

**MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
PUBLIC HEARING & CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 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 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.

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

Mayor Burnette opened the Public Hearing read the procedures for Public Hearings for the record.

2. AMD 2012-001

This text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance will modify Article XVI. Signs, Article XVII. Tree Preservation, and Article XVIII. Administration, Enforcement, Penalties and Remedies to amend the regulations for penalties and violations.

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, stated this amendment is intended to get the violations section of the Zoning Ordinance consistent. Staff proposes a maximum fine of 1,000 and maximum jail time of 60 days. Each day of the violation would constitute a separate violation. Historically, one to two cases have gone to court. These changes would aide staff in handling these one to two instances more effectively.

There was no audience comment.

3. **SUP-2012-001 – Applicant: Jusarang Presbyterian. Owner: Flora B. Adkison. Requests a special use permit to allow for a religious institution in the M-1 (Light Industrial) Zoning District. The site is located at 553 Satellite Boulevard and contains approximately 5.93 acres**

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, presented the staff analysis as follows: The Special Use Permit is for a church in M-1 zoning district. The site is located on Satellite Boulevard north of Smithtown Road. The building the church plans to occupy is an 8,000 sq. ft. two story brick building. The surrounding uses are M-1 and commercial. The church documents approximately 40 members at this time. Parking is outlined in the Ordinance at 1 space per 4 seats. There are roughly 30 parking spaces to support the location. There is ample parking for the location. The SUP is required in M-1 because M-1 building codes and fire safety standards are different from assembly use. It also allows the ability to review if there are any conflicts that may exist between M-1 users and the assembly users. There will be no conflicts with business operations on the site. The Planning Commission approved the request with conditions. One condition includes the property owner working with the church to handle parking as the church grows.

Support: Matt Peevy, Mill Creek Consulting, 4480 Commerce Drive, Buford, GA. Mr. Peevy stated that the applicant agrees with the staff recommendation. Mr. Peevey stated the applicant agrees with staff and Planning Commission recommendations.

Councilmember McOmer asked how many people the facility would hold. Mr. Peevy stated this has not been researched. It is estimated approximately 150. There are two services: AM service approximately 15 attendees; PM service approximately 25 attendees. The top floor will be used as an auditorium and the bottom floor as classroom space.

There was no audience comment and the Public Hearing closed.

7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

4. **Call to Order**

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

5. **Announcements**

- a) *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/celebration at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the Suwanee*

Music Barn, located on Blue Grass Trail, off Stonecypther Road. The City will provide BBQ for the picnic, as well as chips and drinks. Attendees are asked to bring along a hot or cold side dish or dessert to share. During the picnic, a mini open house is planned to capture feedback. In addition, entertainment will be provided by one of the Suwanee Music Barn's house bluegrass bands. RSVP for the picnic by April 23 by emailing Billie Marshall at marshall@suwanee.com.

- b) As Suwanee begins to consider its fiscal year 2013 budget, the City invites residents to send comments and suggestions to budget@suwanee.com. Upcoming budget workshops will be held on Thursday, April 26 and Thursday, May 3, both at 5:30 pm. The budget for fiscal year 2013, which begins July 1, is expected to be adopted at the June 26 City Council meeting. More information can be reviewed at www.suwanee.com.*
- c) It's almost time for the big reveal of the 15 public art pieces that comprise the 2012 Suwanee SculpTour. Presented this year by QuikTrip, SculpTour is Suwanee's walkable outdoor exhibit of original sculptures. Displayed nearly year-round in and around downtown Suwanee, SculpTour is designed to be a public art encounter that serves as a quality of life enhancer, economic development tool, and community identifier. The exhibit will be installed in time for the May 19 Arts in the Park festival. The Suwanee Public Arts Commission has also announced the winner of the "People's Choice" Award: Mother & Child by New Jersey artist Elisa Altman. Among the 15 pieces included in the 2011 SculpTour, Mother & Child received the most online and paper ballot votes and has been purchased by the Public Arts Commission with privately donated funds as a permanent piece in Suwanee's public art collection. The minimally detailed sculpture is being recast in bronze and will be displayed, when it's completed in a couple of months, in front of City Hall.*

6. Pledge of Allegiance

Matthew Wood, Level Creek Elementary School, led the Pledge.

