

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Daniel F. Foster, Mayor Pro Tem
Beth Hilscher, Councilmember
Doug Ireland, Councilmember
Kevin McOmber, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Richard I. Goodman, Councilmember

5:30 P.M.
DINNER SESSION
BIG SPLASH ROOM, #2302

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.
COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Oath of Office

City Attorney Gregory Jay administered the Oath of Office for Beth Hilscher, Council Post #4.

3. Announcements

- a. *Early voting is currently underway for the July 31st primary election. The community center at George Pierce Park is one of several satellite voting locations across Gwinnett County. Early voting at George Pierce Park takes place through this Friday from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. As a reminder, Suwanee City Hall is not a polling location for this primary. If you need help determining your voting location, please visit mvp.sos.state.ga.us.*

- b. *Town Center Park is going “under the sea” this weekend. Festivities will start Thursday evening with the Toast @ Town Center, where attendees can get a sneak peek of the upcoming Little Mermaid Jr. performance as the dress rehearsal takes place. Toast @ Town Center, Suwanee’s monthly street festival, begins at 6:00 Thursday night. The fun continues Friday and Saturday evenings with Broadway in the Park. Suwanee Performing Arts will stage Little Mermaid Jr. those evenings for their annual summer performance and fundraiser. An original one-act play, Filligan’s Island, will open the event each evening at 7 pm. The event is free and open to the public but donations are appreciated. An Island Market, featuring vendors and activities similar to a cruise ship port, will be open in the park from 4-7 pm before each show.*
- c. *The deadline for Suwanee’s video competition has been extended to August 3. The City is hosting a competition to solicit fun, slightly off-the-wall videos about the joys of living in Suwanee. Winning videos will be uploaded to the City of Suwanee’s YouTube channel and made available via www.suwanee.com. More details, including the submittal application, are available at www.suwanee.com and must be submitted with video entries by 5 p.m. Friday, August 3.*
- d. *Alternative rock band Vertical Horizon will be the featured performer in Suwanee’s free annual summer concert on Saturday, August 11. The band, which will take the Town Center stage at about 8 p.m., is best known for its hits, “Everything You Want,” “You’re a God,” and “Best I Ever Had (Grey Sky Morning).” Music will begin at 6 p.m. with performances by other bands hosted by Wild Wing. Bring chairs, blankets, picnics, and friends to this free concert. No alcohol may be brought into Town Center Park, but beer, wine, and food may be purchased on site and from Town Center merchants. Limited parking is available at Town Center and along Main Street. Off-site parking and a free shuttle service will be available beginning at 7 p.m. from Shawnee North Business Center on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road.*
- e. *Another popular summer event is the Movies Under the Stars. This year’s event is presented by Hiser Orthodontics. The first movie, *The Hunger Games*, will be shown on Saturday, August 25th. The second movie, *The Avengers*, will be on Saturday, September 29th. Both movies start at dusk.*
- f. *Speaking of events, it’s almost time for the biggest event of the year – Suwanee Day. This year’s annual “celebration of community” will be Saturday, September 15th. Each year, Suwanee Day relies on the time, commitment, and hard work of volunteers to carry out this festival and we need your help! For more information and to sign up, please visit suwaneeday.com.*
- g. *While not nearly as big, we have another important event taking place in September – the ribbon cutting for the new Police Substation and Training Center. Construction is nearly complete on the facility, located on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road just across the I-85 bridge. A ribbon cutting has tentatively been*

scheduled for Monday, September 10th. Watch www.suwanee.com for more details.

- 4. Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from local troops.**
- 5. Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve the Agenda by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 5-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes.
- 6. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. June 14, 2012 Called Council Meeting**
Motion to approve Mayor Pro Tem Foster, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes.
 - b. June 26, 2012 Council Meeting**
Motion to approve by Councilmember McOmber, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 5-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes.
- 7. Audience Participation – None.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 8. Consider Adoption of Interagency Agreement for Narcotics and Vice Gwinnett/Metro Task Force**
As a result of the settlement in the Services Delivery Strategy case, it is incumbent on cities to identify resources to handle complaints and investigate incidents of narcotics use and abuse as well as violations of vice laws occurring within the various municipalities located in Gwinnett County.

Motion to adopt the Interagency Agreement for Narcotics and Vice Gwinnett/Metro Task Force by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 5-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes.
- 9. Executive Session: Legal, Personnel, and/or Real Estate Issues**
Motion to Enter Executive Session for Real Estate Issues by Councilmember McOmber, second by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and so carried 5-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes.

Motion to Exit Executive Session by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 5-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes.

No Action Taken.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 5-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes.

Approved 08/28/2012