

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

B. Public Hearing

- 1. Alcohol Beverage License – Vice Bar & Bistro, 45 Satellite Blvd., Suite G**
Mr. Cordaveious DeShaun Brown has applied to sell distilled spirits at his restaurant, which already has a license to sell beer and wine. This application was postponed last month. Mr. Allen stated there are still issues being worked through regarding this license request. Staff recommends postponing the request another month (November 17, 2015).

- 2. Alcohol Beverage License – Los Barsas Mexican Grill, 360 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Suite 101B**
Mr. Jesus Mata has applied for a license to sell beer, wine, and distilled spirits. The Business Services department has reviewed the application and recommends approval.

Mayor Burnette read the procedures for Public Hearings for the record.

- 3. SUP 2015-005 – Owner: Errol Kantor. Applicant: Nick Ali. The applicant requests a special use permit to allow for the expansion of a gas station/automotive service and repair facility. The site is located at 3034 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road and contains approximately 0.66 acres.**

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, presented the staff analysis as follows: The request is to expand an existing gas station/automotive service and repair facility. The current facility is a 2100 sq. ft. 2 garage bay service station with 4 gas pumps. The proposed expansion will be 3600 sq. ft. with 8 bays, keeping the current gas pumps. Architectural enhancements will be made to the building with bricked gas pumps. This is a highly commercialized area with similar uses in the area. The Future Land Use Plan shows high density office, but also speaks to a positive first image. If the project is approved conditions are necessary to address storage of tires on the site, architecture of the building and landscaping. The Planning Commission recommended approval with an added condition to address storage on site. If Council desires to approve the request, staff recommends approval with Planning Commission conditions.

Support:

- Nick Ali, 3974 Beddington Lane, Duluth, GA 30097. Mr Ali, stated he is the new owner trying to get the Shell station to look like a more advanced nice looking building. He was involved in the Chevron/Dunkin Donut project.

Councilmember Ireland asked about parking needs and staff members. Mr. Ali, stated the staff will be he and his wife. Councilmember Ireland asked about additional workers who will handle customer services in the bays. Mr. Ali, stated there will be approximately 5 employees including himself. Councilmember Ireland expressed concern there would not be enough parking for vehicles waiting for repair, future clients and staff with the 30 spaces projected for the site. Mr. Ali stated he has been in conversation with the County and the State for use of Burnette Road for increased parking.

Opposition – None.

C. Announcements

- 1. Suwanee Creek Park is the place to be Saturday morning for little princesses, monsters, sports heroes, and celebrities who want to get a slight head start on Halloween festivities. The City's annual Trek or Treat event will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, October 31, at Suwanee Creek Park. Trek or Treat is designed especially for children ages 10 and younger. Planned and staffed this year by members of the 2015 Suwanee Youth Leaders class, Trek or Treat includes fall festival-style games, music, contests, inflatables, and a free hot dog**

lunch while supplies last. Costumes are strongly encouraged.

2. Applications for the 2016 **Suwanee Youth Leaders** (SYL) program, an eight-month City of Suwanee leadership program for high school sophomores and juniors, are being accepted through December 4. Applications will be available November 1 through schools and at suwanee.com. Now in its third year, SYL is open to students who live in the North Gwinnett, Peachtree Ridge, and Collins Hill clusters. The program centers on civic involvement, leadership skills, and volunteer opportunities.
3. Applications for plots at Suwanee's **Harvest Farm** organic community garden are now being accepted for 2016. The online applications is available at harvestfarmsuwanee.com. Garden plots are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis with priority given to City residents, property owners, and taxpayers as well as returning gardeners.
4. Election Day – November 3, 2015 at City Hall for City Council; E-SPLOST vote will be at the Gwinnett polling sites. Early Voting is underway.

D. Pledge of Allegiance – Members of Troop 1830 were present and led the Pledge

E. Approval of the Agenda

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

F. Approval of Minutes

1. **September 8, 2015 Called Meeting**
2. **September 10, 2015 Council Workshop**
3. **September 22, 2015 Council Meeting**

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

G. Special Recognition

1. Suwanee Fest Committee

Amy Doherty recognized the Suwanee Fest sponsors (12 Stone Church, Gwinnett Daily Post) and committee members and presented them a small gift for their service. Kim Towne prepared a video for audience enjoyment. City Manager, Marty Allen and Mayor Burnette expressed thanks to Amy and the team for their hard work and another successful Suwanee Fest.

H. Audience Participation

Richard Trice, 4021 McGinnis Ferry Road, Suwanee, GA, expressed concern for the length of time the Fountain at Town Center Park is activated. Mr. Trice suggests the fountain should be turned off after Suwanee Fest.

OLD BUSINESS

I. Consider Alcohol Beverage License – Vice Bar & Bistro, 45 Satellite Blvd., Suite G

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to postpone the request to the November 17, 2015 Meeting, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Consider Alcohol Beverage License – Los Barsas Mexican Grill, 360 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Suite 101B

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

K. Consider SUP 2015-005, 3034 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road

Motion to approve SUP 2015-005 with Planning Commission conditions by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

L. Consider Award of Contract for Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Landscape Project

The City has released bid packages to modify the landscape medians on Peachtree Industrial Blvd. and to take over the right-of-way maintenance. Bids were due on October 19th and staff anticipates being able to recommend a contractor for consideration at the Council meeting.

Motion to award contract to Valley Crest Landscape Management for Peachtree Industrial Boulevard Landscape Project and right-of-way maintenance in the amount of \$279,306.88 by Councilmember Goodman, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and so carried 6-0.

M. Consider Agreement with Georgia DOT for Buford Highway Right-of-Way Acquisition

The City must enter into an agreement with Georgia DOT in order to proceed with the needed right-of-way acquisition for the Buford Highway reconstruction project.

Motion to approve Agreement with Georgia DOT for Buford Highway Right-of-Way Acquisition by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

N. Consider Award of Contract to Peach State Construction Company for Brushy Creek Greenway, Phase 1

The City has received bids for construction of the Brushy Creek Greenway, Phase 1.

Staff has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding to Peach State Construction Company in an amount not to exceed \$595,222.

Motion to award a contract to Peach State Construction Company for Brushy Creek Greenway, Phase 1 by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

O. Award Contract to Allied Paving Contractors, Inc. in the Amount of \$828,208.35

The City has released bid packages for the LMIG resurfacing project, to include resurfacing of approximately 3.4 miles of City streets, as well as additional parking at Sims Lake Park. The City received three bids on this project and Allied Paving Contractors, Inc., of Pendergrass, GA, was the low bidder.

Motion to award contract to Allied Paving Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$828,208.35 for resurfacing projects by Councilmember Miller, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and so carried 6-0.

P. Approve GOHS Grant

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety has awarded Suwanee a \$10,000 grant to purchase five laser speed detection devices.

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

Q. Executive Session: None

R. Adjournment

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

Approved November 17, 2015