

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

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

Absent: Beth Hilscher, Councilmember

DINNER SESSION – 5:30 PM
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.

COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order and read the Procedures for Public Hearings for the record.

B. Public Hearing

1. Alcohol Beverage License – Famous Toastery

Famous Toastery is opening and has applied for a license to sell beer, wine, and distilled spirits at 1120 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Ste. 214. Ms. Carisse Moody is the applicant. The Business Services department recommends approval of the license.

Support

- Carisse Moody, 16316 Thoroughbred Trace Lane, Charlotte, North Carolina (applicant).

There was no opposition and no audience comment.

2. RZ-2017-004 – Owner: Kuang Hu Chien. Applicant: HomeSouth Communities. Rezoning from C-2 (General Commercial District) to PMUD

(Planned Mixed-Use Development) to allow for townhomes. The site is located in Land Lot 251 of the 7th District at the northwest corner of the intersection of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and Village Crest Drive and contains approximately 7.3 acres

- 3. RZ-2017-005 – Owner: Kuang Hu Chien. Applicant: HomeSouth Communities. Rezoning from C-2 (General Commercial District) to PMUD (Planned Mixed-Use Development) to allow for townhomes. The site is located in Land Lot 251 of the 7th District at the northeast corner of the intersection of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and Village Crest Drive and contains approximately 7.6 acres**

Item #2 & #3 were addressed at the same time. Josh Campbell, Planning Director, stated the Planning Commission, at the July meeting, postponed these items to the August 7, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting.

Support

- Mitch Peevy, 4480 Commerce Drive, Buford, GA. Mr. Peevy stated the applicant requests postponement of the two cases.

Opposition

- Joe Rajano, 4349 Stoneridge. Mr. Rajano addressed concerns with not having enough information regarding the rezoning. Negatives include concern of increased traffic, no amenities, impact on schools and the plan today does not look like the City of Suwanee. Mr. Rajana shared concern regarding construction changes. He stated he has spoken with the developer.
- Harry Radcliff, 800 Village Manor Place (Village Grove). Mr. Radcliff express opposition to the proposal. The proposal has high density and does not offer green space, minimal buffer zones and no amenities. Village Grove will be depressed by the change to the rear of the subdivision. He is not in agreement with on street parking. Village Grove has rear loading townhomes. This development has front loading townhomes.
- Jeff Sundermeyer, 799 Rocky Peak Drive. General concensus of community in disagreement of this proposal. 143 more homes doesn't make sense. Everyone needs to work together for a development that works.
- Helen Chang, 897 Village Manor Place. Mrs. Chang stated her house is directly impacted by the proposed development. Her back yard with quiet trees will be impacted. She stated she has lived here for 3 years and chose this area because of the excellent reputation. To develop the area in the

way proposed, afraid this will adversely impact the quality of life for the Village Grove area.

- Joe Coty, 4916 Gathering Place. Referenced email recently sent to Council referencing the Commerce Plan which shows that housing under construction is in excess of housing demand. He stated PMUD is a poor reflection of the development proposed.
- Marietta Tontillo, 502 Village Arbor Park (Village Grove). She stated agreement with the previous speakers in opposition to the proposal. She and her husband moved to Suwanee to be near her son 10 years ago. They were fortunate to find Village Grove and affordable housing. There is not a need in Suwanee for more townhomes. When she moved in the tract near them was zoned commercial and they were excited to be able to have retail shops near them. This proposal is devastating to the area.

C. Announcements

1. Join us this weekend when our annual musical theatre returns to Town Center Park with Suwanee Performing Arts' **Broadway in the Park** presentation of Disney's The Lion King JR. and opening act Madagascar - A Musical Adventure JR. The performances will take place Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29, at 7pm.

Broadway in the Park is the Suwanee Performing Arts' signature summer production performed in the park each July. Admission is free, but you should plan to arrive early to claim seats on the lawn and dine at local restaurants. Reserved premium seating, tables for sponsors, or general admission seating near the front of the stage is available. Visit suwanee.com for more details.

2. You'll enjoy our **August 4th Food Truck Friday!** Hosted by the Suwanee Youth Leaders, the theme of this Food Truck Friday is Smile Fest – things that make you smile! Food trucks open at 5:30 pm; music by Common Grounds begins at 7:00 pm. Check suwanee.com for a list of the food trucks scheduled to participate.
3. Featuring all four original band members, the Spin Doctors will bring their unique 90s sound to Suwanee as they headline the annual free **August Concert & Wing Festival** on Saturday, August 12 beginning at 5 p.m. in Town Center Park.

Two bands will open up the concert - Two Takes, New Mantra, and Wing-Eating Contest. The Spin Doctors are scheduled to take the stage at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Wings from a variety of your favorite Suwanee restaurants will be available for purchase, as well as beer and wine from onsite vendors and Town Center merchants. Alcohol must be purchased on site – bringing your own alcohol is

prohibited.

4. *We're now accepting applications for our next 10-week **Citizens Police Academy** session. This popular program strengthens the relationship between citizens and the police and offers a better understanding of the risks and responsibilities of police officers.*

The class runs for ten weeks beginning on September 18 through November 20 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Suwanee Police Substation & Training Center. Some of the classes included in this training will be Active Shooter Response, Traffic Stops, Building Searches, Crime Prevention, and Narcotics Identification. This program also includes a ride along with a Suwanee Police Officer.

Applications must be received no later than September 7 at 5:00 p.m. Contact Officer Richard Pope at 770-904-7641 for an application.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to approve the Agenda as presented by staff, second by Councilmember Miller, and so carried 5-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. **June 15, 2017 Called Meeting**
2. **June 15, 2017 Council Workshop**
3. **June 27, 2017 Council Meeting**

Motion to approve Minutes by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

G. Council Recognition

1. James Davenport

Mayor Burnette recognized James Davenport for his service to the Suwanee DDA.

H. Special Presentation: Suwanee Youth Leaders

Two SYL students (Lama Zabaab and Nick Ives) presented a mid-year report to Council.

I. Audience Participation

- Marietta Tontillo, 502 Village Arbor Park (Village Grove). Asked about the development at Suwanee Dam/Brogdon Road. Staff informed this is senior housing with memory care.
- Harry Radcliff, Who is responsible for railroad crossing at Suwanee Dam? Concerned with traffic signal timing.

- Jamie Ford, 1135 Landover Crossing, with widening of PIB @ Moore Road people are turning too soon to get to Moore Road. There have been near misses at this intersection.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Consider Alcohol Beverage License for Famous Toastery

Motion to approve Minutes by Councilmember Goodman, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland and so carried 5-0.

K. Consider RZ-2017-004 Rezoning from C-2 to PMUD at Northwest Corner of Peachtree Industrial Blvd. and Village Crest Drive

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland to POSTPONE RZ-2017-004 to the August 22, 2017 Council Meeting, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

L. Consider RZ-2017-005 Rezoning from C-2 to PMUD at Northeast Corner of Peachtree Industrial Blvd. and Village Crest Drive

Motion by Councilmember Foster to POSTPONE RZ-2017-005 to the August 22, 2017 Council Meeting, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.

M. Executive Session: None

N. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Goodman, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland and so carried 5-0.

Approved August 22, 2017