

AGENDA
CITY OF SUWANEЕ, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 11, 2010

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Meeting Location: *City Hall Council Chambers, 330 Town Center Avenue*

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

Chief Jones will present the quarterly report from his department.

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

▪ **Buford Highway Concept Plan**

Staff is currently working with URS Corporation on a concept plan for future reconstruction of Buford Highway. A public meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25 at 6:30 pm.

▪ **Harvest Farm**

Harvest Farm reached 100% capacity, at 76 plots, on January 25. Applications received after that date have been placed on a waiting list, with priority given to City residents. The Founders Committee will offer a class on Organic Gardening on February 24 and 27. The classes will be at 10:00 am in the Council Chambers; the same information is repeated in each session. The classes are open to anyone, regardless of whether they have a plot.

▪ **City Hall Artwork**

This piece is tentatively scheduled to be installed in late February. The date for the "unveiling" event (presentation and panel discussion on public art) will be announced at a later time.

▪ **Suwanee Gateway**

Staff will distribute a written update at the workshop.

▪ **DDA Retreat**

The Downtown Development Authority held a half-day retreat on January 29. Notes from the retreat have been forwarded to Council.

▪ **Alcohol License for April 24 International Food Festival**

The Alcohol Beverage Ordinance requires the issuance of a temporary alcohol permit to vendors who wish to sell alcohol beverages during events. The City Council must approve these licenses. Dick

Cunningham from Ippolito's has applied as the licensee for this event. Consideration of this item will be included on the February 23 agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

▪ **Tree Inventory**

ArborPro recently completed the urban forest inventory. A copy of the summary report has been provided to Council.

▪ **BRPH Change Order – Council Consent Agenda**

BRPH has submitted a deductive change order in the amount of -\$12,586.00 to compensate the City for some corrective work that was done to City Hall. Approval of this change order will close out the contract with BRPH for the design of City Hall. Consideration of this item will be included on the February 23 agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

C. Pawn Shop Ordinance

Staff recommends adopting an ordinance to further regulate pawn shops operating in the City. Staff will explain the proposed ordinance in further detail at the workshop. A draft copy of the ordinance will be distributed at the workshop. Consideration of this item will be included on the February 23 agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

D. Precious Metals Ordinance – Council Regular Agenda

In conjunction with the Pawn Shop Ordinance, staff also recommends adopting a Precious Metals Ordinance. Such an ordinance would require businesses that pay cash for gold and jewelry to photograph and fingerprint patrons in an effort to stop stolen items from being sold in the city. Gwinnett County has recently adopted such an ordinance and staff recommends using theirs as a model. Staff will explain the proposed ordinance in further detail at the workshop. A draft copy of the ordinance will be distributed at the workshop. Consideration of this item will be included on the February 23 agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

E. RZ-2010-001 – Council Public Hearing and Regular Agenda

Applicant: John Thomas Partners, LLC. Owner: First Covenant Bank. Requests a rezoning from PMUD (Planned Mixed Use District) to PMUD with a change of conditions (to allow for construction of 43 townhomes). The site is located in Land Lot 208 of the 7th District along Park Pass Way and contains approximately 4.49 acres. Staff recommends denial of this application. The Planning Commission voted 5-0 to approve it with amended conditions, at their January 5 meeting. At the January 26 meeting, Council postponed this item to the February 23 meeting. This item will be included on the February 23 public hearing and agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

F. SculpTour Program

Staff will provide an update on this program at the workshop.

G. Economic Indicators Report

Staff will present the economic indicators report for the 4th quarter of 2009.

H. Update on Construction Projects

- **Police Station/Crossroads Renovation**
- **Water System Improvements**
- **Martin Farm Park Restrooms**

- **PlayTown Suwanee, Phase II**
- **White Street Park and Harvest Farm**
- **Settles Point Road Stormdrainage Project**

Staff will provide an update on all of the above projects at the workshop.

I. Utility Rate Audit – Council Regular Agenda

Staff recommends contracting with Utility Management Services, Inc. to audit the City's utility rates with Georgia Power and negotiate a rate adjustment, if needed. Staff will provide further details at the workshop. Consideration of this item will be included on the February 23 agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

J. Retreat Follow Up

Follow-up discussion from the February 4-6 Council work retreat.

K. Update on Gwinnett Convention & Visitor's 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 February 23, 2010 Council Meeting

1. Police Department Re-certification

Stacy Cotton and Frank Rotondo from the GA Association of Chiefs of Police will present the re-certification plaque. A small reception will be held after the Council meeting.

ii. Minutes for Approval

1. January 14, 2010 Called Council Meeting

2. January 26, 2010 Council Meeting

iii. Other Updates