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**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2014**  
**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 on 2014 Millage Rate**

*The City has received the 2014 tax consolidation information from Gwinnett County. After analyzing the data provided by the County, staff recommends a proposed millage rate of 4.93 mills. This is the same proposed millage rate used in the adopted FY 2015 budget and is also the same millage rate as the past two years. A second public hearing will be held during the August 26<sup>th</sup> public hearing, with the Council to consider adopting the rate during the same meeting.*

**3. Adjournment**

**WORKSHOP**  
**BIG SPLASH ROOM**

**A. Zoning Board of Appeals Report**

*The Zoning Board of Appeals will present its annual report to Council.*

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

**I. Eva Kennedy Road Waterline Project**

*This project is substantially complete and the new water line is in service.*

**2. Employee & Applicant Medical Services**

*The City solicited competitive proposals to provide medical examinations, drug screening, blood lead testing, and other miscellaneous job related medical screenings for employees and applicants. The review committee recommends renewing this contract with Premier Immediate Care. Approval of this will be included on the August 26<sup>th</sup> consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.*

**3. Amendment to Retirement Plan for Employees on Military Leave**

*Staff recommends amending the City's defined benefit plan in order to provide additional time for an employee to make up employee contributions that were missed due to ordered military leave. Our Pension Attorney has reviewed the agreement and finds it to be in order. Approval of this amendment will be included on the August 26<sup>th</sup> consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.*

**4. Historic Properties Sign Project**

*Staff is in the process of getting bids for individual signs for historic properties in the Old Town area. A letter and companion information will be sent to property owners in late August. The process will likely include obtaining easements from the property owners to install the signs on their property. Overall, the project should be completed by the end of this calendar year.*

**5. Decorative Street Banners**

*Staff has received six bids to install banners highlighting the new City logo. The primary locations for display will be Town Center, Main Street, and Suwanee Gateway. Staff anticipates they will be installed early 2015 (after the holiday season décor has come down).*

**C. CIP Updates**

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

**1. Buford Highway Reconstruction**

**2. Brushy Creek Greenway**

**3. Street Resurfacing**

*Staff has released a bid to resurface approximately 2.14 miles of streets under the 2014 LMIG program. Staff anticipates being able to recommend a contractor at the workshop. Consideration of the contract will be included on the August 26<sup>th</sup> regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.*

**D. Downtown Suwanee Master Plan Update**

*Staff will provide an update on this FY 15 project at the workshop.*

**E. Economic Indicators Report**

*Staff will provide an overview at the workshop.*

**F. Wayfinding Signage**

*The City received ten bids for Phase I of the Wayfinding Master Plan. Phase I will include the fabrication and installation of up to 25 signs, including 19 vehicular wayfinding signs located at six major intersections. Staff is currently negotiating with the apparent low bidder and anticipates that a contract will be ready for consideration on the August 26<sup>th</sup> regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise. Staff will provide an update on the negotiations at the workshop.*

**G. Municipal Court Transition**

*Staff will provide a status update of the transition in court.*

**H. City/County Joint SPLOST Projects**

*The City and County will enter into an agreement concerning the County's 81% match for City transportation SPLOST projects. An agreement is being drafted now and will be forwarded for adoption on the August 26<sup>th</sup> consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.*

**I. Project Management Services**

*Staff recommends engaging Moreland Altobelli again to provide professional project management services for the City's capital projects. Staff will be meeting with Moreland Altobelli early in the week and will provide an update at the workshop.*

**J. Alcohol Beverage License Request: Que's Restaurant & Bar**

*Que's Restaurant & Bar is seeking a license for the on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits at 1300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. The original application from corporate president Sandra Gardener was denied in June. A new application was submitted for this restaurant by Ms. Amanda Blackmon in July. Her application was denied at the July 22 meeting, as she did not have a financial interest in the business. The business has been restructured to make Ms. Blackmon the majority shareholder and Ms. Blackmon has submitted a new application.*

**K. Weapon Discharge in Parks**

*In response to HB 60, staff recommends amending Chapter 42, Article II of the Code of Ordinances (Regulation of Parks) to prohibit the discharge of any weapon in a park or recreation facility. Consideration of this amendment will be included on the August 26<sup>th</sup> regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.*

**L. Update on Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities**

*Council-led discussion.*

**M. City Manager's Report**

**i. Special Recognition Options for the Council Meeting**

**ii. Minutes for Approval**

**1. July 10, 2014 Council Workshop**

**2. July 22, 2014 Council Meeting**