

AGENDA
CITY OF SUWANEЕ, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

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

5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL WORKSHOP

A. Public Arts Commission Update

PAC member Cherie Heringer will provide the semi-annual update to Council.

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

1) Street Resurfacing Projects

Work is ongoing for the current resurfacing projects.

2) World Trade Center Artifact

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was distributed in July to commission a professional artist, architect, exterior graphic designer, landscape architect, or other suitable discipline (or team of individuals) to design, fabricate, and install an appropriate display of the City's World Trade Center artifact. The deadline for submission is September 11. The Public Arts Commission will be reviewing the submissions and will select finalist(s) who may be asked to interview with the PAC and City staff. Providing a suitable/qualified candidate is determined, a final recommendation will be made to the City Council, who will make the final selection of professional(s) or team(s); this is anticipated for the November Workshop.

3) "Sunset" Artwork Donation

Public Works is working on a landscape/hardscape area along the lake (opposite the stream scape) at Sims Lake Park. Part of the project will include the sculpture "Sunset" that was part of the 2011/2012 SculptTour. Cathy and Rob Rohloff have purchased the piece through donations given to honor the passing of Cathy's sister. The artwork is expected to be installed toward the end of September.

C. CIP Updates

Staff will provide updates on the following projects at the workshop.

1) PIB Landscape Project

2) Suwanee Creek Greenway Rehabilitation

3) Town Center Park Irrigation Well

4) Pedestrian Bicycle Plan Implementation

D. RZ 2012-005 & SUP 2012-002 – Applicant: Amburgy Properties. Owner: Regency Church of God. Requests a rezoning from C-2 (General Commercial) to M-1 (Light Industry) and a special use permit to allow for a self-storage facility. The site is located at 345 Sawmill Drive and contains approximately 2.09 acres.

These applications will be included on the September 25 agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

E. Utility Reconnection Fee

When a residence or commercial space is vacant for an extended period of time (usually more than 12 months), the utility companies often require an inspection from the City prior to reconnecting service. The City has been conducting these inspections as a courtesy, but staff recommends amending the Planning & Inspections fee schedule to charge a nominal fee of \$50, in order to recover the cost associated with these inspections. Staff will provide more information at the workshop. The revised fee schedule will be forwarded for consideration on the September 25 regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

F. ARC Plan 2040

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has developed a local government self-assessment form to encourage implementation of PLAN 2040 objectives adopted in July 2011. This plan is a 30-year guide for future development and transportation planning throughout the Atlanta region. Staff has determined that the City meets the minimum requirements for local government compliance and the threshold for inclusion in a future incentive program being developed by ARC.

G. CodeRED

Staff anticipates launching the CodeRED program at the end of September, which will include an “all call” to City residential land lines. More details will be included in the September issue of CrossRoads. The City needs to adopt a policy that outlines how the program is implemented. This policy will be included on the September 25 regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

H. Police Shooting Range Policy

Due to liability and cost issues, staff recommends having adequate policies in place to govern non-Police usage of the shooting range at the new training facility. Staff is preparing a draft policy, which will be forwarded to Council for consideration on the September 25 regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

I. National Historic Register District

Staff is moving forward with an application for a National Register District in the Old Town area. Information was submitted to and a preliminary review was undertaken by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Historic Preservation Division. They have determined that the area may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The official application will likely be submitted later this month or early October. Staff can provide more details at the workshop.

J. DDA Appointment

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) recommends that Beth Hilscher be re-appointed to the

DDA. Beth resigned when she qualified to run for Council. State law permits one Councilmember to serve on the DDA. Jimmy Burnette has verbally announced he will resign if Council wishes to appoint Beth. Consideration of this appointment will be included on the September 25 regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

K. Friends of Suwanee

It is time to begin planning the annual Friends of Suwanee event. Staff is seeking a date from Council. The event is normally held in early December.

L. Update on Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities

Council-led discussion.

M. City Manager's Report

i. Special Recognition Options for the September 25, 2012 Council Meeting

ii. Minutes for Approval

1. May-August 2012 Workshops

2. August 28, 2012 Council Meeting