

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: Linnea Miller, Mayor Pro Tempore
Daniel F. Foster, Councilmember
Richard I. Goodman, Councilmember
Beth S. Hilscher, Councilmember
Doug Ireland, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor

5:30 P.M.
DINNER SESSION
BIG SPLASH ROOM

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 Pro Tempore Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and read the procedures for Public Hearings for the record.

2. Public Hearing

- a. RZ-2015-005 – REZONING OF 32.2 ACRES FROM R-100 & C-2 TO PMUD. APPLICANT: VANQUISH PROPERTY PARTNERS, LLC. LOCATION: WHITE STREET AND WHITE LANE/BUFORD HIGHWAY**

Josh Campbell, Planning & Inspections Director stated the applicant has requested the rezoning be postponed to March 22, 2016.

Mike Embry, 1105 Charleston Square, Sandy Springs, GA, spoke in support of the rezoning and stated his firm would like to delay action on this rezoning to the March 22, 2016 meeting.

b. RZ-2016-001 – REZONING OF 26.2 ACRES FROM R-100 & C-2 TO PMUD. APPLICANT: VANQUISH PROPERTY PARTNERS, LLC. LOCATION: LAND LOT 210 OF THE 7TH DISTRICT, 706 & 740 BUFORD HIGHWAY

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3. Announcements

- a. *Next Monday, February 29th, is the deadline for artists to submit proposals and samples to have their work considered for the City's month-long, award-winning **Art on a Limb** program. Through Art on a Limb, two pieces of original artwork are hidden along the Suwanee Creek Greenway or at one of the City's parks each day throughout the month of May. More information and an application are available at suwanee.com.*
- b. *Mark your calendars now for the Suwanee social event of 2016: **Guess Who's Coming to Cocktails**, hosted at Town Center next Saturday, March 5th, from 6:30 – 10:00 PM. Join the swankiest, hippest, and best dressed of Suwanee at this black-and-white, black-tie optional event in support of the Suwanee public art initiative. Party-goers can look forward to cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music, and dancing, plus an opportunity to brush elbows with mystery guests. Visit SuwaneeGuessWhosComing.com for more information and to purchase tickets.*
- c. *Kick off the North Gwinnett Baseball & Softball Association's spring season on Friday, March 11 at 6 PM at the **Suwanee Spring Fling!** This event will feature a parade of players, inflatables for jumping fun, a prize raffle, and a family-friendly movie. Visit www.ngbsa.org for more information.*
- d. *The **Suwanee American Craft Beer Fest** is back on Saturday, March 19th, for its sixth year. Come sample over 300 craft beers at Town Center Park at this award-winning festival with a reputation of being one of the biggest and best beer festivals in the South. Many participating breweries use the experience as an opportunity to debut new or rare seasonal beers at the festival, as well as brewing some specifically for the annual Brew Battle. The festival is packed with activities such as cornhole and beer pong, as well as the largest home brew competition in the area. Visit suwaneebeerfest.com to purchase tickets or follow "SuwaneeBeerFest" on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for frequent news and updates.*

- e. *The City of Suwanee is looking for designers, artists, and creative people in general to submit **logo designs for the 2016 Suwanee Fest**. The designer of the winning logo will see his or her design on official festival t-shirts and marketing posters, as well as receive a \$500 prize. The deadline for submissions is April 29. See suwaneefest.com for additional guidelines and an entry form. The theme for the 2016 festival, to be celebrated September 18 and 19, is "Super City, Super People."*
- f. *Celebrity Server Night at the North Gwinnett Co-Op on March 28, 2016, 5 pm – 8 pm at Suwanee Pizza Tavern (Suwanee) and Tannery Row (Buford).*

4. Pledge of Allegiance – Sam Loud, North Gwinnett Middle School, Troop 827

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to approve the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 5-0.

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. **January 14, 2016 Council Workshop**
- b. **January 26, 2016 Council Meeting**

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to approve the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 5-0.

7. Council Recognition

a. Police State Certification

The police department has been re-certified by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. Joe Wirthman, Chief of the Jefferson Police Department and 3rd Vice-President of the Chief's Association, presented a plaque to Chief Jones for the department and a certificate to Lt. Dan Clark for his work as CALEA Certification Manager for the City of Suwanee.

b. Employee 15-Year Anniversary – Mariza Abdeljawad, Court Services Administrator

8. Audience Participation – None

NEW BUSINESS

9. Consider RZ-2015-005

Rezoning of White Street and White Lane/Buford Highway.

Motion by Councilmember Foster to postponed to March 22, 2016, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

10. Consider RZ-2016-001

Rezoning of Land Lot 210 of the 7th District, 706 & 750 Buford Highway.

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to postponed to March 22, 2016, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

11. Arbor Day Proclamation

The City will celebrate Arbor Day on March 26. Mayor Pro Tempore Miller read the Proclamation for the record.

12. Consider Amendment to Alcohol Beverage Ordinance

Staff has prepared an amendment to the alcohol beverage ordinance to permit the sale of distilled spirits at certain City events; Guess Who's Coming to Cocktails is an example. This amendment also includes some administrative revisions recommended by staff.

Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve the Amendment to the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

13. Consider Approval of Suwanee Green Water Line Easement

This development needs an easement in order to install the water lines.

Motion to postponed to March 22, 2016 by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 5-0.

14. Executive Session: None

15. Adjournment

Approved March 22, 2016