

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 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

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 5:33 p.m and read the procedures for Public Hearings for the record.

2. Public Hearing

- a. AMD-2014-001 – A proposed amendment to the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance including Article III Definitions, Article V Zoning District Development and Use Regulations, and Article XXI Amendments in order to create a new zoning district for governmental uses and definitions as well as amending the procedures for city initiated rezonings**

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, presented the staff analysis as follows: This a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create a new zoning district for governmental uses (Governmental Use District) to better reflect parcels dedicated to governmental uses such as County and City buildings, parks, Gwinnett Board of Education, etc.). This amendment will create the district but will not rezone

the property to that district. Rezoning will be a separate process. Secondly, this amendment will modify notice requirements to make them consistent with State law. The latest version of the amendment is dated April 22, 2014. The Planning Commission voted 4-0 to approve the amendment.

There was no audience comment.

b. Alcohol Beverage License: Gom Shabu, 3131 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd, Suite C-1

Gom Shabu has applied for a license for the on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Mr. Tae Sung Kim is the applicant. The Finance department has reviewed the application and recommends approval.

There was no audience comment.

There being no further business, the Public Hearing closed.

3. Announcements

- a. *The first weekend in May will be one fun, but busy weekend in Suwanee...kind of like a week's worth of cruise ship entertainment packed into three days! The weekend kicks off with a community favorite, **Food Truck Friday**. Join us from 5:30-9:30 on Friday, May 2 as a variety of delicious and unique food options roll into Town Center Park. Music performances begin on the stage at 7:30 pm. Check suwanee.com and the City's Facebook page for the food truck and musical line-ups.*
- b. *You'll want to be back in Town Center bright and early Saturday morning as Suwanee's popular **Farmers Market** returns for the season on May 3. The farmers market will be open from 8 am-noon Saturdays through October 4 and 4-7 pm Tuesdays through August 5. In addition to produce, herbs, and flowers, other items available at the market include jams, jellies, cakes, cookies, breads, pies, and honey as well as eggs, plants, and meat, dairy, and organic products.*
- c. *After you enjoy our first Farmers Market of the season, your favorite four-legged friends will be begging you to party at Star 94's **Woofstock**. This "pet party in the park" will be held noon-7 pm on Saturday, May 3 in Town Center Park. You and your furry friends will enjoy dock diving dogs, Frisbee demonstrations, pet adoptions, pet vendors, non-profit and rescue groups, pet contests, inflatables, and live music. More info is at star94.com.*
- d. *And if you're still looking for more weekend fun, Suwanee Creek Park will be the place to be as we open our new **disc golf course**. The Gwinnett Disc Golf Organization will host a grand opening tournament on Saturday, May 3, beginning at 9:00 am. Registration is at gwinnettcountryopen.com. The course will be closed to the general public that day, but spectators are welcomed and encouraged to come observe the tournament. Return on Sunday afternoon, May*

4, either to play or to take part in a series of free clinics hosted by GDGO to teach the basics of disc golf. Times and details for the clinics will be on suwanee.com or the Go! Suwanee app.

- e. We'll kick off our summer movie series with **B at the Movies** on Saturday night, May 10th. B98.5 will show Saving Mr. Banks with Emma Thompson and Tom Hanks. This PG-13 film tells the story of Disney's 20-year quest to bring magical nanny Mary Poppins to the big screen. The movie screening will begin shortly after dusk. Bring snacks, blankets, and lawn chairs, but no alcohol may be brought into the park.*
- f. Suwanee's annual finders-keepers, month-long **Art on a Limb program** will bloom along the Suwanee Creek Greenway as well as Sims Lake and White Street parks throughout the month of May. Two pieces of original artwork are hidden each day; those who find a piece of art along one of Suwanee's trails get to keep it. This year's Art on a Limb pieces are 8-inch, green, ceramic frog bowls handmade by potter Richard Shivers. The bowls, decorated with leafy tree branches and one of the phrases from Suwanee's "Live Well. Play Hard. Smile More!" slogan, are meant to be placed in a garden or landscaped areas around the yard. On the backside of the bowls, Shivers has etched leaves or a wood grain pattern.*
- g. **Arts in the Park** will return to Town Center Park for the fourth year on Saturday, May 17, with a retro theme of Peace, Love & Arts in the Park. Presented by the North Gwinnett Arts Association (NGAA) and sponsored by Nalley Automotive, Arts in the Park celebrates art in all its wonderful forms. Artists who wish to exhibit – and perhaps demonstrate – their work at the juried May 17 festival are invited to apply for booth space at suwaneeartsinthepark.com. Artwork to be exhibited will include jewelry, painting, pottery, woodworking, glass, photography, iron, multimedia, and more. Applications are due April 30.*

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of the Agenda

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

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. March 13, 2014 Council Workshop**
- b. March 24, 2014 Council Meeting**

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

7. Special Recognition

a. Sumedh Garimella, Hull Middle School

Sumedh Garimella, a 6th grade student at Hull Middle School, won the state spelling bee in March. He will compete in the national bee in late May.

b. School Recognitions

Several teachers and administrators from Suwanee area schools have recently been recognized at the regional and state level. Mayor Burnette recognized teachers from Roberts Elementary School, North Gwinnett Middle School, North Gwinnett High School and Peachtree Ridge High School.

8. Audience Participation

- Maurice Cook, 1342 Riverview Run Lane, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Cook shared comments related to the Berlin Wall art piece in front of City Hall. He stated that “art is in the eye of the beholder.” He is not in agreement with this piece being displayed at City Hall.
- Linda Fleming, 527 Main Street, Suwanee, GA. Ms. Fleming stated she is an advocate for citizens and will be addressing code violation concerns. She identified several locations she felt needs to be addressed to include the Pierce’s Corner site and a ground stump at the corner of Main Street and Stonecypher Road. She stated these issues may be the beginning of blight in the area. She also asked if the city could use funds the same as in the I-85 area to help clean up areas of concern.

NEW BUSINESS

9. **Consider AMD-2014-001 – A proposed amendment to the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance including Article III Definitions, Article V Zoning District Development and Use Regulations, and Article XXI Amendments in order to create a new zoning district for governmental uses and definitions as well as amending the procedures for city initiated rezonings**

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to approve AMD-2014-001 with the April 22, 2014 Report, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and so carried 6-0.

10. **Consider Alcohol Beverage License: Gom Shabu, 3131 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd, Suite C-1**

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

11. **Consider Reimbursing Baxley Point HOA in the Amount of \$5,498.23 for Payments to Georgia Power**

The Baxley Point Homeowners' Association has requested that the City reimburse the HOA \$5,498.23 for payments made to Georgia Power for street lights.

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

12. Executive Session: Property Acquisition

Motion to enter Executive Session for Property Acquisition by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

Motion to exit Executive Session by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.

13. Adjournment

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

Approved May 28, 2014