

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF SUWANEЕ, GEORGIA**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**JULY 15, 2010**

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

**5:30 P.M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

*Note: Staff has invited Russell Small of Moreland Altobelli, the City's new consultant for program management, to attend the beginning of the meeting and meet Council.*

**A. Planning Commission Annual Report**

*Chairman Anthony Manners will be present to report on the Commission.*

**B. DDA Presentation – Pierce's Corner**

*Kevin O'Brien and Catherine Dixon will present on Pierce's Corner. The architects have prepared more detailed cost estimates about this proposed project that will be discussed at the workshop.*

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

- **Council Mid-Year Retreat**

*Per the Short Term Work Program, Council will be holding a mid-year visioning retreat. This has been scheduled for Saturday, August 28. Staff is evaluating potential locations and will follow up with more details, as appropriate.*

- **Harvest Farm**

*The finishing touches are being put on the butterfly garden. The Suwanee community put in 219 volunteer hours building this garden. Materials for the garden cost a total of \$2,695, which was sponsored and funded 100% by Suwanee area businesses. The butterfly garden is maintained by volunteers, which is coordinated by the Managing Board.*

*The Managing Board is currently working on construction of a chicken coop, at the bottom of the garden. Pending zoning approval, six chicks will be donated to the City and arrive in early August. The Board intends to use volunteer labor, to re-use the siding and roofing from the original White Street barn, and to seek sponsorships and donations for the remaining materials so this project is constructed at no cost to the City.*

The American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) has selected Harvest Farm as a tour option for its upcoming national conference. The tour will take place late morning on Sunday, August 8 and include brunch for participants. Farmer D and SEI are sponsoring the tour.

- **Request for Alcohol Beverage License: True Food and Wine**

True Food and Wine will be opening up at 320 Town Center Avenue, Su. C-9 and has applied for an on-premise consumption license. Staff recommends issuing the license to applicant David Hamby. This item will be included on the July 27 public hearing and regular agenda unless Council prefers otherwise.

- **Request for Alcohol Beverage License: Diggers**

Diggers will be opening up at 991 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Su. 104 and has applied for an on-premise consumption license. Staff recommends issuing the license to applicants Hal Dalrymple and Travis Dalrymple. This item will be included on the July 27 public hearing and regular agenda unless Council prefers otherwise.

- **Suwanee Station Land Donation**

City Council approved a rezoning for change in conditions for Suwanee Station in April. One of these changes created an opportunity for the applicant to donate a portion of the property to the City for a potential future commuter rail station. Currently, First Covenant Bank is going through its internal processes that will enable them to donate the land to the City. This will take approximately 60 days. When additional information is available, staff and legal counsel will review the necessary documents and forward them to Council for approval. Staff would like Council to be aware of this, so that it may be suitable for Council vote on short notice.

- **Chattahoochee River Memorandum of Agreement**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will soon begin a study of the Chattahoochee River and all of its tributaries. Within Suwanee, this study will look at Brushy Creek; Suwanee Creek was studied in 2006. DNR has asked affected jurisdictions to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding the scope of the Flood Study. When the study is completed, the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (D-FIRMS) that determine which properties are considered to have floodplain, will be updated. Approval of this item will be included on the July 27 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

**D. RZ-2010-003 – Applicant: City of Suwanee. Owner: City of Suwanee. Requests a rezoning from R-100 (Residential Single Family District) to R-140 (Residential Single Family District) to allow for a community garden including livestock. The site is located at 752 White Street and contains approximately 6.89 acres. This is a rezoning initiated by the City for White Street Park. Staff and Planning Commission recommend approval with conditions. Consideration of this item will be included on the July 27 public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.**

**E. SUP-2010-001 – Applicant: Thomas E. Matthews. Owner: Diamond Star Properties, Inc. Requests a special use permit to allow for automotive sales in the C-2 (Commercial District) zoning district. The site is located at 3550 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and contains approximately 3.42 acres.**

*The applicant has requested a SUP to conduct indoor automotive sales. The Planning Commission and staff both recommend approval with conditions. This item will be included on the July 27 public hearing and regular agenda unless Council prefers otherwise.*

**F. Hudgens Family Land Donation**

*The Hudgens Family has approached the City about donating 6.8 undeveloped acres on Peachtree Industrial Blvd near McGinnis Ferry Road. The property's development is constrained by ARC River Protection Act regulations. If accepted by the City, it would principally be for the purposes of greenspace protection. Staff will provide more details at the workshop.*

**G. Park Enhancements**

*Staff is preparing to implement the park enhancement projects included in the CIP for FY 11 and seeks clarification from Council on some issues.*

**H. Gas South Alliance Program**

*Staff has met with representatives from Gas South about an alliance program they offer that could potentially benefit both the City and our residents and businesses.*

**I. 2010 Millage Rate**

*Two public hearings have been scheduled to consider the 2010 millage rate – the first on Thursday, August 12 at 11:00 am and the second on Tuesday, August 24 at 6:30 pm. The Council is scheduled to consider the millage rate at the August 24 Council meeting. The draft ads prepared for these hearings use a proposed rate of 5.77 mills.*

**J. Update on Construction Projects - Staff will provide an update on the following projects at the workshop.**

- **Water System Improvements**
- **Martin Farm Park Restrooms & PlayTown Suwanee Pavilion**
- **White Street Park and Harvest Farm**

**K. 2011 Council Retreat**

*Staff needs to begin planning for the 2011 Council retreat, normally held in late January or early February, and is seeking potential dates and locations from Council.*

**L. Update on Gwinnett Convention & Visitor's Bureau**

*Jace Brooks will provide an update.*

**M. Update on Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities**

*Council-led discussion.*

## **N. City Manager's Report**

### **i. Special Recognition Options for the July 27, 2010 Council Meeting**

#### **1. Rosalie Tubre**

*Staff recommends recognizing Rosalie Tubre, who spearheaded the design and construction of the butterfly garden at White Street Park and now continues by overseeing its maintenance. During the week of its construction, she put in over 92 hours of volunteer time building it, in addition to her efforts in raising 100% of the funds to build it.*

#### **2. Metal Products**

*Staff recommends recognizing Metal Products for fabricating and donating the cistern for White Street Park.*

#### **3. Cindy Brogdon**

*Dick Goodman has recommended recognizing Suwanee resident Cindy Brogdon, who was the first female in Georgia to earn a full athletic scholarship. A teacher and coach at Northview H.S., Brogdon was inducted as a charter member of the Gwinnett County Sports Hall of Fame on June 6.*

### **ii. Minutes for Approval**

- 1. June 10, 2010 Council Meeting*
- 2. June 22, 2010 Council Meeting*

### **iii. Other Updates**