

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

*Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue*

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

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**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**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**2. Announcements**

- a.** *The City of Suwanee **2014 event calendar** boasts more than 40 events and offers something for just about everyone.*

*Like to walk or run? Private organizations are offering more than a dozen walk/run events, including races as well as community walk/run evenings sponsored by Big Peach.*

*Like to gather with your friends? The 2014 calendar includes several popular festivals: Suwanee Beer Fest, the Braves Game on the Green, Star 94's Woolstock, and the North Gwinnett Arts Association's Arts in the Park, to name a few.*

*Like to eat? The very popular Food Truck Fridays have been extended. Come enjoy food truck fare the first Friday of the month from April through October*

(with the exception of July). A wing festival has been added as a component to the annual community concert in August.

Probably the most significant change to the event calendar is the expansion of Suwanee Day to a two-day festival. The fall community festival has been rebranded as Suwanee Fest and will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21.

The full event calendar can be viewed on [suwanee.com](http://suwanee.com)

- b. Applications from those interested in selling their produce or other products at the popular **Farmers Market** are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is Monday, March 24. In addition to produce, herbs, and flowers, other items that may be sold at the market include jams, jellies, cakes, cookies, breads, pies, and honey as well as appropriately licensed meat, dairy, and organic products; eggs; and plants. The 2014 Suwanee Farmers Market opens Saturday, May 3. Saturday markets are from 8 a.m.-noon through October 4. Tuesday markets are from 4-7 p.m. through August 5.
- c. The City of Suwanee will rev up the event season on Saturday, April 19, with our **Super Incredible Day**. The day will begin at 3 p.m. with Suwanee's Super Incredible Race, a high-energy, clue-sleuthing team race featuring mental and physical challenges. Following the race, the City will host a concert at 7 p.m. with Eagles tribute band On the Border headlining. The concert is free and open to the public. Pre-registration for the race is required. The deadline to apply is April 4 and more details can be found at [suwanee.com](http://suwanee.com).
- d. We're pleased to announce that our Public Arts Commission recently received a **Fusion Award from ArtWorks! Gwinnett**. The PAC received the "Community Impact Award for Arts Leader" on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The ArtWorks! Gwinnett awards program recognized the contributions made toward the advancement of arts and creativity in Gwinnett County.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge led by Max Truman of Troop 513, Sugar Hill, GA

### 4. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion to approve the Agenda by Councilmember Goodman, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and so carried 6-0.**

### 5. Approval of Minutes

a. **January 16, 2014 Called Meeting**

b. **January 16, 2014 Council Workshop**

c. **January 30, 2014 Council Meeting**

**Motion to approve by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.**

## **6. Special Recognition**

### **a. Earl Mitchell**

Mayor Burnette recognized Mr. Mitchell for his service to the City and presented him a Proclamation and honored him as a “Friend of Suwanee.” Wednesday, February 26, 2014 was proclaimed Earl Mitchell Day.

## **7. Audience Participation**

- Richard Trice representing the Suwanee Business Alliance. Mr. Trice invited Council and staff to participate in the Suwanee Business Alliance Golf Tournament to be held on April 22, 2014 at Hamilton Mill Golf Course. All proceeds will be donated local organizations and communities around Suwanee. Mayor Burnette stated that the Suwanee Business Alliance has donated over \$65,000 plus into the community.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **8. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Planet Earth Designs in the Amount of \$29,700 for Construction of Tee Boxes at the Suwanee Creek Disc Golf Course**

*Staff recently received three bids for the completion of this project. Planet Earth Designs was the low bidder and staff recommends awarding the contract to this company.*

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Foster, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and so carried 6-0.*

### **9. Approve Amendment to Hotel/Motel Ordinance**

*The City collects hotel and motel excise taxes in accordance with state law. The state’s regulations have recently changed and the City’s ordinance must be updated with regard to the definition of a permanent resident. Staff has prepared a draft ordinance/resolution to reflect this change.*

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.*

### **10. Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 14 Budget Adjustments**

*Staff recommends some adjustments to the FY 14 budget.*

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

### **11. Executive Session: No Executive Session**

### **12. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.*

**Approved March 25, 2014**