

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

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

Absent: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Kevin McOmer, Councilmember

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 Pro Tem Goodman called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and read the procedures for Public Hearings for the record.

B. Public Hearing

- 1. Alcohol Beverage License: Outback Steakhouse, 145 Celebration Drive**
Outback Steakhouse has applied for a change in licensee for its alcohol beverage license. Ms. Jennifer Obrofta is the applicant. The finance department has reviewed the application and recommend approval. Jennifer Roth represented Outback Steakhouse.
- 2. SUP-2013-004 – Owner/Applicant: Naresh Bhanderi and Varsha Virani.**
The applicant requests a special use permit in order to allow for a beauty salon in the PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development) District. The site is

located in Land Lot 193 of the 7th District at 530 Highland Station Drive and contains approximately 1.11 acres.

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, stated the applicant has requested withdrawal of the request. Council has the option to remove the item from the agenda.

C. Announcements

1. *We're now accepting submittals for our annual **Snap! Suwanee photo competition**. Photos submitted to the competition should represent the Suwanee community in some way and ideally will be taken within the City of Suwanee limits. Photos and applications are due December 31. This year for the first time, photographers have the option of submitting their entries via Instagram using the hashtag #snapsuwanee. Winning photographs will be exhibited, beginning in March, for an approximately one-year period at City Hall. For more guidelines and the submittal application, please visit Suwanee.com.*
2. *Santa and his Suwanee elves will usher in the holiday season on Friday, December 6th. 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. This event is free and open to the public.*
3. *Continuing the holiday spirit, Shadowbrook Baptist Church will hold its 6th annual **Christmas in the Park** event on Friday, December 13th and Saturday, December 14th. The event will last from 5:30-8:30 pm both evenings and will include a Christmas village with children's activities and nativity, train ride, strolling Dicken's villagers, live Christmas music, and complimentary hot chocolate and cookies. The event is free, but the church does request that attendees bring either canned goods and/or new or gently used shoes or coats to donate to the local community.*
4. *Clearing has recently been completed for the 18-hole **disc golf course** under construction at Suwanee Creek Park. The course is targeted to open 1st quarter 2014 and will feature a woodland, moderate-level course beginning and ending near the Buckeye pavilion. A disc golf course was one of the suggestions that citizens put forward through the park enhancements survey the City conducted in 2010. Suwanee's course will be the fourth disc golf course in Gwinnett County and the first to be installed by a city.*

D. Pledge of Allegiance – Former Mayor Chris Yoder led the Pledge.

E. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve the agenda removing New Business item J, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 4-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

- 1. October 10, 2013 Council Workshop**
- 2. October 22, 2013 Council Meeting**

Motion by Councilmember Hilscher to adopt the Minutes as presented by staff, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 4-0.

G. Council Recognition

1. Suwanee Day Sponsors and Committee Members

Amy Doherty and Mayor Pro Tem Goodman recognized the Suwanee Day Sponsors and Committee Members.

H. Audience Participation

- Chris Yoder, 920 Continental Place, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Yoder stated opposition to item K on the agenda – Policy Regarding Application to Restrict Residential On-Street Parking. He stated that blocking the roadway creates an eyesore. He also stated that the 70% needed to sign the petition created a barrier. Mr. Yoder stated that this is excessive, since it only takes 51% to become a Councilmember. He requested that the 70% rule be removed or modified and to remove the witness requirement.
- Karen Williams, 740 Highway 23, Suwanee, GA. Ms. Williams stated she was offended by the statement made “do you know how to lead the pledge made by a Councilmember. She stated Council should choose their words appropriately.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consider Alcohol Beverage License: Outback Steakhouse, 145 Celebration Drive

Motion to approve by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

J. Consider SUP-2013-004 – Owner/Applicant: Naresh Bhanderi and Varsha Virani. The applicant requests a special use permit in order to allow for a beauty salon in the PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development) District. The site is located in Land Lot 193 of the 7th District at 530 Highland Station Drive and contains approximately 1.11 acres

Removed from Agenda

K. Consider Adoption of Policy Regarding Application to Restrict Residential On-Street Parking

The City periodically receives complaints about vehicles parked on neighborhood streets that block the flow of traffic. Staff has drafted a policy and application that would allow property owners to petition to the City to consider restricting on-street parking in residential areas.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Ireland, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

L. Consider Adoption of 2014 City Council Schedule

Staff has prepared a draft schedule for 2014 Council workshops and meetings.

Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve the “revised” Schedule as presented by staff, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

M. Executive Session: Legal, Personnel, and/or Real Estate - No Executive Session

N. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Ireland, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

Approved 12/17/13