



AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING & WORKSHOP **THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015** **5:30 P.M.**

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Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

CALLED MEETING **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. Call to Order

2. Public Hearing – 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. This is the first of the three hearings.

Additional public hearings will be held on:

- *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.

3. Adjournment

WORKSHOP
BIG SPLASH ROOM

A. DDA Report

The DDA will present their semi-annual report to Council.

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

1. Municipal Court Language Court

The Court held its first “language court” on July 30th. The goal of this program is to provide enhanced customer service and interpretation services for defendants who do not speak English. 10 defendants used the interpretation services provided. Interpretation was provided in Spanish and Korean languages. Additionally, we had required forms translated to Spanish (other languages are being evaluated for translation). The next language court is scheduled for September 24.

2. Business License Renewals

The renewal season for the 2015 business licenses is substantially complete. The City issued 1,360 licenses, with 1,089 of those to commercial businesses and 271 to home businesses. There are an additional 355 licenses for insurance agents. There are 138 new businesses for 2015, with 60 closures, resulting in a positive gain. \$1,042,822.89 was collected in FY 2015 for business licenses.

17 businesses have not completed their renewals, as of August 5, and have received a summons to Municipal Court.

There are approximately 11,859 people employed by Suwanee businesses. The top five employers are:

Southeastern Freight: 402 employees

Meggitt Training Systems: 298 employees

Wal-Mart: 288 employees

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company: 230 employees

Kroger: 182 employees

3. Downtown Master Plan

The Downtown Master Plan has been transmitted to the Atlanta Regional Commission for comment. Assuming they have no requested changes, it will be ready for adoption by Council on the August 25th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

4. PAC Consulting Services for Developer Contacts

Staff proposes enlisting the services of a public art consultant or landscape architect to work one-on-one with the developers who come before the PAC. The PAC has agreed to move forward with this change.

C. CIP Updates

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

- 1. Buford Highway**
- 2. Brushy Creek Greenway**
- 3. Sidewalk Projects**
- 4. Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road Bridge Fencing**

D. Public Art Master Plan

Staff will update Council on status and give highlights of the plan. The final draft is expected to be completed the week of August 17th. Todd Bressi will give a presentation to Council on August 25th at 4 p.m. This will be a joint meeting with the Public Art Master Plan Advisory Committee. Todd will also give a brief presentation to the public at the Council meeting. Adoption of the plan will be included on the August 25th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

E. Economic Indicators Report

Staff will review the report for 2nd quarter 2015.

F. RZ 2015-001

The City of Suwanee is initiating a rezoning from M-1 (Light Industry District) and PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development District) to PMUD with conditions to allow for mixed-use development including multi-family and commercial uses. The tracts are located in Land Lot 236 of the 7th District on the southeast corner of Buford Highway and Chicago Street and contain approximately 4.87 acres.

This item will be included on the August 25th public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

G. Sister City Policy

Staff has researched options for establishing “Sister City” relationships and will discuss this at the workshop.

H. NGAA Agreement

Staff presented a proposal for an agreement between the City and North Gwinnett Arts Association at the July workshop. Staff will update Council on the status.

I. Delay Park

Discuss approaches and options concerning concept planning the site as a park.

J. Parking Consultant

Staff would like to discuss engaging a consultant to analyze and assist with parking

recommendations around Town Center.

K. Council Retreat

It is time to begin planning the 2016 Council retreat. Staff would like to discuss options for this.

L. Planning Commission Vacancy

There is a vacant seat on the Planning Commission. Council interviewed applicants on July 28. Consideration of the appointment will be included on the August 25th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

M. Update on Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities

Council-led discussion.

N. City Manager's Report

- i. Special Recognition Options for the Council Meeting**
- ii. Minutes for Approval**
 - 1. July 16, 2015 Council Workshop**
 - 2. July 28, 2015 Council Meeting**