



AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

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

A. Public Art Master Plan

Consulting team Todd Bressi and Meridith McKinley will give a briefing on the process.

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

1. 3rd Quarter FY 15 Budget Adjustments

Staff has prepared the recommended 3rd quarter budget adjustments. Approval of the adjustments will be included on the March 24 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

2. Floodplain Management/Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Staff recommends amending the Code of Ordinances related to floodplain management and flood damage prevention. Approval of the amendments will be included on the March 24 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

3. Gwinnett County Election Equipment

The City plans to borrow Gwinnett County's election equipment for the November 3, 2015 municipal election. This requires the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County. Approval of the agreement will be included on the March 24 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

4. Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful Pledge

Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful will soon be launching their annual "Take the Pledge" campaign. Similar to past years, they have asked for the City's support. A proclamation will be included on a future agenda.

C. PIB Medians

Landscape architect Mack Cain has evaluated the current conditions of the medians and will discuss his recommendations.

D. CIP Updates

Staff will provide an update on current projects at the workshop.

1. Buford Highway Reconstruction

2. Brushy Creek Trail Project

Preliminary Engineering for the Brushy Creek Trail is complete. The next step in the process is to enter into a contract for funding with the Georgia Department of Transportation. The funding status for the project has not changed, but completing this step will move the project one step closer to being “shovel ready.” Approval of the agreement will be included on the March 24 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

3. Suwanee Creek Greenway Maintenance Project

Staff has released bids again for a maintenance project to replace boards on the Greenway and expects to be able to recommend a contractor by the Council meeting. Consideration of the contract will be included on the March 24 regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

4. Municipal Court HVAC Project

Staff has released bids for an HVAC project in the Court building. Bids are due on March 10 and staff will provide an update at the workshop. Approval of the contract will be included on the March 24 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

E. Master Plan Updates

Staff will provide updates on the following projects:

1. Downtown Master Plan

2. Comprehensive Plan Annual Update

Staff has prepared the annual update to the Comprehensive Plan, which is included for review and comment. There are no new major elements to report. Approval of the update will be included on the March 24 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

F. SUP-2015-003 – Owner: 1495 Buford Highway Associates, LLC. Applicant: Karina Miller. The applicant requests a special use permit to allow for outdoor boarding. The site is located at 1495 Buford Highway and contains approximately 1.36 acres.

This item will be included on the March 24 public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

G. Village Grove On-Street Parking

A developer is proposing to construct 12 homes along Village Grove Drive. The property was rezoned last year per RZ-2014-009 with a condition of zoning that required the property owner to petition for regulation of on-street parking along Village Grove Drive. The property owner/developer has completed the required application and petition. A public hearing will be held on March 24th in order to allow for Council to hear any concerns about on street parking along Village Grove Drive. Council will have the option to adopt or not adopt parking regulations along this section of road.

H. Lawrenceville Suwanee Road Billboard

There is an existing billboard located on City property along Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, near the bridge that crosses over the Suwanee Creek Greenway. The lease has expired and the billboard owner needs to perform some safety upgrades to the billboard and needs a temporary access easement from the City. Staff will discuss

a few options for responding.

I. City Hall Lawn Proposed Rules

During a workshop last year, staff brought it to Council's attention that a resident in Shawdowbrook was concerned about "ball play" in the large lawn behind City Hall. Through the ensuing discussion that occurred, there was consensus that informal ball play would be acceptable in this park. Staff has prepared a recommended set of administrative rules for the lawn area behind City Hall that allow for ball play.

J. Special Event Alcohol Permit in Town Center

There are several informal activities that take place in Town Center on Tuesday evenings. Staff would like to discuss potential options for allowing alcohol to be served on Tuesday evenings during events season.

K. Update on Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities

Council-led discussion.

L. City Manager's Report

i. Special Recognition Options for the Council Meeting

ii. Minutes for Approval

1. February 12, 2015 Council Workshop

2. February 24, 2015 Council Meeting