



AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017
5:30 PM

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

A. Staff Updates - The following items are not planned for discussion at the workshop, unless specifically requested by Council.

1. Surplus Sale

Staff has scheduled a surplus sale. Approval of the itemized list will be included on the March 28 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

2. Gwinnett Area Disc Golf League

The City is partnering with Gwinnett County to form the Gwinnett Area Disc Golf League. The organization will offer members 16 weeks of league play and tournaments on the four disc golf courses located in Gwinnett, including Suwanee Creek Park.

3. SculpTour 2017-2019

The 2015/17 SculpTour exhibit will be coming down the last week of March. The fifth exhibit (2017/19) will be installed the first week of May and will include 20 pieces (18 new and 2 returning pieces). The official public "unveiling" will take place on Saturday, May 20th and will include art tours and a performance of "Memphis" by the Aurora Theater. Sponsorship tables will be available for purchase.

4. Resurfacing Projects

The resurfacing projects, approved for contract at the January Council meeting, are

substantially underway.

5. Martin Farm Road Bridge Rehabilitation

6. Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Ordinance

Staff recommends amending the City Code related to soil erosion, sedimentation, and pollution control to comply with the revised Georgia Code and retain our Local Issuing Authority. Consideration of this amendment will be included on the March 28 regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

B. CIP Updates

Staff will provide a current update on the following projects during the workshop.

1. Buford Highway

2. Smithtown Road Sidewalks

3. I-85 Fence

C. Suwanee Gateway Sign Package Amendment

Parkway Capital, LLC has requested that the City approve a modification to the billboard located along I-85 at the Terraces at Suwanee Gateway. Consideration of this request will be included on the March 28 regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

D. Building Code, Chapter I

The State through DCA (Department of Community Affairs) requires jurisdictions to adopt certain building codes. Those codes are automatically updated by the State every three years. However, local jurisdictions are empowered to adopt local amendments to these codes. Staff has developed Chapter I for these codes. This chapter addresses how the City administers the codes locally and would clarify code enforcement.

E. Multi-Family Inspection Program

The City is exploring 2 potential approaches to code enforcement for our aging multi-family developments. One approach would involve adopting an ordinance that would require multi-family complexes to hire third party inspectors to certify 20 percent of the complex meets International Property Maintenance Code prior to issuance of a business license each year. The other approach would involve the City hiring inspectors to conduct inspections of one multi-family complex per year in order to identify code issues, and then working with the complex to address those code issues. Some communities use both, while others just use one.

F. Amendment to concept plan for RZ-2015-001/RZ-2016-004

The developer for the project proposes to amend the concept plan for these 2 related rezoning cases. The changes are centered around the configuration of the road that serves the townhome portion of the project and the arrangement of the townhomes. The revised concept plan will be provided when it is received.

G. 2040 Comp Plan Update

The City is getting ready to kick off a major update of the Comprehensive Plan. Staff will be meeting with consultants this week and will update Council about these discussions.

H. Exterior Commercial Lighting

This item was briefly discussed at the retreat and Council indicated that they would like to have the discussion with input from the City Attorney. Gregory Jay has been briefed on those discussions and will be prepared to discuss the topic at the workshop.

I. White Street Park Sewer and Storm Easement

Staff will discuss some easements that are necessary for the adjoining development.

J. Discuss Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals

K. Capital Project Funding

Staff will share some updates from the retreat discussion on capital funding.

L. Park and Alcohol Ordinance Changes

Continued discussion of the retreat topic concerning beer/wine consumption at Town Center Park.

M. Bluegrass Barn

The Everett Music Barn (a.k.a. The Bluegrass Barn) is known regionally as an entertainment venue and has been in existence for 53+ years. Because of the unique history, longevity of its existence, and positive impact on the community, the City may want to consider making it an official "cultural asset" of the City. If Council agrees in concept, staff will research the idea and develop a proposal for possible implementation.

N. Short Term Work Program

Staff will present the draft STWP, developed at last month's Council retreat. Approval of the program will be included in the March 28 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

O. Update on Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities

Council-led discussion.

P. City Manager's Report

i. Special Recognition Options for the Council Meeting

ii. Minutes for Approval

1. February 9, 2017 Council Workshop

2. February 28, 2017 Council Meeting