

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue, Big Splash Room

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 6:35 P.M.

B. Public Hearing

1. FY 2014 Budget and 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Program

Marty Allen, City Manager, stated this is the second and final public hearings on the proposed budget. The FY 14 general fund budget is proposed to be \$12,164,990. Healthcare Reform will cost approximately \$15,400 to implement. He stated the millage rate which is a part of the budget will be approved in August. Mr. Allen presented a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed budget and hard copies were made available for the audience to pick up.

Audience Comment: None.

2. FY 2014 Occupation Taxes

Marty Allen, City Manager provided the update. Georgia law states that for any year that revenue generated from occupational taxes is proposed to be greater than the preceding year's revenue, a public hearing must be held.

Audience Comment: None.

C. Announcements

1. Events

We're pleased to welcome Suwanee Performing Arts back to the Town Center stage this summer. This year's **Broadway in the Park** production, which features local youth, is Shrek: The Musical; the opening play will be Shooby Doo, an original musical mystery based on the popular cartoon series.

Broadway in the Park, the annual fundraiser for Suwanee Performing Arts, comes to Town Center at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27. While the production is free and open to the public, donations will be requested.

The Southern California pop-punk trio that is Eve 6 will rock Town Center Park with a free concert performance on August 10. The band enjoyed platinum and gold success in the late 1990s and early 2000s with hit singles like "Inside Out," "Leech," "Promise," "On the Roof Again," and "Here's to the Night." Eve 6 will take the stage at 8 p.m. An opening band will be announced at a later date. Bring friends and neighbors, lawn chairs, and blankets, but no alcohol may be brought into Town Center. Food and beverages, including beer and wine, will be available for purchase from event vendors and Town Center Businesses.

2. Bond Ratings

Fitch Ratings recently affirmed the City of Suwanee's AA+ general obligation bond rating, having determined that the City "has a solid history of conservative budgeting, and its consistently strong reserve levels are evidence of prudent financial management."

3. *Family Circle Magazine* has recognized Suwanee as one of the Top 10 places to raise a family. Mayor Burnette thanked staff, present council and previous council for their vision and work in making Suwanee the place it is today.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. **May 16, 2013 Called Meeting**
2. **May 16, 2013 Council Workshop**
3. **May 28, 2013 Council Meeting**

Motion to approve the Minutes by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.

G. Council Recognition

1. Jeff Dickens

Mayor Burnette and Chief Mike Jones recognized Sgt. Dickens for 20 years of service to the Suwanee Police Department.

2. North Gwinnett Art Association (NGAA)

Council recognized the NGAA in appreciation for organizing the May 18th Arts in the Park.

H. Audience Participation

- Maurice Cook, 1342 Riverview Run Lane, Suwanee. Mr. Cook expressed thanks to staff (Amie Sakmar, Finance Director and Jessica Roth) for their work preparing the budget document.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consider FY 2014 Budget and 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Program

Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.

J. Consider Approving Annual Contracts

The City has several service contracts/agreements that are expiring at or around the end of the fiscal year. Staff has reviewed each of them and recommends renewing the following contracts for one additional year.

- i. Engineering: Development Planning & Engineering, Inc.; LBG Associates, Inc.; Columbia Engineering & Services, Inc.
- ii. Information Technology: Total Technology Group
- iii. Technology Services: Motorola; Information Technologies Inc. (ITI); Syscon; CodeRed; Language Line
- iv. Landscape Maintenance: Valley Crest Landscape Maintenance; Russell Landscape
- v. Probation Services: Southeast Corrections

- vi. Property & Liability Insurance: Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA)
- vii. Employee Benefits: Cigna; Unum; Mutual of Omaha; Cameron and Associates; Eagle Recognition

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

K. Executive Session: None

L. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.

Approved 7/23/2013