

**MINUTES  
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
JUNE 1, 2010**

**PLANNING AND ZONING MEMBERS:** Present: Anthony Manners, Larry Pettiford and Joy Mitchell. Staff members present: Josh Campbell, Matt Dickison and MaryAnn Jackson. Absent: Jodi Nevels and Pete Charpentier

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Anthony Manners called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Joy Mitchell moved to adopt the June 1, 2010 agenda as presented, second by Larry Pettiford. Motion carried 3-0.*

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: April 13, 2010**

*Larry Pettiford moved to approve the April 13, 2010 minutes with correction, second by Joy Mitchell. Motion carried 3-0.*

**PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC MEETING**

Anthony Manners read the procedures for the Public Meeting for the record.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

RZ-2010-003– Applicant/Owner: City of Suwanee. Requests a rezoning from C-2 (General Commercial District) to M-1 (Light Industrial District) to allow for expansion of a legal nonconforming telecommunications tower. The site is located at 3185 Smithtown Town Road and contains approximately 0.47 acres.

Josh Campbell presented the staff analysis as follows: This is a request to rezone the subject property from R-100 to R-140 to allow for a community garden with accessory livestock. This is a City initiated rezoning. The City of Suwanee is developing Harvest Farm at White Street Park. The plan for the park, which is located on Buford Highway and White Street, north of McGinnis Ferry Road, is to include a community garden, trails and livestock. Subsequently, someone has offered to donate three chickens to the community garden.

The surrounding area is zoned primarily residential. The properties across the street are zoned C-2, O-I and residential. The community garden property, as recently as 2003, was previously used for keeping livestock.

This rezoning request is consistent with the vision of The 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Staff is proposing to rezone the property to R-140 with conditions.

Joy Mitchell asked Josh Campbell where the chickens will be housed. Josh Campbell explained that the chickens will be kept closer to Buford Highway.

Anthony Manners asked who is absorbing the cost of rehabilitating the barn. Josh Campbell stated that the City of Suwanee paid for rehabilitating the barn. The barn will be used for educating citizens on gardening and farming and will contain restrooms. There will also be an office for a garden manager.

Anthony Manners asked who will be responsible for the day to day upkeep of the livestock. Josh Campbell indicated there is a board of about 7 people who will manage the garden. The gardeners will cover the expense of the livestock. The garden should cover its own operation. The City of Suwanee's investment was in the capital infrastructure.

Josh Campbell informed the Planning Commission that Farm Manager, Rosalie Tubre, has acquired a grant for a children's plot.

Anthony Manners called for opposition. There was none.

*Joy Mitchell moved to approve RZ-2010-003 with conditions, second by Larry Pettiford. Motion carried 3-0.*

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Larry Pettiford moved to adjourn at 7:01 pm.*