

AGENDA
CITY OF SUWANEЕ, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012
5:30 P.M.

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

A. Presentation: 9/11 Artifact

The Public Arts Commission has reviewed 15 proposals for permanent display of the 9/11 artifact. Artist Marc Moulton will present his concept, including proposed design, potential location, estimated cost, and other factors. Staff and PAC members will provide additional details at the workshop.

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

1) National Citizen Survey

Suwanee is currently participating in its third National Citizen Survey, which is a scientific survey conducted by a partnership with ICMA and the National Research Center. The surveys were mailed to a representative sample of 1,200 households in early November and the deadline to return them is December 7. All surveys must be completed by hand; no online version is available. We expect to receive survey results in early 2013.

2) Financial Software

As part of the 2013 budget, the City will be purchasing new financial software. The City has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for this purchase and received six proposals. Staff is currently reviewing those and anticipates forwarding a recommendation to Council for consideration in January, but will provide further updates as the process continues.

3) Park Sites – Obsolete Buildings

One project on the 2012 Short Term Work Program is to demolish obsolete buildings on the City's park sites. Staff has prepared a bid package to demolish the residential structures on the Delay and Smithtown Road tracts. We anticipate forwarding a recommendation to Council in December for award of contract.

C. CIP Updates

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

1) I-85 Landscaping Project

2) Town Center Park Irrigation Well

3) Pedestrian Bicycle Plan Implementation

4) Suwanee Creek Greenway Rehabilitation

Georgia EPD has issued a stream bank variance to proceed with widening underneath the bridge at Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road. A change order is needed with the contractor in order to adjust for some of the EPD's requirements. Consideration of this change order will be included on the November 27 regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

5) Shade Structures

D. Radar Signs

As part of the FY 2013 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the City plans to install additional radar signs. Police staff have reviewed traffic speeds and accident data and recommend installing two signs on Peachtree Industrial Blvd. – one for northbound travel and the other for southbound. Staff will receive bids for these signs on November 9 and will proceed with installation.

E. Economic Indicators Report

Staff will present a 3rd quarter 2012 update of economic indicators for Suwanee including unemployment, foreclosure data, vacancy rates, and residential development progress.

F. 2013 Council Schedule

Staff has prepared a draft schedule for 2013 Council meetings and workshops. Approval of the schedule will be included on the November 27 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

G. Communication Network Services Agreement

Communication Management Association has approached the City about partnering to provide services related to cell/micro cell networks. Staff will provide more details at the workshop.

H. Planning Board Appointments

At the end of this year, the appointments to the Planning Commission for Pete Charpentier and Tony Manners will expire, along with the appointments to the ZBA for Bob Hogberg and Carolyn Harvey. Staff is seeking direction from Council regarding the appointment process for this year.

I. Harvest Farm Board Appointments

The Harvest Farm Board has three positions with terms that expire on December 31. The Board has forwarded a recommended slate for these positions. In addition, the Board would like to request that the Council amend its bylaws in order to reduce the number of Board members from nine to seven. Consideration of the bylaws revision will be included on the November 27 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

J. Update on Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities

Council-led discussion.

K. City Manager's Report

i. Special Recognition Options for the November 27, 2012 Council Meeting

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – *American Heritage Girls Troop #0827 has requested to lead the Pledge.*
2. **Ann Parsons Odum**

ii. Minutes for Approval

1. **October 11, 2012 Called Meeting**
2. **October 11, 2012 Council Workshop**
3. **October 23, 2012 Council Meeting**