

AGENDA
CITY OF SUWANEЕ, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MAY 12, 2011

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Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue, Big Splash Room - #2302

5:30 P.M.
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A. Police Quarterly Report

Chief Jones will present his department's quarterly report.

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

1) Strategic Plan

As of May 5, there are approximately two dozen confirmed community members on the Strategic Plan Steering Committee. All members have been invited to their first meeting in mid-May. Interface Studio will be in Suwanee the week of May 16-20 to conduct community interviews, tour and video the City, and do other tasks to kick off the plan.

2) SculpTour

The 15 selected sculptures are expected to be installed the week of May 16, in time for the May 21st Arts in the Park event. Pocket guides will be available and on-line voting for the "People's Choice" artwork purchase will begin in July. The sculptures being installed now will be on display through March 2012.

3) Permitting Software for Planning & Inspections Department

The Planning & Inspections Department is in the process of negotiating the purchase of new permitting software. While this purchase has been allocated in the FY 11 budget, depending on the final cost, the amount may meet the threshold (\$25,000 or higher) to require Council approval. If this approval is required, staff will submit this purchase for approval on the May 24 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

4) Smithtown Road Resurfacing

Staff is proceeding with repair work and resurfacing of Smithtown Road, between Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and Satellite Blvd. Staff will provide an update on the project at the June workshop.

5) Water System Treatment

Work is underway to implement the phosphate water blend treatment process. The process will be gradually implemented over the next several weeks, with full implementation anticipated in approximately 2-3 months.

6) 2011 Council Retreat Report

Walt McBride, who facilitated the February 2011 Council work retreat, has prepared a draft report to summarize the retreat. Approval of this report will be included on the May 24 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

7) Insurance Company License Fee

O.C.G.A. Section 33-8-8 permits Georgia municipalities to charge an annual fee to insurance companies that do business within the City limits. The amount of the fee is determined by state law and is based on the population of the City. Since the City's population increased from 8,725 to 15,355 in the 2010 Census, the City may now increase its fee from \$50 to \$75. The Georgia Municipal Association has prepared a sample ordinance to adopt this adjustment; staff and Gregory Jay have reviewed and recommend adopting. Approval of this ordinance will be included on the May 24 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

8) Temporary Alcohol License

Council needs to issue a temporary alcohol license for the July 23rd Beerfest. Dick Cunningham from Ippolito's will be the licensee. Approval of this license will be included on the May 24 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

- C. RZ-2011-002 – Applicant: Davis Development. Owner: SLF-III Suwanee Gateway, LLC. Requests a rezoning from PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development) to PMUD to modify the conditions of zoning related to the multifamily and townhome component of the overall project. The site is located at the intersection of Wanstead Park Drive and Northolt Parkway and contains approximately 21.58 acres.**

Staff will provide and overview at the workshop.

- D. SUP-2011-001 – Applicant: Pacific Investors Forum, LLC. Owner: Chevron Food Mart. Requests a special use permit to allow for an emissions testing facility. The site is located at 310 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and contains approximately 1.02 acres.**

Staff will provide and overview at the workshop.

- E. 1st Quarter 2011 Economic Indicators Report**

Staff will provide an overview at the workshop.

- F. Historic Preservation**

Staff mailed a Historic Preservation Community Questionnaire to property/business owners in the DDA district in early April. Seventy-five surveys were returned to the City. A summary of these results and additional information will be provided at the workshop. Previous discussions anticipated that staff would seek Council guidance, on how and if to continue analyzing the need for a local historic preservation district, following the distribution of this questionnaire.

- G. FY 11 Budget Adjustments**

Adjustments are needed to the FY 11 budget and the SPLOST capital funds in order to address some issues related to the SPLOST. The first is to correct a coding error that was made by Gwinnett County, which results in the need to transfer \$79,349 from the 2005 SPLOST program to the 2009 program. The second is to address lower-than-anticipated SPLOST receipts due to the current economy. Staff recommends decreasing the 2009 SPLOST program by \$752,346. In order to minimize the impact of this decrease to affected projects, staff proposes transferring \$887,680 from the FY 11 general fund to the capital projects. In addition to helping to “keep these SPLOST projects whole,” this transfer will also fund a new capital project to landscape the medians on Peachtree Industrial Blvd.

- H. World Trade Center Piece**

Through a program created by the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, the City will be receiving a piece of metal from the World Trade Center structure. Staff proposes to incorporate this metal into a piece of art that would be installed at the new Police Substation. Staff will provide more details at the workshop and is seeking consensus to move forward with this concept.

- I. Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum**

Staff seeks consensus on whether Council would like to have the referendum for Sunday alcohol sales included on the November 2011 ballot.

J. Review Ethics Ordinance

Suwanee is certified by the Georgia Municipal Association as a City of Ethics. The City must re-certify by May 20, 2011. Per the re-certification process, the Short Term Work Program identified that the City would review the current ordinance. During the March workshop, Mayor Williams created a working committee to evaluate the ordinance; he will update the Council on the actions of that committee.

K. Update on Gwinnett Convention & Visitors Bureau

Jace Brooks will provide an update.

L. Update on Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities

Council-led discussion.

M. City Manager's Report

i. Special Recognition Options for the May 24, 2011 Council Meeting

1. Police Department Annual Awards

Chief Jones will present his department's annual awards.

2. Right to Hike

Staff proposes recognizing the Right to Hike organization for their recent donation of an emergency call box to the City.

ii. Minutes for Approval

1. April 26, 2011 Council Meeting