

**MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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

**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. Board and Court appointees will arrive around 6:00 to meet Council.

**6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and requested attendees to join in a moment of silence for the families in Connecticut. Thereafter, Mayor Burnette read the procedures for Public Meetings for the record.

B. Public Hearing

1. Alcohol Beverage License: Senor Quintin Mex Grill, 2855 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 740

Staff has received an application for on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for the Senor Quintin Mex Grill. Jesus Guerre-Lopez is the applicant. The finance department has reviewed the application and recommends approval. There was no audience comment.

2. **AMD 2012-002– An amendment to the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance to modify Article III. Definitions, Article IV. Zoning District and Zoning Maps Established, Article V. Zoning District Development and Use Regulations, Article XVII. Tree Preservation, Article XVIII. Administration, Enforcement, Penalties and Remedies, Article XX. Application of Regulations and Article XXI. Amendments, to eliminate internal inconsistencies, clarify language throughout the ordinance and to clarify the interpretation of zoning districts as they relate to railroad right-of-ways.**

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, stated this is an annual housekeeping process to make clarifications to the Zoning Ordinance. There was no audience comment.

The Public Hearing was closed with the regular meeting to convene after a brief recess.

C. Announcements

1. Please make plans to join us on Wednesday, January 9th at 6:00 pm for the annual State of the City address. The event will take place at City Hall and is sponsored by the Suwanee Business Alliance.
2. This is the final call to submit for the 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.
3. The Greenway is closed until January 9th to complete repairs beneath Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road. Please go to www.suwanee.com for future updates.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Foster to approve the agenda with a slight modification to Executive Session for Personnel and Real Estate, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. **November 15, 2012 Council Workshop**
2. **November 27, 2012 Council Meeting**

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

G. Special Recognition

1. Elton Hassell

Officer Hassell has been named the Officer of the Year by the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

2. Jace Brooks

District 1 Commissioner, Jace Brooks, was recognized for his service as Councilmember in the City of Suwanee. Councilmembers, staff, and former elected officials expressed thanks to Jace for his expertise, mentorship and friendship during his tenure at Suwanee.

H. Consider 2013 Appointments

There are multiple appointments expiring at the end of 2012. Staff has prepared a list of the openings and the list is attached to the official Minutes.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Foster to approve the appointments, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

I. Audience Participation

- Katie Mae, 1188 Station Center Boulevard, Suwanee, GA. Ms. Mae stated she wanted to comment on the recent fatal accident along McGinnis Ferry Road near Scales Road. She stated she has been provided some additional information and is thankful and encouraged that discussions are underway related to possible remediation to make the intersection safer.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Consider Alcohol Beverage License: Senor Quintin Mex Grill, 2855 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 740

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K. Consider AMD 2012-002– An amendment to the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance to modify Article III. Definitions, Article IV. Zoning District and Zoning Maps Established, Article V. Zoning District Development and Use Regulations, Article XVII. Tree Preservation, Article XVIII. Administration, Enforcement, Penalties and Remedies, Article XX. Application of Regulations and Article XXI.

Amendments, to eliminate internal inconsistencies, clarify language throughout the ordinance and to clarify the interpretation of zoning districts as they relate to railroad right-of-ways

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

L. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Application for the Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant

Staff needs to submit the Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) application by January 1, 2013, which will include proposed resurfacing projects.

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

M. Consent Agenda

1. Authorize Mayor to Enter into Contract with Priority Contracting & Demolition, Inc., in the Amount of \$24,500 for Demolition of Obsolete Structures on the Delay and the Smithtown Road Tracts

One of the projects on the 2012 Short Term Work Program is to demolish obsolete buildings on the City's park sites. Staff received bids on this project and recommends awarding to Priority Contracting & Demolition, Inc. in the amount of \$24,500.

2. Authorize Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County Related to the 800 MHz Communication System

The City currently uses Gwinnett County's 800 MHz system for emergency communications. In order to continue using the system, the City must execute a new Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the County.

3. Approve Calendar Year Contract Renewals

There are multiple contracts expiring at the end of the calendar year.

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

N. Executive Session: Personnel and Real Estate Issues

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

No Action Taken

O. Adjournment

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

Approved 1/22/2013