7. Approval of Minutes

- a) March 15, 2012 Called Council Meeting**
Motion to approve by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.
- b) March 27, 2012 Council Meeting**
Motion to approve by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.

8. Special Recognition

- a) Dr. Bernadette Scruggs**
Peachtree Ridge H.S. orchestra teacher, Dr. Bernadette Scruggs, has been named

the 2012 Georgia American String Teacher Association Educator of the Year, presented by the Georgia Music Educators Association.

b) Pastor Bobby Linkous

This year marks Pastor Linkous' 20th year as pastor of Shadowbrook Baptist Church. Mayor Burnette presented Pastor Linkous with a Proclamation and declared Wednesday, April 25, 2012 as Bobby Linkous Day. Pastor Linkous stated the City is to be applauded for the 20/20 Vision efforts and for bridging the gap between Suwanee communities.

c) William "Coach Mac" McDaniel, Sr.

Georgia State Representative Josh Clark posthumously recognized "Coach Mac." Rep. Clark presented a House Resolution and letter from Governor Deal to the family.

9. Adoption of Agenda

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

10. Audience Participation

- Linda Fleming, 527 Main Street, Suwanee. Ms. Fleming expressed comments related to the National Register. She complimented the City on the Crossroads Newsletter (February Issue). She pointed out the article stated that Pierce's Corner had been sold and later in the article that the property was a Lease Purchase. She stated that these two terms are contradictory based on a conversation she had with an authority in real estate.

She stated there was about a three day notice of the meeting at Pierce's Corner and expressed concern about the timeliness of the notification and the people who were notified.

Ms. Fleming presented an email from Gretchen Brock at the State level which outlined being part of the National Register, tax incentives, tax freeze, etc. (email attached to Minutes). Ms. Fleming requested updates and accurate information be provided.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Consider AMD 2012-001

Motion to approve AMD-2012-001 by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

12. Consider SUP-2012-001 – Applicant: Jusarang Presbyterian. Owner: Flora B. Adkison. Requests a special use permit to allow for a religious institution in the M-1

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Motion to approve SUP-2012-001 with conditions by Councilmember Brooks, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

13. Consider Award of Contract to QK4 for Design and Construction Management of the Brushy Creek Greenway Project

The City has received bids for design and construction management of the Brushy Creek Greenway and pedestrian crossing improvements at Peachtree Industrial Blvd. and Suwanee Dam Road. Staff reviewed the bids, interviewed the four top-ranked firms, and recommends awarding this contract to QK4.

Motion by Councilmember McOmber to approve contract to QK4 for Design and Construction Management of the Brushy Creek Greenway Project and to authorize the Mayor to execute subject to recommendation by staff and City Attorney, second by Councilmember Brooks, and so carried 6-0.

14. Consent Agenda

a) Authorize Mayor to Renew Design-Build Contract with JHC Corporation for Sidewalk Projects

The City has an on-demand design-build contract for sidewalk construction with JHC Corporation. This contract will expire on May 29th and may be renewed for one additional year before re-bidding. Staff recommends renewing this contract.

b) Authorize Staff to Conduct Surplus Sale

The Finance Staff has collected a listing of surplus items the City would like to sell. Staff recommends that the sale be conducted on the Govdeals website, tentatively scheduled for a seven-day period beginning May 7. Council needs to declare the items as surplus before they can be sold.

c) Adopt ADA Transition Plan

The City must prepare an ADA transition plan in order to remain in compliance with federal funding.

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

15. Executive Session: Legal

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

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

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.

Approved 05/22/2012