

AGENDA
CITY OF SUWANEЕ, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING & WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013

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

5:30 P.M.
CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Executive Session – Personnel**
- 3. Consider Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals**
There is a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals due to the recent resignation of Bob Hogberg.
- 4. Adjournment**

5:35 P.M.
(or upon adjournment of called meeting)
COUNCIL WORKSHOP

- A. Staff Updates Agenda:** The following items are not planned for discussion at the workshop, unless specifically requested by Council.
- 1. SculpTour**
The 2013-2015 exhibit is installed and “Arts in the Park” on May 18th is the official launch date for the exhibit. Additional sponsors are still needed to fund the art purchase at the end of the exhibit. Ideally, all the sponsors will be in place by the end of August in order for sponsors to capitalize on all promotional benefits.
 - 2. Old Town Improvements**
Staff proposed a landscaping project in the 2013 CIP to improve the steep bank in the railroad right-of-way along Main Street. Public Works staff has historically mowed this bank, which is time consuming and can be dangerous. The first phase of the landscape project has been completed, which includes the installation of Winter Creeper on much of the railroad bank along Main Street from Stonecypher Road to the tunnel under the railroad. In time, these plants should provide a dense green groundcover and have a burgundy/purple tint during the winter time. Additional plantings on the bank on the police station side of the railroad will be considered at a later date.

Additionally, Public Works staff is working on some enhancements and maintenance to the Caboose. The old railroad tie retaining wall was replaced with a modular block retaining wall, and the hand rail fence at the top of the wall was replaced. Repainting of the caboose is underway.

3. DDA Appointment

Kevin O'Brien resigned from the DDA in December 2012 and has requested re-appointment. Consideration of this appointment will be included on the May 28th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

4. Berlin Wall

A section of the Berlin Wall is temporarily on exhibit in front of City Hall. For information about the piece, go to www.suwanee.com. The wall section is anticipated to be on display in Suwanee over the next couple of months while Auction Management Corporation prepares to auction off the piece. The wall section will be auctioned at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 25. Bids may be submitted onsite or online via live webcast at www.auctionEbid.com.

5. Employee Retirement Plan

Recently, staff informed Council on the recommendation to change from the Principal Defined Contribution Money Market Plan to an ICMA-RC 401 Plan for the four employees currently in the Principal plan. Staff has been working with ICMA-RC on this change and recommends entering into an Administrative Services Agreement with ICMA-RC to formally facilitate this change. Approval of this change will be included on the May 28th consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

6. Park Ambassador Training

The City is offering a training program on Wednesday, May 22, for residents interested in volunteering as park ambassadors. Suwanee park ambassadors help provide information and assistance to park and Suwanee Creek Greenway visitors as well as feedback to the City on any security- or maintenance-related issues. The one-hour training program will take place at 6:30 p.m. May 22 at the Suwanee Police Department training facility at 2966 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Roads. Applications are available at www.suwanee.com; notarized applications are due Monday, May 13.

7. Alcohol Beverage Licenses

The City has received applications for three alcohol beverage licenses to be considered on the May 28th public hearing and regular agenda. The finance department recommends approval of all three.

- i. Los Cabos Mex Mex Grill: This is a new restaurant to be located at 360 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Ste. 101B and they have applied for a license for the on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Mr. Fernando Leon is the proposed licensee.
- ii. Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar #22: This restaurant, located at 125 Celebration Drive, has applied for a new licensee for the on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Mr. Stephan H. Gonzalez is the proposed licensee.
- iii. Segreto: New owners have acquired the former Portobella restaurant, located at 3370 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, Suite 112-114 and are applying for the on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Mr. Robert E. Mason and Ms. Wanda D. Mason are the proposed licensees.

B. 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. Staff has revised the proposed draft based on discussion at the April workshop. Consideration of this item will be included on the May 28th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

C. AMD 2013-002: Home Occupations

Staff proposes an amendment to Article III Definitions and Section 616 Home Occupation of the Zoning Ordinance to address the treatment of business-like activities in residential areas. The proposed amendment is intended to clarify that unlicensed business-like activities are subject to the same standards as licensed home occupations. Consideration of this item will be included on the May 28th public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

D. RZ 2013-002 - The applicant requests a rezoning to allow for R-140 to R-100 to allow for single family homes. The site is located along Moore Road approximately 0.5 mile west of Suwanee Dam Road. Staff recommends approval with conditions.

Consideration of this item will be included on the May 28th public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

E. Revised Alcohol Ordinance

A group of staff members has completed a comprehensive review of the current alcohol ordinance and prepared recommended revisions. There are a number of substantive changes to the ordinance. Staff will provide an overview of the changes at the workshop. Consideration of this item will be included on the May 28th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

F. Economic Indicators Report

Staff will present the 1st Quarter 2013 Economic Indicators Report for Suwanee, including unemployment, foreclosure data, vacancy rates, and residential development progress.

G. CIP Updates

1. Hotel May Queen

The City received 11 bids for the demolition work needed at the Hotel May Queen. Staff recommends award of contract to Tristar of America, Inc., of Norcross, GA, in the amount of \$213,400. Tristar of America, Inc. was the low bidder, and the project is within budget. Approval of this item will be included on the May 28 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

2. Street Resurfacing

Suwanee's application for the 2014 LMIG street resurfacing improvement program is due to Georgia DOT in June 2013. Staff has proposed a list of street for this year's program that total approximately 1.735 miles. Approval of this item will be included on the May 28 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

Additionally, the City's 2013 resurfacing program is currently underway, with some of the streets being marked and measured. This year's program will resurface the following streets:

- Mill Creek Run off Burnette Road

- *Ansley Park Drive portion from eyebrow to terminus*
- *Burnette Road the section from Buford Highway to McGinnis Ferry Road*
- *Silver Peak Parkway from PIB to terminus (the residential section)*

Staff is seeking bids on this work now and anticipates being able to recommend award of contract at the June Council Meeting.

3. PIB Medians

Russell Landscape Group is doing preliminary work to prepare for an early June planting on this project. More details are included in the packet and staff will also provide an update at the workshop.

4. World Trade Center Artifact

Staff will provide an update at the workshop.

H. Suwanee App

One of the 2013 Short Term Work Program items was for staff to evaluate the benefits and functionality of an app for Suwanee residents and other users. Staff will present their findings and recommendations at the workshop.

I. City Logo Redesign

The City received 28 responses to the Request for Qualifications to redesign the City logo; six firms were chosen short-listed. A staff group met with the short-listed firms and recommends selecting the deshein firm. Consideration of this contract will be included on the May 28th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

J. 4th Quarter FY 13 Budget Adjustments *Staff has prepared the recommended 4th quarter adjustments to the FY 13 budget. Approval of the adjustments will be included on the May 28th consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.*

K. FY 14 Budget Status

Staff will update Council on the current status of the proposed budget.

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. April 11, 2013 Council Workshop

2. April 23, 2013 Council Meeting