

**MINUTES  
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA  
PUBLIC HEARING & CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2011**

*Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue*

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

Absent: Daniel F. Foster, Councilmember

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**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.*

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

Mayor Williams opened the meeting at 6:37 P.M.

**2) Request for Change in Location of Alcohol Beverage License – Porto Bella, 3370**

Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 114

Porto Bella has applied for a change in the location for their alcohol beverage license, as they are moving from their location on Scales Road to 3370 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 114. The Finance Department recommends approval. There was no audience comment.

**3) Comprehensive Plan Annual Update**

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, presented a slide show of the update which incorporates 2010 Census data, provides an update to the Future Land Use Map and reviews rezoning/special use permit decisions for consistency with the comprehensive plan. The plan also includes a Short Term Work Program/Implementation chapter and portions of the Buford Highway Transportation Study. The entire Buford Highway Transportation Study is

incorporated by reference. The Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed update. There was no audience comment.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:40 PM with the Council Meeting to begin at 7:00 PM.

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

**4) Call to Order**

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

**5) Announcements**

- *The North Gwinnett Arts Association will host a pumpkin carving challenge as part of the final Toast @ Town Center event of the season, this Thursday beginning at 6:00 pm. The whole event will take on a Halloween theme, with Corralejo, Ippolito's, Mellow Mushroom, and Olde Towne competing in a mixology contest with cocktails available for purchase, such as a Spook-tini or Dracula's Kiss. Singer Dave Craver will perform classic rock favorites from the '50s through today at Olde Towne while Mellow Mushroom will offer a free half order of pretzels for customers in costume and Hairllucinations will provide pink streaks, in support of breast cancer awareness month, for \$10.*
- *Halloween in Suwanee will continue on into the weekend with the annual Trek or Treat at Suwanee Creek Park. The family event, with fall festival-style games, crafts, activities, and "trek or treating" will take place Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm. Prizes and hot dogs will be available while supplies last.*
- *SculpTour, Suwanee's public art exhibit of 15 outdoor sculptures, received a Downtown Excellence Award for "Best Image Building Campaign." The award was presented by the Georgia Downtown Association at their annual conference earlier this month. Walking guides for SculpTour are available in City Hall or at [www.suwanee.com](http://www.suwanee.com). Vote now for your favorite sculpture – the winner will become the "People's Choice" and will be purchased by the Public Arts Commission for permanent display.*
- *We're currently accepting applications for the Planning Commission and Zoning Boards of Appeal. These two boards, each comprised of five City residents, play an active role in how Suwanee grows and develops. Applications are due by 5pm on November 7<sup>th</sup> and may be submitted online. For more information, please contact Josh Campbell.*
- *Have you cast your vote yet? Suwanee's municipal election for the Mayor's seat and two Council seats, as well as the resolution for Sunday alcohol beverage sales, is currently underway. City residents may vote at City Hall through November 4<sup>th</sup>, during the hours of 8:30am-4:30 pm, or on Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 7am-7pm.*

**6) Pledge of Allegiance**

*American Heritage Girls Troop # GA 0827 will lead the pledge.*

**7) Approval of Minutes**

**a. September 15, 2011 Called Council Meeting**

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

**b. September 27, 2011 Council Meeting**

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Burnette, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.*

**8) Special Recognition**

**a. Suwanee Day Sponsors and Volunteers**

**b. Marty Allen – Hardin Watkins STAR Award**

**9) Adoption of Agenda**

*Motion to adopt by Councilmember Goodman, second by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks 5-0.*

**10) Audience Participation - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**11) Consider Request for Change in Location of Alcohol Beverage License – Porto Bella, 3370 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 114**

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Burnette, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.*

**12) Consider Adoption of Comprehensive Plan Annual Update**

*Motion to adopt by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 5-0.*

**13) Consent Agenda**

**a. Adopt FY 2012 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Adjustments**

*The Mary P. Dolciani Halloran Foundation has donated \$2,500 to the City to support Suwanee's Police Explorer program. Staff has proposed a budget adjustment that increases the overall general fund budget by \$2,500, in order to account for this revenue and the associated expenditures.*

**b. Adopt Revised Event Policy**

*Staff recommends some proposed revisions to the City's policy regarding the rental of Town Center Park for private events. Some of the recommended revisions include a small increase in the rental fee, as well as a required park rental deposit.*

*Motion to approve consent agenda by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.*

**14) Executive Session: Legal, Personnel, and/or Real Estate Issues - No Executive Session**

**15) Adjournment – 7:54 PM**

*Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember McOmber, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 5-0.*

*Approved 11/29/2011*