

**MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
PUBLIC HEARING & CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2011**

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 McOmber, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

**5:30 P.M.
DINNER SESSION
BIG SPLASH 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING
Council Chambers
6:30 P.M.**

2) 2011 Millage Rate

The City has advertised a proposed millage rate of 5.70, which is the same as 2010. This is the second and final public hearing on the millage rate; the first hearing was held on August 11. There was no audience comment. The Public Hearing closed with the City Council Meeting to begin at approximately 7 P.M.

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

3) Call to Order

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

4) **Announcements**

- *Music and art will take center stage during this Thursday's **Toast @ Town Center**. The A-Town A-List band will perform on the Town Center stage will the North Gwinnett Art Association artists and Harvest Farm gardeners will color the event with art and other items available for purchase as a joint fundraiser for the two community organizations. This monthly event, held the fourth Thursday of each month through October, will take place from 6-10 pm.*
- ***Qualifying** for the November 8th City election will begin next week. The Mayor's position and two City Council posts will be up for an election. **Qualifying** will begin Monday August 29th and continue through Wednesday August 31st. For more details, please contact City Clerk Elvira Rogers.*
- *We hope you'll join us as we remember loss, courage, and resilience during the 10th anniversary **commemorative ceremony of 9/11**. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm on Saturday, September 10th in front of City Hall and will include unveiling of Remembrance, the 1,638-pound World Trade Center artifact the City has acquired. The ceremony will also honor public safety officials. Following the ceremony, Town Center Cinema will show World Trade Center, a 2006 Oliver Stone film starring Nicholas Cage.*
- *Thank you to everyone who participated in our five-week long open house for the **20/20 Vision** strategic plan. The open house closed at the end of July with approximately 435 community members participating. The data collected in the open house will help generate discussion topics for the community roundtables. Approximately 300 people have signed up to participate in the roundtables, which will begin in mid-September. Friday, August 26 is the final deadline to register for the roundtables. For more information or to sign-up, please visit www.suwanee2020.com.*

5) **Pledge of Allegiance**

Boy Scout Troop #513 presented the colors and led the Pledge.

6) **Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2011 Council Meeting**

Motion to approve by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.

7) **Special Recognition**

- **Allison Eddy**

The Council recognized recent North Gwinnett High School graduate Allison Eddy. Allison is painting a mural at White Street Park for her Girl Scout Gold Award.

8) **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to adopt by Councilmember Burnette, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

9) Audience Participation

Mr. Maurice Cook, 1342 Riverview Run Lane, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Cook stated his concerns related to the Pedestrian Bicycle Plan. His concerns included the amount of funds to be expended in Tier 1 projects. He stated that these projects are all within 1 mile of Town Center except one project for painting on the roadway on the south side of McGinnis Ferry. He asked how the project at George Pierce \$90,000 fit in the \$60,000 or less category. He also expressed concern that there are 2 connections from Ruby Forest to George Pierce Park. He also referenced the apartment complexes – that YMLI is not listed on the map.

NEW BUSINESS

10) Consider Adoption of 2011 Millage Rate

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to adopt the Millage Rate at 5.65, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 6-0.

11) Consider Adoption of City Council Protocol Manual

One of the 2011 projects on the City's Short Term Work Program (STWP) was to develop a Council protocol manual to memorialize existing procedures and policies in order to assist Council, staff, and others.

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

12) Authorize Mayor to Execute a Contract with E.R. Snell Contractors, Inc. of Snellville for Resurfacing of 1.80 mile on Smithtown Road and Various Patching (approximately \$477,431.73 based on estimated quantities with line item quotes)

The City received eight bids for this project. Staff recommends awarding the contract to E. R. Snell Contractor, Inc., of Snellville, who has been identified as the lowest responsive responsible bidder for the project. The estimated cost of the project \$477,431.73; this amount is based upon line item pricing for estimated quantities. The total overall cost will vary according to actual quantities provided.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

13) Consent Agenda

a) Authorize Mayor to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Business Watch International (USA), Inc. for Online Reporting from Pawn Shops and Precious Metals Dealers

Staff recommends implementing an Internet-based system for online reporting from pawn shops and precious metals dealers. Such a system will allow for local information to be entered into a database that will aid police agencies across the country as they research suspects and stolen items. Staff recommends utilizing the

services of Business Watch International (USA), Inc. (BWI) for this reporting, which is the same system used by the County and several municipalities in the County. Additionally, the City's largest precious metals dealer already uses that system currently. There will be no charge to the City for use of the system; the pawn shops and precious metals dealers will incur a transaction fee.

b) Authorize Mayor to Execute a Sign Easement Agreement with QuikTrip Corporation

This agreement will allow the City to continue posting temporary signs about events and community information on the QuikTrip property at Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and Satellite Blvd. The final draft of the agreement is included in the packet.

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

14) Executive Session: Legal, Personnel, and/or Real Estate Issues

Motion to ENTER Executive Session for Legal Matters by Councilmember Foster, second by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks and so carried 6-0.

Motion to EXIT Executive Session by Councilmember Burnette second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

No Action Taken.

15) Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Burnette, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.

Approved 09/27/2011