



AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015
5:30 PM

Note: As set forth in the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Suwanee does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to or treatment or employment in its programs or activities. Elvira Rogers has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements contained in Section 35.107 of the Department of Justice Regulations. Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the rights provided thereunder, is available from the ADA coordinator.

The City of Suwanee will assist citizens with special needs given proper notice. Any requests for reasonable accommodations required by individuals to fully participate in any open meeting, program or activity of the City of Suwanee should be directed to Elvira Rogers, 330 Town Center Avenue, Suwanee Georgia 30024, 770-945-8996.

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

A. Police Quarterly Report

Chief Jones will present his department's quarterly report.

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

1. Public Art Fundraiser/Event

A fundraiser for Suwanee's public art initiative is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2016. It is being organized by a volunteer committee and sponsored by the Suwanee Public Arts Commission (PAC). More detailed information will be provided at the August workshop.

2. Hazard Mitigation Plan

In order to remain eligible for FEMA grant funding, Gwinnett County must update its Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years. The cities are included in the County's plan. Approval of the revised plan will be included on the July 28th consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

C. CIP Updates

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

1. Buford Highway

2. Brushy Creek Greenway

3. Suwanee Dam Road and PIB Sidewalks

4. Smithtown Road Sidewalks

5. White Street Park Orchard

D. Master Plan Updates

Staff will provide updates on the following projects:

1. Downtown Master Plan

The plan is scheduled for consideration by the Council on the July 28th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise. The City's consultant, TSW, will briefly present the process and final plan during the Council meeting.

2. Public Art Master Plan

The plan is tentatively scheduled to be presented/adopted at the August 25th Council meeting. Todd Bressi will plan to present the plan to Council prior to the dinner session on August 25th (4:30–5:30 p.m.). Staff will plan to give an overview at the August workshop, along with distributing a final written draft of the plan.

E. Radar Signs on Suwanee Station Boulevard

Staff recommends installing two radar signs on Suwanee Station Boulevard. Funding for these signs was included in the CIP and approved in the FY 2016 budget. Approval of this installation will be included on the July 28th consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

F. NGAA Agreement

Staff will present a proposal for an agreement between the City and North Gwinnett Arts Association. Approval of this agreement will be included on the July 28th consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

G. ARC Public Art Program

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has announced a new public art program which, through a grant process, will provide matching funds to help communities install public art. Staff proposes submitting an application that centers on the "LIVES" piece of steel from the demolished Gwinnett County water tower that the City possesses. The application deadline is August 3, 2015 and must include confirmation of the matching funds. Staff requests that the City provide a \$15,000 match. While it's possible that sponsorships may be obtained, the application requires a firm commitment at the time of application. Consideration of the application will be included on the July 28th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

H. 2015 Millage Rate

We have received our 2015 tax consolidation information from Gwinnett County. After analyzing the data provided from Gwinnett County, staff recommends a proposed millage rate of 4.93 mills, the same proposed millage rate used in the adopted FY 2016 budget and the same millage rate as the past three years. In accordance with state law, three public hearings have been scheduled on the proposed millage rate:

- Thursday, August 13, 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, August 25, 12:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 pm

Consideration of the proposed millage rate will be included on the August 25th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

I. Land Transfer to DDA

The City acquired a 2.9-acre tract of land on Buford Highway, adjacent to Town Center, in 2010. The City released an RFP in June seeking options for private redevelopment. Three developers submitted proposals, which are currently being evaluated by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). In accordance with state law, staff recommends transferring this land to the DDA to pursue redevelopment. Consideration of this transfer will be included on the July 28th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

J. Planning Commission Vacancy

Two residents have submitted applications for the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. One previously interviewed applicant also remains interested. Staff will schedule interviews for the two new applicants to begin at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 28. Consideration of the appointment will be included on the July 28th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

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. June 11, 2015 Called Meeting**
- 2. June 23, 2015 Council Workshop**
- 3. June 23, 2015 Council Meeting**