

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Richard I. Goodman, Councilmember
Beth S. Hilscher, Councilmember
Doug Ireland, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Gregory Jay, City Attorney
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk

Absent: Linnea Miller, Mayor Pro Tempore
Dan Foster, Councilmember

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

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

B. Announcements

1. Join us this Friday, May 27th for our annual **Red, White, Bluegrass & Bach** concert to kick off the Memorial Day weekend. All eyes will be to the sky at 7:00 p.m. as the Fort Benning Silver Wings parachute into Town Center (weather permitting). The National Anthem will be performed at 7:15 p.m., followed by a classical performance by the Main Street Symphony – an adult amateur orchestra associated with Huthmakers Violins. At 8:30 p.m., bluegrass band Sideline will take the stage.
2. You have a few days left to take part in the beloved Suwanee tradition, our annual finders-keepers, month-long **Art on a Limb** program. Two pieces of original artwork are hidden each day; those who find a piece of art get to keep it. Look (and listen!) for wind chimes along the Suwanee Creek Greenway as well as Sims

Lake and White Street parks throughout the month of May. For this year's program, artist Judy Isaak fashioned clay double bell wind chimes.

3. The season of fresh produce, lovely flowers, and yummy baked goods has returned to Suwanee. Our **Farmers Market** is open at Town Center Park 8 am-noon on Saturdays through October 1.
4. We're excited to announce that the brand-new **Brushy Creek Greenway** is now open! An approximately one-half mile multi-use trail that connects Suwanee Dam Road at Delay Road to Stonecypher Road near Main Street, Brushy Creek Greenway is a combination of concrete and boardwalk following the Brushy Creek corridor. The shade, combined with shorter distance, makes the Greenway ideal for treks with younger children – particularly since it connects to PlayTown Suwanee and the library.
5. We're now accepting applications for the popular **Citizens Police Academy**. The 10-week program will next be offered on Monday evenings, June 6 – August 15, from 6:30 - 9 p.m. The academy offers classroom training and hands-on experiences in crime scene processing, traffic stops, building searches, crime prevention, and narcotics identification and provides an understanding of the day-to-day responsibilities of officers. Applications are due by Thursday, June 2 and can be downloaded at suwanee.com.
6. Councilmember Goodman invited everyone to come out to the Library to participate in the use of the new processes and technology.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Matthew Polina, Troop 827.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 4-0.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. **April 14, 2016 Council Workshop**
2. **April 26, 2016 Council Meeting**

Motion to approve the Minutes by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 4-0.

F. Council Recognition: Connie Wiggins

Mayor Burnette and City Manager, Marty Allen, recognized Ms. Wiggins for her years of service with Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, presented her a Proclamation, presented her a plaque as "A Friend of Suwanee" and declared Wednesday, May 25, 2016 as Connie Wiggins Day.

G. Consider Appointment to Public Arts Commission

The PAC recommends appointing Keith Nabb to fill one of the two vacancies on the board.

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to appoint Keith Nabb to the Public Arts Commission, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

H. Audience Participation - None

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consider Abandoning White Lane Right-of-Way

The existing right-of-way on White Lane is proposed to be abandoned in association with the recently approved development.

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to abandon White Lane Right-of-Way, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

J. Consider Approving Resolution to Refinance the Parks & Open Space Bonds

It appears there is an opportunity to refinance the City's series 2006 General Obligation bonds used for parks and open space with an outstanding balance of approximately \$12.2 million. In order to proceed, the Council must adopt a Parameter's Resolution.

Gregory Jay, City Attorney, stated Council is being asked to pass a number of items to include: Bond Ordinance, Bond Purchase Agreement and the Escrow Deposit Agreement which contains a rate lock.

Motion by Councilmember Ireland to approve the Resolution to Refinance the Parks & Open space Bonds to include the Bond Ordinance, Bond Purchase Agreement and the Escrow Deposit Agreement which contains a term sheet rate lock, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

K. Consider Award of Contract to Amaysing Services, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$61,960.00 to Construct a Pier at Sims Lake Park

The City has received bids to construct a covered pier on the lake at Sims Lake Park. Staff recommends awarding this contract to Amaysing Services, Inc. of Gainesville. This was one of the projects identified in the City's 2010 Park Enhancements study.

Motion by Councilmember Hilscher to award contract to Amaysing Services not to exceed \$61,960.00 to construct a pier at Sims Lake, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 4-0.

L. Consider Consent Agenda

1. Approve GEMA Mutual Aid Agreement

The City must renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) that establishes procedures and other

ground rules for counties and cities that help one another during natural disasters. The agreement was last executed in 2012.

2. Approve Agreement with GACP

This is an agreement with the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) to conduct a promotional assessment center for managerial positions (Corporal/Sergeant) to fill current vacancies. Funds are budgeted.

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to approve, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

M. Executive Session: None

N. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to Adjourn, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

Approved June 21, 2016