

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Richard I. Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem
Daniel F. Foster, 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.

6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and read the procedures for Public Hearings for the record.

B. Public Hearing

Alcohol Beverage License: Friends Suwanee Grill, 3890 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 1

Friends Suwanee Grill has applied for a license for on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Mr. Rade Stanjevich is the licensee. The finance department has reviewed the application and recommends approval.

There was no audience comment.

- 1. RZ-2013-001 - Applicant: Patrick Higgins. Owner: Public Storage. Requests a rezoning from PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development) to PMUD with a change of conditions to allow for additional self-storage. The**

site is located at 3900 McGinnis Ferry Road and contains approximately 5.03 acres

The Planning Commission was scheduled to review this item on February 5, but was unable to secure a quorum. Staff recommends postponing to the March 26 meeting so the Planning Commission can review it at their March meeting.

There was no audience comment.

C. Announcements

1. Events

- Registration is now open for our award-winning Super Incredible Race on April 20. The race is a scavenger-like hunt in which teams of two or teams of family members receive a series of clues that require them to complete a variety of high-energy mental and physical challenges. The City is extending the fun this year by presenting the spring concert immediately following the race. Departure, a Journey tribute band, will perform at Town Center at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required; the deadline to register is April 5. For more details, including the registration form, please visit suwanee.com.
- Our next film as part of the Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers will be shown at 7 p.m. Monday, March 18, at Movie Tavern. The Misadventures of the Dunderheads, starring big-name actors Olympia Dukakis and Haley Joel Osment, won Best Feature Film at The Big Apple Film Festival at Tribeca Center. Ticket purchase includes an opportunity to interact with filmmakers. Tickets are \$6 each and available at the theater or online at movietavern.com. For more details on the movie, please visit suwanee.com.
- Finally, students in the Studio I program at North Gwinnett High School are hosting Cultures of Suwanee, a communitywide event from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at Town Center Park. This free event, which will include food, performances, music, activities, and vendor/sponsor booths, is designed to celebrate and enhance understanding of various cultures.

2. Awards

- We're proud to announce that the City of Suwanee Police Department has once again received statewide certification from the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. State certification, which the Suwanee law enforcement agency first earned in 2000, confirms that agency practices are consistent with progressive professional standards. State certification is valid for three years. In 2010, the Suwanee Police Department was nationally accredited for the first time by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Suwanee is scheduled to be reviewed by CALEA for re-accreditation later this year.

- The City's budget document is another repeat award winner. The Government Finance Officers Association awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the City's FY 13 budget. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting. Additionally, the budget received special recognition for performance measures.
 - Rounding out the awards, Suwanee's 2012 events season was a six-time winner at the Southeast Festival and Events Association annual conference. Suwanee's events received the following Kaliedoscope Awards, including Best New Event:
 - Best New Event (Gold) – Suwanee's Super Incredible Race
 - Best Sponsor (Gold) – Lewis Expo and Logistics
 - Best Event Photo (Silver) Lynne DeWilde's Suwanee Day Flash mob photo of stage
 - Best T-shirt (bronze) Suwanee Day
 - Best Creative Idea (bronze) – Suwanee Day Volunteer Pocket Guide
 - Best Vendor/Supplier (bronze) Suwanee Day – FunFare
3. For the third time, Suwanee residents have been asked to rate community characteristics and government services through the National Citizens Survey. In the 2012 National Citizens Survey, conducted in November, residents' ratings placed Suwanee among the top 10 performing communities in more than 25% of the areas surveyed. Residents' responses made Suwanee #1 in four areas: land use, planning and zoning; preservation of natural areas; city parks; and availability of affordable quality child care. Full results from the survey will be presented at the March 26th Council meeting.

D. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by representatives of Troop 1830

E. Approval of the Agenda

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

F. Approval of Minutes

1. **January 10, 2013 Council Workshop**
2. **January 22, 2013 Council Meeting**

Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, 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. Police Annual Awards

Chief Jones presented the 2012 annual employee awards for his department:

Officer of the year – Officer Troutman

Civilian of the Year – Gabe Bunch

Top Gun – Officer Byun

Chief's Award – Sgt. Edmisten, Officer McCoy, Captain Byers

2. Teachers of the Year

Mayor Burnette recognized Principals and Teachers of the Year from the schools serving Suwanee in the North Gwinnett and Peachtree Ridge clusters.

