

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012**

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

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

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**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**

**A. Call to Order**

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

**B. Announcements**

- 1) *Santa and his Suwanee elves will usher in the holiday season on Friday, November 30th. Suwanee's annual Caboose Lighting and Holiday Festival will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Main Street in historic Old Town. Choruses from Level Creek, Riverside, Roberts, and Suwanee elementary schools will perform. Parents, be sure to bring your cameras as you may take your own, free photos of your children with Santa. Hot chocolate, cookies, and s'mores will be served, and craft activities will be available. This event is free and open to the public.*
- 2) *More shade is coming to City of Suwanee parks. The City is just finishing the installation of shade structures at the Sims Lake Park playground and plans to install additional shade sails around the Big Splash fountain area at Town Center*

*Park early next year. Our citizens have expressed a great deal of enthusiasm for additional shade, particularly at the Sims Lake Park playground and Big Splash fountain. We believe that these additions will make our award-winning parks even better.*

- 3) *The City of Suwanee is accepting submissions for its annual Snap Suwanee photo contest. Submissions for the 2013 exhibit are due by December 31st. Photographers may submit up to five high-resolution photos each of scenes from Suwanee. Winning entries will be exhibited at City Hall through most of next year. For additional guidelines and the submittal application, please visit [www.suwanee.com](http://www.suwanee.com).*
- 4) *Each year, the City of Suwanee and a variety of community organizations host approximately 40 events at Town Center and other parks. The deadline to submit 2013 Suwanee event applications is December 7. Suwanee's events are a key component of building a sense of community and have helped establish Town Center Park as a regional venue. For more details, including the submittal application, please visit [www.suwanee.com](http://www.suwanee.com).*

#### **C. Pledge of Allegiance**

*American Heritage Girls Troop #0827 led the Pledge.*

#### **D. Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Foster to approve modifying item K. Executive Session for real estate, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes*

#### **E. Approval of Minutes**

- 1) **October 11, 2012 Called Meeting**
- 2) **October 11, 2012 Council Workshop**
- 3) **October 23, 2012 Council Meeting**

*Motion by Councilmember Goodman to approve the Minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes*

#### **F. Special Recognition**

- 1) **Ann Parsons Odum**  
*Council recognized Ms. Odum for the painting of Pierce's Corner that she donated to the City.*
- 2) **Cathy and Rob Rohloff**  
*Council recognized the Rohloff's for donating the Sunset sculpture for Sims Lake Park.*

**G. Consider Appointment to Downtown Development Authority**

*Motion by Councilmember Hilscher to appoint Becky Vickery to the Downtown Development Authority to replace Mayor Burnette, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.* Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

**H. Audience Participation – None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**I. Consider 2013 Council Schedule**

*Staff has prepared a draft schedule for 2013 Council meetings and workshops.*

*Motion by Councilmember Goodman to adopt the 2013 Council Schedule as presented, second by, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.* Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes.

**J. Consider Revisions to the Bylaws of the Harvest Farm Managing Board**

*The Harvest Farm Managing Board requests that Council amend its bylaws in order to reduce the number of Board members from nine to seven.*

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Foster to adopt revisions to the Bylaws of the Harvest Farm Managing Board, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.* Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes.

**K. Executive Session: Real Estate Issues**

*Motion by Councilmember Goodman to ENTER Executive Session for Real Estate Issues, second by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and so carried 6-0.* Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

*Motion by Councilmember McOmber to EXIT Executive Session, second by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and so carried 6-0.* Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

No Action Taken

**L. Adjournment**

*Motion by Councilmember Goodman to Adjourn, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.* Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

**Approved 12/18/2012**