

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Beth S. Hilscher, Mayor Pro Tempore
Richard I. Goodman, Councilmember
Daniel F. Foster, 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 6:30 P.M.

2. Announcements

- a. May is one of our favorite months around Suwanee since it's time for our annual **Art on a Limb** program. Two pieces of original artwork will be hidden along the Suwanee Creek Greenway, at White Street Park or at Sims Lake Park each day throughout the month of May. Suwanee's Art on a Limb program is an annual celebration of art and nature that allows those who find the trail treasures to keep them. This year's pieces are red clay hearts with warm, fuzzy Suwanee statements on them that were created by Suwanee area resident Tina Waltke.

- b. Suwanee's **May 1 Food Truck Friday** event will feature a variety of food choices, as well as high school jazz performances. Night of Jazz performances will begin at 7 p.m. High school bands from Collins Hill, Flowery Branch, North Gwinnett, and

Peachtree Ridge will perform. Food will be served from 5:30-9:30 p.m. The tentative food truck line-up features Chay J's New Orleans Candies, Fry Guy, Hail Caesar, Island Chef, Loaded Burger, Nana G's Chicken and Waffles, Tex's Tacos, Viet-Nomie's, Wow!, and Yumbii. The City of Suwanee hosts Food Truck Friday at Town Center Park the first Friday of each month April-October (except in July).

- c. The 2013-15 Suwanee **SculpTour** exhibit has officially ended, but two of the 14 pieces will remain in Suwanee as part of the City's permanent art collection. The Suwanee Public Arts Commission, using donated funds, purchased Iron Canopy, the 17-foot-tall kinetic sculpture by Phil Proctor as the People's Choice award-winner. The sculpture will remain in its current location in Town Center Park, until a permanent location is chosen.

Dick Cunningham with Ippolito's Restaurant is purchasing the Who Let the Dogs Out? collection of sculptures by Jim Collins and is donating the piece to the City. This sculpture also will remain in its current location, in Town Center Park, through the next SculpTour exhibit.

Throughout Suwanee, more than 20 public art pieces are on permanent display, including those owned by the City as well as artworks that have been purchased privately through the City's voluntary 1%-of-construction-costs-for-developers program.

The 2015-17 Suwanee SculpTour exhibit, which will feature 17 artworks in and around Town Center, officially opens May 16 as part of the Arts in the Park festival.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Evan Daniel, Troop 513 and was assisted by other Scouts in the audience.

4. Approval of the Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. **March 12, 2015 Council Workshop**
- b. **March 24, 2015 Council Meeting**

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

6. Special Presentation: National Citizen Survey

Marty Allen, City Manager, presented the results from the 2014 National Citizen Survey. A copy of the presentation was available for the audience.

7. Special Recognition

a. AHA Fit Friendly Worksite

The American Heart Association (AHA) has recently designated the City as a Fit-Friendly Worksite. This program recognizes employers who champion the health of their employees and work to create a culture of physical activity and health in the workplace. Sara MacPhail from AHA attended the meeting to present the award.

b. Snap Suwanee Winners

Mayor Burnette and Lynne DeWilde, staff member, recognized the 2015 Snap Suwanee Winners.

8. Consider Appointments to Harvest Farm Managing Board

*There are three vacant seats on the Board. The Board has interviewed applicants and recommends appointing **Roger Grant** (term to expire 01/31/2017); **Heather Ratledge** (term to expire 01/31/2017); and, **David Sullivan** (term to expire 01/31/2016).*

Motion by Councilmember Foster to make appointments as recommended, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

9. Audience Participation

- *Jim Collins, 3735 Smithtown Road. Concern with accidents and speeding along Smithtown Road. Mr. Collins referenced an accident the past weekend, an accident in 2012 that crashed into his woods and a previous accident before that. He is concerned that someone will be “hurt bad.” He states there is a small “S Curve” sign but not clearly noticeable.*
- *Donna Nourie, 4160 Cherry Ridge Walk. There is a new yield sign at the entrance of the subdivision along Buford Highway northbound. Request construction signs be added to the sign to alert cars to the Yield sign.*

NEW BUSINESS

10. Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful Proclamation

Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful has launched their annual “Take the Pledge” campaign. The City has prepared a proclamation showing Suwanee’s support.

Motion to adopt the Proclamation by Councilmember Ireland, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and so carried 6-0.

11. Consider Narcan Purchase & Usage Policies

The municipal police departments have been working with the Gwinnett County Fire Department to develop a protocol for the police departments to purchase and use Narcan when interacting with a person believed to be experiencing an opioid overdose. The City must execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the County to implement this program.

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

12. Consider Revised Gaming Machine Ordinance

The City adopted a gaming machine ordinance in 2010. It contained a typo regarding a reference to the State Code. Staff has corrected the typo and recommends re-adopting.

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

13. Consider Contract for Sidewalk Projects

Staff is evaluating proposals from contractors for proposed sidewalk projects for Smithtown Road and gaps along Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road.

Motion to enter into an Agreement with the engineering firm, Clark Patterson Lee, Suwanee, GA for Phase I Design (Conceptual, 3D Drawings) of sidewalks on Smithtown Road, for a fee in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

14. Consider Revised Purchasing Policy

Staff has completed a comprehensive review of the existing purchasing policy and prepared recommended updates.

Motion to adopt the revised Purchasing Policy by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

15. Executive Session: Real Estate

Motion to ENTER Executive Session to discuss real estate 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 5-0. (Councilmember Miller was not in the room.)

No Action Taken.

16. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 5-0. (Councilmember Miller was not in the room.)

Approved May 26, 2015