Burnette Elementary School

Kim Reed, Principal

Tracie penn, Teacher of the Year

Level Creek Elementary School

Dr. Nancy Kiel, Principal

Katie Turner, Teacher of the Year

Parsons Elementary School

Dr. Charlotte Sadler, Principal

Sue French, Teacher of the Year

Riverside Elementary School

Dr. Craig Barlow, Principal

Lynne Frankds, Teacher of the Year

Roberts Elementary School

Dr. Dion Jones, Principal

Peggy Vanover, Teacher of the Year

Suwanee Elementary School

Dr. Michele Smith, Principal

Patti Berry, Teacher of the Year

Hull Middle School

Denise Showell, Principal

Shenee Holloway, Teacher of the Year

North Gwinnett Middle School

Maggie Fehrman, Assistant Principal

Ashley Rihner, Teacher of the Year

North Gwinnett High School

Ed Shaddix, Principal

McCall Grosso, Teacher of the Year

Marty Allen, City Manager, stated that the recent National Citizen Survey reflected 70% of newly arriving residents stated that education was essential to their deciding to live in Suwanee.

H. Consider Appointment to Municipal Court

Judge Lewis recommends appointing Deborah Fluker to the vacant Judge position in Municipal Court.

Motion by Councilmember Foster to apoint Deborah Fluker to the vacant position in the Munciapl Court, second by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman and carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmbler – yes

I. Consider Appointment to Planning Commission

Motion by Councilmember Hilscher to appoint Sharu Rajgiri to the Planning Commission, second by Councilmembe rFoster and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmbler – yes

J. Audience Participation – None.

NEW BUSINESS

K. Consider Alcohol Beverage License: Friends Suwanee Grill, 3890 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 1

Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve license for Friends Suwanee Grill, second by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmbler – yes

L. Consider RZ-2013-001 - Applicant: Patrick Higgins. Owner: Public Storage. Requests a rezoning from PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development) to PMUD with a change of conditions to allow for additional self-storage. The site is located at 3900 McGinnis Ferry Road and contains approximately 5.03 acres

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M. Consider Arbor Day Proclamation

To celebrate Arbor Day and to maintain Tree City USA status, the City will hold a celebration on March 16, 2013. As part of the celebration, citizens will be invited to participate in a tree planting ceremony at Sims Lake Park.

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

N. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with The Dickerson Group, Inc., for Completion of the Town Center Park Well Irrigation System Project

Staff recommends award of contract to The Dickerson Group, Inc., in the amount of \$99,880. They were the low bidder and the project is within budget.

Motion by Councilmember Foster to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with the Dickerson Group for completion of the Town Center Park Well Irrigation System project in an amount of \$99,880, second by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

O. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with BS&A Software for Installation of Accounting Software

As part of the 2013 budget, the City will be purchasing new financial software. The City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for this purchase and received six proposals. After review, demonstrations, and site visits, staff recommends awarding this contract to BS&A Software for an estimated amount of \$182,645.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman to execute a contract with BS&A Software for the installation of accounting software, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

P. Consent Agenda

1. Authorize Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Gwinnett County for McGinnis Ferry Rd. and PIB Intersection Improvements

The City and County have negotiated an agreement for the County to upgrade the pedestrian access facilities at the intersection of McGinnis Ferry Road and Peachtree Industrial Blvd. The City must commit funding for 50% of the design and construction costs, not to exceed \$75,000. As this project was not planned in the CIP, no dedicated funding is currently identified. Staff recommends using the Facilities Enhancement Fund for this expenditure.

2. Accept Irrigation Water Line Easement from Precision Design & Development Company, Inc.

In order to construct the Town Center Park irrigation well, a water line easement is needed along portions of the alley behind the residences on Portland Trail Drive and Suwanee Avenue. The easement is six feet in width with a 10-foot temporary construction easement.

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

Q. Executive Session: Legal, Personnel, and/or Property Acquisition Issues (if necessary)

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

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

R. Consider Action(s) from Executive Session

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman to authorize purchase of approximately 3.6 acres of real property known as 2955 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road from First Intercontinental Bank for the sum of \$1.25 million dollars and to authorize the Mayor to execute such closing documents on behalf of the City, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

S. Adjournment

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

Approved 3/26/2013