

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
April 1, 2014

PLANNING AND ZONING MEMBERS: Present: Larry Pettiford, Anthony Manners, Sharu Rajgiri and Elizabeth Sawicki. Staff members present: Josh Campbell, Matt Dickison and MaryAnn Jackson. Absent: Pete Charpentier.

CALL TO ORDER

Larry Pettiford called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Anthony Manners moved to approve the agenda, second by Elizabeth Sawicki. Motion carried 4-0.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: November 5, 2013

Anthony Manners moved to approve the March 4, 2014, second by Elizabeth Sawicki. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

AMD-2014-001 – A proposed amendment to the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance including Article III Definitions, Article V Zoning District Development and Use Regulations, and Article XXI Amendments in order to create a new zoning district for governmental uses and definitions as well as amending the procedures for city initiated rezonings.

Josh Campbell presented the staff report as follows: This is an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to accomplish two things. The first thing is to create the Government Use District. The purpose of the Government Use District is to better illustrate parcels in the city that are devoted to governmental uses. The rezonings of these properties would be done at a later date. Part two of this amendment is amending the procedures for advertising a City initiated rezoning. When there is a rezoning in the City, whether it is City initiated or private, there are three things that have to be done. A legal ad must be submitted to the Gwinnett Daily Post, a sign is posted on the property and letters are sent to adjoining property owners. The proposed amendment would eliminate the requirement for posting the sign and sending letters. This would make our Ordinance consistent with requirements of State Law.

Elizabeth Sawicki asked if advertising in the Gwinnett Daily Post is adequate notification. Josh Campbell explained that The City of Suwanee is meeting State requirements by advertising in the Gwinnett Daily Post.

Larry Pettiford asked about religious institutions in Section 514 of the Amendment. Josh Campbell said that religious institutions are community facilities.

Discussion ensued amongst the Planning Commission and Staff regarding advertising and notifications.

Anthony Manners moved to approve the April 1, 2014 draft of AMD-2014-001, second by Elizabeth Sawicki. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Atlanta is hosting the American Planning Association Conference this year. Attendees will be touring Town Center Park on April 28th as part of a mobile workshop hosted by the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Elizabeth Sawicki moved to adjourn at 7:04 pm.