

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 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 6:33 P.M.

2. Public Hearing

a. FY 2015 Budget, 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program, and FY 15 Occupation Taxes

Marty Allen, City Manager, stated this is the second and final public hearing on the proposed budget and CIP. This information has been available for public review for nearly a month and there has been no comment to date. Marty presented a PowerPoint presentation.

There was no audience comment related to the Budget presentation.

Additionally, 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. We anticipate meeting this threshold for FY 15 revenues.

There was no audience comment.

Note: At this point, Mayor Burnette read the procedures for Public Hearings.

b. Alcohol Beverage License Request: Greek Island Grill

Marty Allen, City Manager, reported Mr. Mohammad Salim has applied for a license for the on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for Greek Island Grill, to be located at 3320 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 2A-C. Staff recommends approval.

There was no audience comment.

c. Alcohol Beverage License Request: Que's Restaurant & Bar

Marty Allen, City Manager, reported Ms. Sandra Gardener has applied for a license for the on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for Que's Restaurant & Bar, to be located at 1300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Staff recommends denial.

The applicant, Ms. Sandra Gardner, 3939 Savannah Square Street, Suwanee, GA, was present and stated she may have misinterpreted some of the questions and takes full responsibility for any confusion in the process. She stated she was available for questions.

There was no audience comment.

d. JRZ-2014-001

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, stated the applicant requests a rezoning from R-100 (Residential Single Family District) to OTCD (Old Town Commercial District) to allow for musical instrument sales, repair and rental. This request is in line with the Future Land Use plans for the area. The site is located at 3949 Russell Street. Staff recommends approval with conditions. The Planning Commission recommends approval with conditions.

Randy Winfield, Winfield Realty Group, 195 West Pike Street, Lawrenceville, GA, represented the sellers, owner/applicants and purchasers of the property. He introduced the property owners.

Anna Huthmaker, 3140 Main Street, Duluth, GA, represented the business applicant. She stated their specialty is old and fine instruments. The intent of the business will be to hold the integrity and respect of the property. The site is move-in ready and they feel the sound of 150 year old violins will be amazing at this site.

Mr. Huthmaker played a “gig” on a violin that was constructed the same year as the Rhodes House was constructed.

Mr. Winfield stated this rezoning is the historic Rhodes House. The zoning is in compliance with the 20/20 Plan and the land use plan. This is a low impact business with very little traffic. The building will barely change from its current appearance except for any ADA requirements. The applicant and buyers agree with the conditions. Should the Council choose to deny, it is requested the Council deny without prejudice.

Support:

- Kathy Bartlett, 3948 Russell Street, Suwanee, GA. Ms. Bartlett stated she would like to have a very, very good commercial neighbor versus a not so good residential neighbor.

There was no opposition and no additional audience comment.

e. JRZ 2014-003

The applicant requests a rezoning from R-100 to PMUD to allow for multi-family residential uses as part of a larger Planned Mixed Use Development. The site is located at 1031 and 1041 Scales Road. Staff recommends approval with conditions.

JRZ 2014-004

The applicant requests a rezoning from PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development) to PMUD with a change of conditions to allow access to a multi-family development. The site is located in Land Lot 209 of the 7th District at 662 Scales Road between McGinnis Ferry Road and Lake Point Boulevard and contains approximately 8.17 acres. Staff recommends approval with conditions.

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, stated these two parcels are associated with Suwanee Station development. These rezonings will provide access to the multi-family site from Scales Road.

The Planning Department recommended approval with conditions. The Planning Commission recommended approval with modified conditions. Mr. Campbell recommended should the Council approve these rezonings, they be approved with the Planning Commission modified conditions.

Support:

- Marian Adeimy, 1960 Satellite Boulevard, Duluth, GA. This rezoning is for properties adjacent to Suwanee Station and includes access to the property from Scales Road. 224 units proposed with 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units with rent amounts comparable to this area. They have met with the HOA and members of Suwanee Station. The applicant agrees to the Planning Commission conditions. Quintus is associated with Avonlea a well-constructed product.

Councilmember Foster inquired about the emergency access from Lake Point Court. Ms. Adeimy stated the access is shown on another attachment.

