

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 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
Robyn O'Donnell, Administrative Secretary
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Elvira Rogers, City Clerk

NOON (12:00 PM)
CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

2. Public Hearing on 2014 Millage Rate

The City has received the 2014 tax consolidation information from Gwinnett County. After analyzing the data provided by the County, staff recommends a proposed millage rate of 4.93 mills. This is the same proposed millage rate used in the adopted FY 2015 budget and is also the same millage rate as the past two years. This is the second of three required meetings.

Audience Comment: Jimmy Spiro, 895 Landover Crossing, Suwanee, GA. 2012 reduction primarily due to lawsuit – did not understand how the funds were used to tear down the hotel at I-85 which in his opinion was no benefit to the tax payers. He also spoke about blight and Pierce's Corner.

Mayor Burnette shared that the funds from the SDS Settlement were placed in a fund to be used as the City deemed necessary.

There being no further comments or questions Mayor Burnette called the Public Hearing closed.

3. Adjournment – 12:07 PM

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

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 6:34 P.M.

2. Public Hearing

a. 2014 Millage Rate

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There was no audience comment.

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

Que's Restaurant & Bar is seeking a license for the on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits at 1300 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Ms. Amanda Blackmon is the applicant. Ms. Blackmon submitted an application in July. Her application was denied as she did not have a financial interest in the business. The business has been restructured to make Ms. Blackmon the majority shareholder and Ms. Blackmon has submitted a new application.

Applicant Comment: Ms. Amanda Blackmon, 1604 Oak Trace, Grayson, GA. Ms. Blackmon stated all paperwork is accurately completed and she is majority shareholder of the business.

There being no audience comment, Mayor Burnette closed the Public Hearing.

3. Announcements

- a.** We're right around the corner from our biggest event of the year – **Suwanee Fest!** Join us Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21 for our annual celebration of community. The Saturday morning parade kicks off the festivities and then Town Center will be filled for two days with nearly 200 arts, craft,

jewelry, and food vendors, along with onstage and roaming entertainers and kid's entertainment. Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band A1A will perform at 6pm on Saturday evening. For more information, please see suwaneefest.com.

- b. Georgia Fitness will host the annual **Suwanee Fest Classic** on the Saturday before Suwanee Fest, September 13. The event includes a 1K fun run, 5K race, and 10K course, all departing from Town Center. A portion of all race entry fees will go to Cure Childhood Cancer of Atlanta. Runners are encouraged to dress in superhero attire to honor those touched by childhood cancer. Online registration is available at active.com.

4. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Christian Ovellette, Troop #419

5. Approval of the Agenda

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

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. **July 10, 2014 Council Workshop**
- b. **July 22, 2014 Council Meeting**

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

7. Special Recognition

a. Stacey Miller, Roberts Elementary School

Mayor Burnette and Dr. Dion Jones, Principal at Roberts Elementary School, congratulated Ms. Miller in recognition of the Georgia School Counselors Association recently naming her the state's Counselor of the Year.

8. Audience Participation – None.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Consider 2014 Millage Rate

Motion to set the 2014 Millage Rate at 4.93 by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.

10. Consider Issuing Alcohol Beverage License to Ms. Amanda Blackmon for Que's Restaurant & Bar, 1300 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Motion to approve issuing an Alcohol Beverage License to Ms. Amanda Blackmon for Que's Restaurant & Bar by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

11. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Contract with ShepCo Paving, Inc. in the Amount of \$454,110.40 for Patching and Resurfacing

The City received six bids to patch and resurface approximately 2.14 miles of City streets. ShepCo Paving, Inc. of Alpharetta was the low bidder. Staff recommends awarding to ShepCo Paving.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter the contract with ShepCo Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$454,110.40 by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.

12. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Contract with Weisser Enterprises, LLC (DBA Creative Impressions) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000 for the Fabrication and Installation of Wayfinding Signs

The City received ten bids for Phase I of the Wayfinding Master Plan. Phase I will include the fabrication and installation of up to 25 signs, including 19 vehicular wayfinding signs located at six major intersections. Staff recommends awarding to the low bidder, Weisser Enterprises, LLC (DBA Creative Impressions).

Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter the contract with Weisser Enterprises, LLC (DBA Creative Impression) in an amount not to exceed \$50,00 by Councilmember Goodman, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and so carried 6-0.

13. Consider Amending Chapter 42, Article II of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Weapon Discharge in Parks

In response to HB 60, staff recommends amending Chapter 42, Article II of the Code of Ordinances (Regulation of Parks) to prohibit the discharge of any weapon in a park or recreation facility.

Motion to approve amending Chapter 42, Article II of the Code of Ordinances regarding Weapon Discharge in Parks by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

14. Consent Agenda

a. Renew Contract with Premier Immediate Care for Employee & Applicant Medical Services

The City solicited competitive proposals to provide medical examinations, drug screening, blood lead testing, and other miscellaneous job related medical screenings for employees and applicants. The review committee recommends renewing this contract with Premier Immediate Care.

b. Approve Amendment to Retirement Plan for Employees on Military Leave

Staff recommends amending the City's defined benefit plan in order to provide additional time for an employee to make up employee contributions that were missed due to ordered military leave. Our Pension Attorney has reviewed the agreement and finds it to be in order. GMA made some editorial edits to the

original document.

c. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County Regarding Jointly Funded SPLOST Projects

The City and County will enter into an agreement concerning the County's 81% match for City transportation SPLOST projects.

d. Authorize the Mayor to Enter into Contract with Moreland Altobelli for Project Management Services

Staff recommends engaging Moreland Altobelli again to provide professional project management services for the City's capital projects.

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

15. Executive Session: None

16. Adjournment – 6:55 P.M.

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

Approved September 23, 2014