

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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
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 6:30 P.M and read the procedures for Public Meetings for the record.

2. Public Hearing

a) Alcohol Beverage License Request: Hurricane Grill & Wings, 340 Town Center Avenue, Suite A-8

Mr. Michael Dravo has applied for a license to serve beer, wine, and distilled spirits at Hurricane Grill & Wings. The Business Services Department recommends approval. The applicant, Mr. Dravo, 8740 Glasgow Point, Duluth, GA was present. There was no additional audience comment.

b) RZ 2014-007 - The applicant requests a rezoning from R-100 and R-140 to PMUD to allow for a planned mixed use development of single family attached and detached units. The site is located in Land Lot 211 of the 7th District on the east side of Martin Farm Road and contains 31.39 acres

Staff recommends approval with conditions. The Planning Commission postponed this item for one month.

Opposition: Mr. Mark Hughes stated he has lived on Martin Farm Road for over 20 years. He is concerned the development will cause a major traffic problem. In addition, he stated there is already a flooding issue in the area, the homes will increase the amount of concrete in the area and will cause additional flooding. He would be open to a smaller development (maybe 15 houses).

There was no additional comment.

- c) **RZ 2014-008 - The applicant requests a rezoning from C-2 and C-2A to RM-8 to allow for a multi-family residential development. The site is located in Land Lots 169 and 170 of the 7th District along Sawmill Drive near Lawrenceville Suwanee Road and contains approximately 29.29 acres**

Staff recommends denial. The Planning Commission postponed this item for one month. Mr. Campbell stated there was an error in the survey which has been addressed.

There was no audience comment.

3. Announcements

- a) *The City is holding a **Public Information Open House** for the Buford Highway Reconstruction Project at City Hall on Thursday, October 9 from 5 PM to 7:30 PM. The Concept Plan will be available for review and input from the public during this meeting. City staff, GDOT officials and consultant representatives will be present during the open house.*
- b) *The City is now accepting applications for the fall session of our popular **Citizen Police Academy**. The Police Department offers this nine-week program to help strengthen the bond of friendship and cooperation among citizens and police officers. Topics covered include crime scene processing, traffic stops, building searches, crime prevention, and narcotics identification. Classes will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. weekly beginning October 7. Registration is free, but notarized applications must be received by September 26. For more details, please see suwanee.com.*
- c) *Suwanee's final **Food Truck Friday** of 2014 will be held at Town Center Park on October 3. Come enjoy the music of the Hilaire Band and grab dinner from one of your favorite food trucks. Food truck vendors expected to be on site include The Blaxican, Freckled and Blue, The Fry Guys, Hail Caesar, Mighty Meatballs, A Moveable Feast, Nana G's Chicken and Waffles, Tex's Tacos, and WOW! Food will be served from 5:30-9:30 p.m. with music beginning at 7 p.m.*

- d) *We're proud to announce that we have recently received several **awards** from a variety of state, national, and international organizations.*

The City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was recognized for Excellence in Financial Reporting recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association. This was the third consecutive year that the City's annual report earned such recognition, but it is the first time that the publication received a grade of A from the panel of judges. The 2013 annual report was written and designed by City of Suwanee staff.

One of the City's annual events, Woofstock, co-sponsored with Star 94 radio, received a Georgia Downtown Conference Award of Excellence in August. The City was also recognized in the promotions category with a silver award.

Finally, the City was recognized last week for its performance management efforts with a Certificate of Distinction from the International City/County Management Association's (ICMA) Center for Performance Analytics. Suwanee is among 11 jurisdictions nationwide to receive the Certificate of Distinction and one of two in Georgia recognized overall.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve the agenda with one modification – removal of Consent Agenda item 14b, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

6. Approval of Minutes

- a) **August 14, 2014 Called Meeting**
- b) **August 14, 2014 Council Workshop**
- c) **August 26, 2014 Council Meeting**

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

7. Special Recognition

a) 2014 Teachers of the Year

Mayor Burnette recognized the 2014 Teachers of the Year from the schools serving Suwanee and presented each teacher a letter acknowledging their accomplishments, hard work and dedication. Nathan Ballantine, Principal at North Gwinnett High School, shared that Gwinnett County Schools have been awarded the GROW Prize. This is the highest award for urban education. Gwinnett was a finalist in 2009 and previously won the award in 2010.

8. Audience Participation – None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 9. Consider Alcohol Beverage License Request: Hurricane Grill & Wings, 340 Town Center Avenue, Suite A-8**

Motion to approve the Alcohol Beverage License by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.

- 10. RZ 2014-007 - The applicant requests a rezoning from R-100 and R-140 to PMUD to allow for a planned mixed use development of single family attached and detached units. The site is located in Land Lot 211 of the 7th District on the east side of Martin Farm Road and contains 31.39 acres**

Motion to postpone RZ 2014-007 to the October 28, 2014 Council Meeting by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

- 11. RZ 2014-008 - The applicant requests a rezoning from C-2 and C-2A to RM-8 to allow for a multi-family residential development. The site is located in Land Lots 169 and 170 of the 7th District along Sawmill Drive near Lawrenceville Suwanee Road and contains approximately 29.29 acres**

Motion to postpone RZ 2014-008 to the October 28, 2014 Council Meeting by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.

- 12. Consider Adopting a Resolution of Commitment for the City's 2015 LCI Transportation Funding Application for the Suwanee Avenue Connector**

The Atlanta Regional Commission has announced the availability of Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Transportation Implementation Funds to be awarded in 2015. Applications must accompany a resolution of support from the Mayor and City Council. The City will apply for approximately \$3,000,000 to apply to the Suwanee Avenue connector project, with a 20% local match of approximately \$600,000.

Motion to adopt the Resolution by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.

Marty Allen, City Manager, explained this is a project that has been on the books for some time. This will provide connectivity between Suwanee Avenue at Town Center to the King Street area. This is an application to apply for grant funding for this project.

- 13. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Contract with Allied Paving Contractors, Inc., in the Amount of \$622,831.12 for Patching and Resurfacing of 2.76 miles of Various City Streets**

The City has released a bid for the resurfacing of approximately 2.76 miles of City streets and recommends awarding to the low bidder, Allied Paving Contractors, Inc. of Pendergrass, GA.

Motion by Councilmember Ireland to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Allied Paving Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$622,831.12 for Patching and Resurfacing of 2.76 miles of various city streets, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

14. Consent Agenda

a) Approve List for Fall Surplus Sale

Staff has prepared a list of items for a fall surplus sale.

b) Approve a Revised Resolution Authorizing Personnel for FY 15

There are two vacancies in existing part-time positions. One is the position of Building Inspector and the other is Human Resources Manager (which is one part of a shared job position; the other part-time position is filled). Given these vacancies, staff recommends that they be converted to full-time status before advertising and filling the openings.

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

15. Executive Session: Personnel

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to enter Executive Session for Personnel Matters, 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.

No Action Taken

16. Adjournment

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

Approved October 28, 2014