

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 SPALSH 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. Public Hearing

1. Alcohol Beverage License: Anatolia Café & Hookah Lounge

The owner was present and requested approval of the license request. There is another location in downtown Atlanta. There was no audience comment.

2. SUP 2013-003– The applicant requests a special use permit to allow for a veterinary clinic with boarding in the M-1 Zoning District. The site is located on Buford Highway at the driveway for George Pierce Park

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, presented the staff analysis as follows: The applicant desires to construct a veterinary clinic with boarding at the current site on

Buford Highway near George Pierce Park. The site is approximately 2 acres. The building will be 2 story but will appear to be one story due to the layout of the land. The building will be constructed in compliance with the Old Town Overlay District with frontage close to the street. The SUP is required to insure that the project does not conflict with surrounding uses. Staff recommends approval with conditions. The Planning Commission recommends approval with conditions.

The applicant, Brian Fitzgerald, was present. Larry Genn, 1000 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Suite 6-490, Suwanee, GA, represented the applicant. There were no questions and no audience comment.

B. Announcements

1. **Go! Suwanee**, the City's new mobile app created in cooperation with New York based PublicStuff, is now available via the Apple App and Google Play stores. Citizens may submit service request from their phones and mobile devices. The app also provides details on upcoming events, the City's parks, direct contacts to City Hall, and will provide additional components through future app updates. This project aligns with our 20/20 Vision strategic plan, which calls for employing new technologies to communicate and engage with citizens. Service requests may also be submitted through Suwanee.com by clicking on the Go! Suwanee app icon from the homepage.
2. **Bending Sticks: The Sculpture of Patrick Dougherty** is the next film in Suwanee's stop on the Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers. The movie will be shown at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 8 at Movie Tavern. Individual tickets are \$6 and include an opportunity to interact with the filmmakers. Bending Sticks celebrates the 25-year career of the internationally renowned environmental artist Patrick Dougherty, whose projects invite collaboration and engage communities in the making and viewing of his very public art.
3. The City/County Communications and marketing Association has awarded Suwanee an **Award of Excellence for the 2012 Annual Report**. The awards program is designed to recognize the absolute best in the art of communications and marketing, to identify best practices in the field, and to offer national benchmarks for local government communications efforts.
4. Mayor Burnette encouraged attendees to go to www.suwanee.com for events for the remainder of the year.
5. Mayor Burnette thanked staff for a successful 30th Anniversary of Suwanee Day in spite of the rain.

D. Pledge of Allegiance – representatives of Scout Troop 827

E. Approval of the Agenda

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

F. Approval of Minutes

- 1. August 15, 2013 Called Council Meeting**
- 2. August 15, 2013 Council Workshop**
- 3. August 27, 2013 Council Meeting**

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

G. Special Recognition

Mayor Burnette recognized Gwinnett County Schools 2013 Teachers of the Year

Elementary Schools

Burnette Elementary – Brittany Grant
Level Creek Elementary – Pamela Pickett
Parsons Elementary – Tyler Perkerson
Riverside Elementary – John O’Keefe
Roberts Elementary – Judy Stephenson
Suwanee Elementary – Angie Etheredge

Middle Schools

Hull Middle – David Wise
North Gwinnett – Rena Beckwith

High Schools

North Gwinnett – Natalie Powell
Peachtree Ridge – Lisa York

H. Audience Participation

- Richard Trice, 4121 Meadowcreek Road, Suwanee, GA. Invitation to Council to attend the Suwanee Business Alliance meeting in December. Request to bring an unwrapped toy for “Toys for Tots.”
- Maurice Cook, 1342 Riverview Run Lane, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Cook expressed concern that the Jackson Street Cemetery was not included in the Historic District. He stated he is interest in honoring veterans buried in cemeteries in Suwanee city limits and he will take care of a memorial and where it gets placed.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consider Alcohol Beverage License for Anatolia Café & Hookah Lounge, 2855 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 800

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

- J. Consider SUP 2013-003– The applicant requests a special use permit to allow for a veterinary clinic with boarding in the M-1 Zoning District. The site is located on Buford Highway at the driveway for George Pierce Park**

Motion to approve SUP-2013-003 by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember McOmber for discussion. Councilmember McOmber requested that the conditions be added to the motion. Councilmember Foster amended the motion to include staff & P&Z recommended conditions, Councilmember McOmber amended the second and the vote carried 6-0.

- K. Consider Authorizing a Jointly Funded Infrastructure Project with the Chattahoochee Run Homeowners' Association**

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

- L. Consider Ordinance/Resolution to Certify the Unopposed Candidates for the November 5, 2013 Election**

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

- M. Executive Session: None**

- N. Adjournment – 7:06 PM**

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

Approved 10/22/2013