- Barbara Allen, 3981 Lake Pass Lane, Suwanee, GA, President of Suwanee Station HOA. Ms. Allen read a statement from the residents. She stated the residents are concerned about the apartments, but feel the changes promulgated by the rezoning eases this concern. The residents support the rezoning with the revised conditions that are presented.

Opposition:

- Maurice Cook, 1342 Riverview Run Lane, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Cook expressed concern related to this rezoning and the possible increase in stormwater run-off into Suwanee Creek and its impact on Chattahoochee Run subdivision.

There was no additional audience comment.

Mayor Burnette called for a short recess prior to reconvening the Council Meeting.

3. Announcements

- a. We're excited to announce that alternative rock band **Everclear will headline the August 16th concert** at Town Center Park. The concert is combined with a wing festival featuring local restaurants. The wing festival and opening music performances will begin at 5:30 pm. Everclear will take the stage around 8:00.
- b. Our playground "that mommies and daddies built" is turning 10 this summer...and we have a birthday party scheduled to help celebrate! Join us on Saturday, July 19th from 10am to noon at PlayTown Suwanee, located at 425 Main Street. Party-goers will have an opportunity to paint a handprint tile to add to the existing fence. The party will also include games, face-painting, and cake.
- c. Our twice-weekly **farmer's market** is now in full swing. The market is held in Town Center Park, on Tuesdays from 4 pm until 7 pm and Saturdays from 8am until noon.

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. **May 15, 2014 Council Workshop**
- b. **May 27, 2014 Council Meeting**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brant Yang, Troop #513

6. Special Recognition

a. Chief Mike Jones

Mayor Burnette recognized Police Chief Jones with a Proclamation for serving 40 years in law enforcement. Chief Jones has served 15 years with the City of Suwanee.

7. Audience Participation – None.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Consider FY 2015 Budget & 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program

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

9. Consider Issuing Alcohol Beverage License for Greek Island Grill, 3320 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 2A-C

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

10. Consider Issuing Alcohol Beverage License for Que's Restaurant & Bar, 1300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd

Motion to deny by Councilmember Ireland, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

11. Consider JRZ-2014-001

Motion to approve with staff conditions by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

12. Consider JRZ 2014-003

Motion to approve with Planning Commission conditions by Councilmember Ireland, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

13. Consider JRZ 2014-004

Motion to approve with staff conditions by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.

14. Consider Adoption of ORD 2014-001: Architectural Design Standards Amendment

The City's architectural standards exempt currently conforming structures from complying with these standards. Staff recommends amending the City's architectural standards to require any addition to or renovation of buildings constructed under these regulations to meet current architectural standards. Buildings constructed prior to June 22, 1999 (when the City first adopted these standards) will still be exempt with the exception of those regulating exterior paint colors.

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

15. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Professional Probation Services for Probation Services in Municipal Court

Six companies submitted proposals to the City's recent RFP to provide probation services for the City. A review committee evaluated all six proposals and interviewed the companies that submitted the top-two-ranked proposals. Chief Judge Mark Lewis recommends awarding the contract to Professional Probation Services of Norcross, effective July 1, 2014.

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

16. Consent Agenda

a. Approve Amended Agreement with Syscon for Processing of Online Citation Payments

The City currently processes online payments for citations through Syscon. Syscon currently charges defendants an online processing fee of \$9.95, regardless of the citation amount. Staff has re-neogitated this amount to 6% with a \$2.00 minimum.

b. Authorize the Purchase of a Police Motorcycle Not to Exceed \$18,000

The police department proposes to purchase one Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle to be used for traffic enforcement and special events. The purchase price range is \$15,000 to \$18,000, to be paid for by forfeiture funds.

c. Authorize Renewal of Annual Contracts

The City has several 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.; LBGM 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
- v. Property & Liability Insurance: Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA)
- vi. Employee Benefits: Cigna; Cameron and Associates; Eagle Recognition

d. Approve Annual Update to the Comprehensive Plan

Staff has prepared the annual update to the Comprehensive Plan. There are no new major elements to report.

e. Approve 4th Quarter FY 14 Budget Adjustments

Staff has prepared a summary of recommended 4th quarter adjustments to the FY 14 budget.

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

17. Executive Session: No Executive Session

18. Adjournment

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

Approved July 22, 2014