

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

*Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue, Big Splash Room*

Attendees: James M. Burnette, Mayor  
Doug Ireland, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Daniel Foster, Councilmember  
Richard I. Goodman, Councilmember  
Beth Hilscher, Councilmember  
Linnea Miller, Councilmember  
Marty Allen, City Manager  
Denise Brinson, Assistant City Manager  
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk  
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

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**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 at 6:32 P.M., and read the procedures for Public Hearings for the record.

**B. Public Hearing**

- 1. RZ 2017-008 – Owner: Halifax Enterprises, LLC. Applicant: Corridor Development, Inc. The applicant requests a rezoning from C-2 (General Commercial) to RM-8 (Residential Multi-Family Duplex District) to allow for townhomes. The site is located in Land Lot 237 of the 7th District at 760 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and contains approximately 6.1 acres**

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, presented the staff analysis as follows: This case has been on the agenda since August. The Applicant desires to rezone the property to RM-8 to allow for 49 townhomes. Staff and the Planning Commission recommends approval with conditions. Mr. Campbell stated if

Council desires to approve this request it is recommended use of conditions dated 11/9/2017.

**Support:**

Shaun Adams, Anderson, Tate & Carr, 1960 Satellite Boulevard, Duluth, GA. The applicant requests approval to develop a small townhome community. The community will include greenspace and sidewalks to create a main street charm. The development will serve as a transitional development and create interparcel connectivity. Right in – right out access proposed in compliance with 2030 Comprehensive Plan and connectivity between Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and Eva Kennedy Road. Landscaping to enhance entry point.

Councilmember Foster inquired about easements along Peachtree Industrial Boulevard for landscape and sidewalks.

Mr. Matt Retter, 246 North Perry Street, Lawrenceville, stated approximately 42 feet of width with approximately 8 feet behind the curb line is owned by the applicant.

**Opposition:** None

**2. Alcohol Beverage License – Sabores Mexico Bar & Grill**

Sabores Mexico Bar & Grill, located at 3255 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite T, has applied for a new licensee to serve beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Ms. Johanna Sanchez is the licensee. The Business Services department recommends approval.

The applicant, Johanna Sanchez, 2556 Union Church Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281, was present.

There being no additional items, Mayor Burnette called the Public Hearing closed.

**C. Announcements**

1. Applications for the 2018 **Suwanee Youth Leaders** (SYL) program, an eight-month City of Suwanee leadership program for high school sophomores and juniors, are being accepted through December 1. Applications are available through schools and at suwanee.com. Now in its fifth year, the award-winning SYL program 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. For more information, contact Adam Edge at City Hall.
2. The next **Winter Farmer's Market** will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 9-11 a.m. Stop by and enjoy fresh local winter produce, such as lettuces, greens, potatoes, carrots, Brussels sprouts, baked goods, and a variety of other delicious,

local flavors.

3. Snap – and share – your photos of the Suwanee community through the City's annual **Snap Suwanee photo competition**. Photos submitted to the competition should represent the Suwanee community in some way and ideally be taken within the City of Suwanee limits. Winning photographs will be exhibited, beginning in March 2018, for an approximately one-year period at City Hall. The winning photos from the 2017 competition are currently on display on the first-floor lobby of City Hall. For more information, visit [Suwanee.com](http://Suwanee.com).
4. Applications are now being accepted for community events to be hosted at City of Suwanee parks during 2018. The deadline for applications is November 30. Applications and guidelines are available on the **What's New/Events** page on [Suwanee.com](http://Suwanee.com).
5. 'Tis the Season in Suwanee! Santa Claus is coming to town on Friday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. for Suwanee's annual **Jolly Holly Day celebration at Town Center Park!** Santa will light Suwanee's Christmas tree, listen to wishes, and take photos with all the good girls and boys. Choruses from the local elementary schools will perform some of the season's favorite tunes, while performers from Sounds of Suwanee and Royal Dance Academy also will serve up some jammin' jingles. Santa Claus will magically arrive at the beginning of the holiday event and then will meet with children and families while performances continue onstage. Parents, be sure to bring cameras or phones to snap your own complimentary photos. Free hot chocolate, cookies, s'mores, and holiday crafts will be available while supplies last.

#### **D. Pledge of Allegiance – Troop 846**

#### **E. Approval of the Agenda**

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

#### **F. Approval of Minutes**

1. **October 12, 2017 Called Meeting**
2. **October 12, 2017 Council Workshop**
3. **October 24, 2017 Council Meeting**

*Motion to approve the Minutes by Councilmember Goodman, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland and so carried 6-0.*

#### **G. Council Recognition**

1. **Roger and Brittany Grant**

Jessica Roth and Mayor Burnette recognized Roger and Brittany Grant for their service to the City of Suwanee for the Harvest Farm Orchard at White Street Park.

**2. Suwanee Police Corporal Devin Snapp and Corporal Clinton Latham**

Chief Jones and Mayor Burnette recognized the 2 new Corporals.

**3. Suwanee Youth Leaders**

Adam Edge, Denise Brinson and Mayor Burnette recognized the 2018 Suwanee Youth Leaders graduating class.

**H. Audience Participation - None.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**I. Consider RZ 2017-008 – Rezoning from C-2 to RM-8 at 760 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and contains approximately 6.1 acres**

*Motion to approve RZ 2017-008 with conditions dated 11/9/2017 by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland, second by Councilmember Foster.* Councilmember Hilscher stated for the record, the project is very well proposed and has a good architectural aspect, but she does not see how it fits in the location. *The motion carried 4-2 (Councilmember Hilscher and Councilmember Goodman voted against the rezoning).*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**J. Consider Alcohol Beverage License – Sabores Mexico Bar & Grill**

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland and so carries 6-0.*

**K. Consider Norfolk Southern Lease Amendment**

Norfolk Southern Railway Company has proposed the first amendment since the lease agreement was executed in March, 2012.

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

**L. Consider 2018 Council Meeting Schedule**

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

**M. Executive Session: No Executive Session**

**N. Adjournment**

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

**Approved December 12, 2017**