

AGENDA
CITY OF SUWANEЕ, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013
5:30 P.M.

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

A. Harvest Farm Managing Board

Chair Kim Thompson will provide the semi-annual report to Council.

B. Municipal Court

Judge Lewis will provide the semi-annual report to Council.

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

1. Radar Signs

The two radar signs on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard (one northeast bound and one southwest bound) were installed in early April. The units are currently in the phases for testing and gathering data. It is anticipated they will be fully operational by the end of the month.

2. Historic Registry

As part of the Historic Registry application process, staff members from the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources will hold a public information meeting regarding the proposed district in Old Town. The meeting will take place at City Hall on April 18 at 6 p.m. Residents and property owners in the district, City Council members, and DDA members are encouraged to attend. The DDA completed the application October 2012 and it will be presented in August 2013 to the Georgia Register National Review Board.

3. SculpTour

The 2012-2013 SculpTour pieces have been removed and the new 2013-2015 pieces will go up the first week of May in time for the official launch during "Arts in the Park" on May 18. Two pieces from the 2012-2013 Tour are being purchased by the PAC: "Wind Sculpture Weathervane" by Al Garnto as the "people's choice" and "Audubon Watcher" by Jim Collins. Both pieces are proposed to be relocated to Sims Lake Park.

Additionally, \$3,000 in prize money is being given to the artists representing the following pieces: "Oracle" by Aaron Hussey, "Smoke" by Marc Moulton, "Winged Glory" by Jack Howard-Potter, "Wallwalker" by Jack Howard-Potter, "Pilgrim" by Charlie Brouwer, and "Swept" by Marc Moulton.

Finally, Scott and Debbie Dovel have made a donation to purchase "Pilgrim" by artist Charlie Brouwer.

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"Pilgrim" is currently located in front of the Suwanee library. Library officials have agreed to have it remain there and as part of the permanent pieces displayed for Sculptour.

4. City Logo Redesign

The City received 28 responses to the Request for Qualifications to redesign the City logo. Six firms were chosen to present design concepts. A staff group will be meeting with the six firms in early May and making a final recommendation to Council at the May Workshop. Once the final firm is selected, an expanded team will continue the logo design process. The final design is expected to be announced at the annual Suwanee Day Festival.

5. New Promotion Concept

The City's 2013 promotional campaign centers on "100 reasons to love Suwanee." This theme will be used in advertisements, Facebook/Twitter posts, banners, and other promotional venues throughout the year.

6. Hotel May Queen Demolition

Staff released an RFP/RFQ on April 3rd for demolition of the structures on the Hotel May Queen property. Bids are due on May 3rd and staff anticipates forwarding a recommendation to Council for award at the May Council meeting.

7. Town Center Park Irrigation Well

The Dickerson Group, Inc., is now underway with installation of the irrigation water line between the well site and Town Center Park. The well pump, well enclosure, controls, etc. are tentatively scheduled for installation in April and May. Anticipated substantial completion for the project remains May 2013.

D. AMD 2013-001: A proposed amendment to the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance to modify Article III Definitions and Article XVI Signs to address the use of lighting in or as signage.

The proposed amendment prohibits the use of LED light strips for signage. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the amendment. Consideration of this item will be included on the April 23rd public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

E. On-Street Parking Ordinance

The City periodically receives complaints about vehicles parking on the street that block the flow of traffic. Staff reviewed Gwinnett County's parking regulations, which have addressed some of the concerning issue. Staff recommends a proposed amendment to the City Code to address the parking of oversized and "commercial" vehicles on streets, highways and other public spaces. Consideration of this item will be included on the April 23rd regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

F. Traffic Signal at McGinnis Ferry Road and Scales Road

The City is coordinating with Gwinnett County to install a traffic signal at McGinnis Ferry Road and Scales Road. The County's standard installation includes concrete poles with wires spanning the intersection. In the past, the City has paid to upgrade such signal installations to include mast arms and underground utilities. If the City is interested in upgrading this intersection, the County estimates a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

G. 2013-2017 Short Term Work Program

Staff has prepared a draft of the STWP. Consideration of the STWP will be included on the April 23rd regular

agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

H. Service Awards for Retiring Employees

Staff recommends adopting a procedure to allow for the recognition of long-term retiring employees. Staff has drafted a resolution for this purpose, which will be included on the April 23rd regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

I. Update on Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities

Council-led discussion.

J. City Manager's Report

i. Special Recognition Options for the April 11, 2013 Council Meeting

- 1. North Gwinnett H.S. Lady Bulldogs Basketball Team**
- 2. Hope Norris**
- 3. Presentation of Police State Certification**

ii. Minutes for Approval

- 1. March 14, 2013 Council Workshop**
- 2. March 26, 2013 Council Meeting**