

**MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
PUBLIC HEARING & CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012
5:30 P.M.**

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Daniel F. Foster, Mayor Pro Tem
Jace Brooks, Councilmember
Richard I. Goodman, Councilmember
Doug Ireland, Councilmember
Kevin McOmbler, 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.

**6:30 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Burnette opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

2) Alcohol Beverage License: Hacienda Corralejo Mexican Flair & Tequila Bar, 3890 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 1

This business previously operated as Corralejo Mexican Flair & Tequila Bar and is re-opening in the same location. They have applied for a license to serve beer, wine, and distilled spirits on the premises. Mr. Antonio Aguirre-Soto, who held the former alcohol beverage license, has re-applied as the licensee. The Finance department recommends approval of the license.

There was no audience comment.

3) Alcohol Beverage License: Hammerhead Seafood, 415 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Hammerhead Seafood is opening in the location of the former Old Antigua Mexican restaurant. They have applied for a license to serve beer, wine, and distilled spirits on the premises. Mrs. Cheryl Lemm and Ms. Danielle Graves have applied as the licensees. The Finance department recommends approval of the license.

There was no audience comment.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:34 p.m.

7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

4) Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

5) Announcements

- *Thirteen winning photographs in the 2012 Snap Suwanee photo competition are on display in the first floor lobby of City Hall through the remainder of this year. The winning photos represent a variety of Suwanee locales, including a variety of parks and the historic district. In all, the City received 129 entries from 43 photographers in the annual photo competition.*
- *You're definitely going to want to participate in Suwanee's April 21st Super Incredible Race, which promises to be totally suburban and totally cool. Modeled after the popular Great Urban Race, which is held in some 20 cities across the nation each year, Suwanee's Super Incredible Race is designed to encourage teamwork, test how well residents know Suwanee, and promote some good old-fashioned fun. In teams of two or in family teams, participants race through a variety of high-energy mental and physical challenges. All activities will take place in downtown Suwanee, including Town Center, historic Main Street, and along the Suwanee Creek Greenway. No motorized vehicles will be permitted, but feet, bikes, strollers, and skates are OK. T-shirts will be guaranteed to all team members who sign up by March 30. For more information and to sign up, please visit suwanee.com.*
- *The City of Suwanee brought home two Kaleidoscope Awards from the Southeast Festivals and Events Association annual conference held in February. Suwanee's 9-11 commemorative event and 'Remembrance' unveiling received a gold award in the Best New Event category while a flash mob performance at the 2011 Suwanee Day Festival was recognized with a silver award in the Best Event within an Event category. The Southeast Festivals and Events Association represents a group of professionals who believe that events and festivals have the power to invigorate communities and make them better places to live.*

- *You're invited! As Suwanee prepares to embrace a vision for tomorrow, it will do so with the time-honored tradition of an old-fashioned Southern potluck picnic. The first draft of Suwanee's 20/20 Vision strategic plan will be unveiled during a communitywide picnic, during which attendees will have an opportunity to offer feedback. The picnic will be on Sunday, April 29, at the Suwanee Music Barn, from 12:30-4:00 pm, with a mini open house from 12:30-2:30, a picnic from 1:00-3:00 and a performance by one of the barn's bluegrass bands from 3:15-4:00. The City will provide barbeque and drinks; attendees are asked to bring along a side dish to share. RSVP for the picnic by April 20th by emailing Billie Marshall at marshall@suwanee.com. Please let us know if you can make it, so that we have enough food for everyone. Please check suwanee.com for more details on this event.*

6) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Representatives from Troop 827.

7) **Approval of Minutes**

- **February 7, 2012 Called Council Meeting**
Motion to approve by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.
- **February 28, 2012 Council Meeting**
Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, second by Councilmember McOmber, and so carried 6-0.

8) **Special Recognition**

- **Susan Carpenter**
Susan Carpenter was recognized for completing certifications for Inspections, Code Enforcement and Property Management. Susan has been instrumental in taking the inspections department from reactive to proactive.
- **Debi West**
Recognized for being National Honors Society Leader. Ms. West has been teaching art for over 19 years. She stated her greatest joy in life is her family and her students. Ms. West was presented a plaque and one of the new “art on a limb” pieces.

9) **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to adopt the agenda by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.

10) **Audience Participation**

- Jennifer Falk, 425 Pringle Drive, Suwanee. Ms. Falk read a letter on behalf of Mr. Randy Winfield, 4043 Stonecypher Road, Suwanee, GA, sharing thoughts of support of creating a Historic District. This district would help preserve the character of the area as well as making properties in the area eligible to receive state and/or federal funds for renovation projects. This is an incentive tool not a

tax. It will not be a burden for property owners. Historic Suwanee has a uniqueness all its own and a Historic Registry District is supported. (*Note: The letter was not submitted for the record.*)

Ms. Falk wanted to go on record as one of the owners of Everett Music Barn and a property owner on Stonecypher Road. She stated she is in support of the City creating a Historic District. She stated that the Music Barn is in need of repair. The efforts of the DDA and the Demming Group are a God-send and would benefit the citizens of Suwanee and the historic downtown area.

- Chris Fowler, 2590 Richhurst Drive, Buford, GA. Mr. Fowler is running for Gwinnett County Probate Court Judge.

NEW BUSINESS

11) Consider Approval of Alcohol Beverage License: Hacienda Corralejo Mexican Flair & Tequila Bar, 3890 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 1

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

12) Consider Approval of Alcohol Beverage License: Hammerhead Seafood, 415 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

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

13) Consider Adoption of 2012-2016 Short Term Work Program

The draft STWP document has been prepared. This document is a five-year plan of actions that the City intends to complete in order to address identified needs and goals.

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

14) Consent Agenda

a. Ratify Vehicle Purchases

The State of Georgia bids certain items, such as vehicles, for statewide purposes, which allows municipalities and other jurisdictions to take advantage of the accomplished competitive bidding process. The Public Works and Police departments have purchased some vehicles through this state contract. The purchase of these vehicles were all approved in the FY12 budget, but the purchase must be approved by the City Council, per the City's purchasing policies.

b. Adopt Revised Park Ordinance

The recently adopted Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) provides for the Suwanee Police to have authority in George Pierce Park, a Gwinnett County park. The City's park ordinances need to be revised in order to reflect this change.

c. Approve Resolution Authorizing Special Event Alcohol Policy Changes

Staff is working on some revisions to the Alcohol Beverage ordinance. Some of these changes are related to special events and other revisions are changes affecting the overall ordinance. Due to the timing of some upcoming events, staff is presenting these separately; the first revision has been prepared as a resolution.

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

15) Executive Session: Legal and Real Estate Issues

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

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

No Action Taken.

16) Adjournment

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

Approved 04/24/2012