



AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING & WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014

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

5:30 PM
CALLED MEETING

1. Call to Order

2. Executive Session – Personnel

Chief Judge Mark Lewis has recently resigned from the Municipal Court. Council needs to appoint a new Chief Judge.

3. Adjournment

6:30 PM
WORKSHOP

A. Municipal Court Report

Chief Prosecutor Elizabeth Reisner will present the semi-annual report.

B. Police Quarterly Report

Chief Jones will present his department's quarterly report.

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

1. Alcohol Beverage License Request: Movie Tavern, 2855 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road *Movie Tavern has applied for a new licensee, Mr. Nathan Harden. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval. Consideration of this application will be included on the October 28 public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.*

2. Historic Registry Signage

As of October 6, staff has received 13 commitments from property owners who are interested in having historic signage installed on their respective properties. The deadline to apply is Friday, October 10.

Staff anticipates that the initial group of signs will be installed mid-November and there will be opportunities for others who want to participate in the future.

3. Public Art Master Plan

The Request for Proposals for the Public Art Master Plan was distributed to approximately 40 consulting firms and influential groups in the area of public art and is also available on several public art listserves. A selection team consisting of two Councilmembers, two PAC members, and two staff members will review the received proposals and hopes to make a recommendation of award by December or January.

4. 2015 Event Schedule

Staff is currently accepting applications for the 2015 event calendar through December 10, 2014. There are several events which will occur early in the season that need pre-approval:

- January 10 – North Gwinnett High School Soccer Sprint (sponsored by the NGHS Soccer Booster Club)
- January 31 – Suwanee Gateway Half Marathon (previously approved)
- February 14 – Suwanee’s Sweetheart Sprint (sponsored by the Buford/North Gwinnett Rotary Club)
- March 14 – Suwanee Kiwanis Shamrock 5K Run
- March 14 – Suwanee American Craft Beer Fest
- March 21 – Georgia SPCA Run for the Rescues 5K
- March 28 – Spring into Color 5K Dash (sponsored by Georgia Green Industry)

5. Video Productions

Staff is working with a local video production firm to complete four promotional videos:

- Suwanee Fest (to be completed first quarter 2015; target audiences are vendors, sponsors, and attendees)
- 10th Anniversary of Suwanee’s Concert Venue (to be completed fourth quarter 2014; will be placed on website home page and used in selected advertising opportunities)
- 15-30 Second Ad Campaign Video (to be completed fourth quarter 2014; to be used in selected advertising opportunities; may also use, as appropriate, in social media; will be a simple video, primarily music and photos, using “Get your FUN on” theme)
- Suwanee Youth Leaders (to be completed end of October 2014; target audience is potential SYL students, but primarily for parents of PRHS and NGHS as a general exposure piece)

6. Downtown Suwanee Master Plan

The City received four submittals from consultants in response to an RFQ for the update to the Downtown Suwanee Master Plan. An interview committee consisting of City Council members and staff will interview each consultant on Thursday, October 23. The committee anticipates recommending a consultant for selection on the October 28th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

D. CIP Updates

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

1. Buford Highway Reconstruction

2. Resurfacing Projects

3. Historic Cemeteries

- E. RZ 2014-007 - The applicant requests a rezoning from R-100 and R-140 to PMUD to allow for a planned mixed use development of single family attached and detached units. The site is located in Land Lot 211 of the 7th District on the east side of Martin Farm Road and contains 31.39 acres.**

Staff recommends approval with conditions and the Planning Commission recommends denial.

- F. RZ 2014-008 - The applicant requests a rezoning from C-2 and C-2A to RM-8 to allow for a multi-family residential development. The site is located in Land Lots 169 and 170 of the 7th District along Sawmill Drive near Lawrenceville Suwanee Road and contains approximately 29.29 acres.**

Staff and Planning Commission both recommend denial.

- G. RZ-2014-009 – The applicant requests a rezoning from PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development) to PMUD to modify the conditions of zoning to allow for single family homes. The site is located at the corner of Suwanee Dam Road and Village Grove Drive and contains approximately 1.92 acres.**

Staff and Planning Commission both recommend approval with conditions.

H. Sunview Court De-Annexation

When North Gwinnett High School was legislatively annexed into the City earlier this year, three residential lots were unintentionally included in this annexation. Staff has contacted the property owners of these three parcels and two of them have submitted an application to de-annex. Staff recommends approval of these applications. Consideration of this will be included on the October 28 public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

I. Electric Vehicle Charging Grant

Staff has identified a possible grant that may be appropriate to help construct a charging station in Town Center for electric vehicles.

J. Park Rules

Park usage has changed in the ten years since the overall park rules were adopted. Staff recommends evaluating the current rules to confirm that they are still applicable and appropriate.

K. SculpTour

Staff will distribute and discuss the new sponsor brochure for SculpTour. Ideally, the sponsorships for the 2015-2017 exhibit should be in place by February 2015.

L. Board Appointments

At the end of this year, the appointments to the Planning Commission for Anthony Manners and Pete Charpentier will expire, along with the appointments to the ZBA for Scott Auer and Carolyn Harvey. Staff requests direction from Council regarding the appointment process for this year.

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. September 11, 2014 Council Workshop

2. September 23, 2014 Council Meeting