where our community is heading in the future. The presentation will be part of the January Suwanee Business Alliance meeting. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. with the State of the City address starting at approximately 6:15. A reception will follow at BB&T Bank in Town Center.*

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Minutes

- a) **November 30, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes**
Motion by Councilmember Goodman second by Councilmember Foster to approve the November 30, 2010 Minutes as revised 12/21/2010 and so carried 5-0.

6. Special Recognition

- a) **Recognition of Suwanee Court as Program of the Year by the Georgia Council of Court Administrators (GCCA)**
- b) **Recognition of Mariza Abdeljawad as Georgia Court Clerk of the Year**

Ms. Marla Moore and Mr. Edwin Bell, representatives of GCCA were present and presented the City with a plaque for the Program of the Year Award. Recently the Suwanee Municipal Court installed new software and the court operations are now paperless. The details of the *Court Clerk* system and the efficiency it provides were nominated for the award. In addition, Council recognized Mariza Abdeljawad, Court Services Administrator as Clerk of the Year as designated by the Municipal Clerks Association.

7. Special Presentation: FY 10 Report from City Auditors Mauldin & Jenkins Joel Black, Mauldin & Jenkins presented the FY 10 Audit Report. He stated that

Suwanee began complying with GASB 54 prior to the implementation requirement of 2011. A lot of people will be looking at Ms. Sakmar's footnotes when they have to comply. Mr. Black commended Ms. Sakmar for the organized method her files are always in. He stated it is easy to locate information and she and the City staff are always available for questions. There were no audit adjustments. He stated the City has a very healthy fund balance. Councilmember Foster expressed appreciation to Ms. Sakmar for an excellent job she does for the City.

8. 2011 Appointments

a) Planning Commission

Motion by Councilmember Foster to appoint Pete Charpentier and Anthony Manners, with terms to expire 12/31/2012, second by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks and so carried 5-0.

b) Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to appoint Bob Hogberg, with term to expire 12/31/2012, second by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks and so carried 5-0.

c) Downtown Development Authority

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks to appoint Dax Flinn and Robert Rohloff, with terms to expire 12/31/2014, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

d) Public Arts Commission

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to appoint Vickie Johnson and John Peed, with terms to expire 12/31/2012, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 5-0.

e) Urban Redevelopment Authority

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks to appoint Alex Stone and Jerry Little, with terms to expire 12/31/2012, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 5-0.

f) Harvest Farm Managing Board

Motion by Councilmember Foster to appoint Kim Thompson, Sara Kleinfeld and Stephen Kenney, with terms to expire 12/31/2012, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

g) City Attorney

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to appoint Gregory Jay, with term to expire 12/31/2011, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 5-0.

h) Election Superintendent

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks to appoint Elvira Rogers, with term to expire 12/31/2011, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

i) Municipal Court

Motion by Councilmember Foster to appoint the following Judges, with terms to expire 12/31/2011, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

Chief Judge: Mark Lewis

Chief Associate Judge: Bill Brogdon

Associate Judge: Laura Tate

Motion by Councilmember McOmber to appoint the following Solicitors with terms to expire 12/31/2011, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 5-0.

Chief Solicitor: Elizabeth Reisner

Associate Solicitors: Luther Beck, Paul Groth, Kimberly McCluney, James Miskell, Jennifer White

j) Ethics Board

Each member of Council has two appointments. Terms are 2 year terms and will expire 12/31/2012:

Dave Williams appointed Dr. John Green and Jamie Ford

Dick Goodman appointed Richard Plumer and J. Thomas Hammond

Kevin McOmber appointed David Buckel and Tom Griffin

Jack Brooks appointed Eric Miller

Dan Foster appointed Jerry Metzler and Ron Larro

9. Adoption of Agenda as Presented

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to adopt the agenda as presented, second by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks and so carried 5-0.

10. Audience Participation

- Dan Pittman, 1373 Riverview Run, Suwanee, GA – always a pleasure to come and the Council is always gracious. Commented on the financial responsibility of the City and appreciation of the support given by the City in helping citizens understand the mission of the City. Mr. Pittman expressed that more people should attend the meetings.
- Jimmy Spiro, 895 Landover Crossing, Suwanee, GA – thank you to everyone for being kind. Wanted to commend Amie Sakmar for answering questions. The City is in good financial shape. On the flip side, he feels he may be overtaxed. He stated the City needs to reduce taxes and cut spending and we'll have a wonderful place here in Suwanee in 2011.
- Linda Fleming, 527 Main Street, Suwanee, GA (6795 Bass Circle, Buford) – thank you to everyone for a job well done. She expressed appreciation to staff for their

responsiveness. Since more people are attending the meetings, staff is making information readily available when requested. She stated she may not agree but appreciates the dialogue.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Consent Agenda

a) Adopt Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

The City was a participant in the development of the multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan among Gwinnett County and the municipalities. The plan has been prepared and is ready for adoption.

b) Authorize Staff to Apply for Renewal of Trademark for City Logo

The City's "Crossroads of Past and Future" logo has been officially trademarked. This trademark expires in 2011.

c) Adopt Resolution to Amend Existing Outdoor Water Use Ordinance by Adoption of Newly Developed Water Resources Ordinance

The General Assembly of the State of Georgia has required all cities and counties with water systems in Georgia to adopt an ordinance to be in effect no later than January 1, 2011, to restrict outdoor watering of landscape between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. with certain exceptions.

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

12. Executive Session: Legal, Personnel, and/or Real Estate Issues

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to Enter Executive Session to discuss legal and real estate matters, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 5-0.

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to Exit Executive Session, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 5-0.

Motion by Councilmember McOmber to authorize the purchase of land discussed and identified during Executive Session at the price identified and authorization for the Mayor to execute any closing documents, second by Councilmember Foster, and so carried 5-0.

13. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember McOmber, second by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks and so carried 5-0.

Approved 01/25/2011