

AGENDA
CITY OF SUWANEЕ, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 18, 2010

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

1) Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant Program

Staff proposes to seek \$1,250,000 in TE funds to support the construction of a multi-purpose trail/sidewalk from Stonecypher Road and PlayTown Suwanee to the Peachtree Industrial Boulevard/Suwanee Dam intersection. The maximum amount awarded per project is \$1 million, with a required 20% local match. The City's local match of \$250,000 was allocated in the 2011-2015 CIP. Approval of the resolution will be included on the November 30 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

2) Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant

Staff proposes to seek \$100,000 in RTP funds to support construction of the Suwanee Creek Greenway Rehabilitation project. The program generally requires a minimum grant award of \$25,000 and a maximum grant award of \$100,000 with a 20% local match. The City's local match of \$20,000 is included in the capital budget for this project. Approval of the resolution will be included on the November 30 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

3) City Engineer RFQ Process

The City recently issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for on demand City Engineer services. A pre-submittal meeting was held on November 4 and attended by 36 engineers. The deadline for submitting responses is November 16. Staff can provide further details at the workshop on the received responses, if desired, and plans to forward a recommendation for Council consideration at the December 21 Council meeting.

4) Alternative Transportation Plan (ATP) Update

The City is in the process of updating the ATP. An Open House meeting was held recently and attended by approximately 20 residents. A second Open House is scheduled for November 18, during which residents will have the opportunity to comment about recommendations. Staff anticipates forwarding the final update to Council for consideration at the January 2011 Council meeting.

5) Bottled Water Evaluation

With the upcoming addition of a new drinking water well, one Short Term Work Program item was for staff to evaluate the feasibility of providing bottled water from the City's water system. The Public Works Department has begun collecting information regarding the regulatory and financial aspects of doing this. Initial phone interviews have been conducted with representatives from the Department of Agriculture and a water authority in Georgia that has recently undertaken this. Additional information gathering, including a site visit to that water authority, will be conducted over the next couple of months. A report should be available by early 2011 which will detail the regulatory requirements, financial and facility requirements, and a typical timeline from implementing such a program.

6) Pierce's Corner RFP

Staff anticipates releasing the RFP (Request for Proposals) for Pierce's Corner on November 12. Proposals are due by January 31, 2011.

B. RZ-2010-004 and SUP 2010-002. Applicant: QuikTrip Corporation. Owner: Eugene Walls. Requests a rezoning from R-100 (Residential Single Family District) to C-2A (Special Commercial District with alcohol sales) to allow for a convenience store with gasoline pumps and a special use permit to allow for a car wash facility. The site is located at 3359 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and contains approximately 3.96 acres.

This items will be included on the November 30 public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

C. RZ-2010-005- Applicant: Ramco-Gershenson, Inc. Owner: Ramco-Gershenson Properties, L.P. Request a rezoning from C-2 (General Commercial District) to C-2A (Special Commercial District) to allow for establishments serving alcoholic beverages. The site is located in at 2855 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and contains approximately 15.00 acres.

This items will be included on the November 30 public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

D. SUP-2010-004- Applicant/Owner: Susan E. Hyzer. Requests a special use permit to allow for horses in the R-100 zoning district. The site is located at 3656 Martin Farm Road and contains approximately 2.29 acres.

This items will be included on the November 30 public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

E. AMD-2010-003 – A proposed amendment to the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance to modify Article III. Definitions and Sections 508.B and 509.B to define light retail services and add light retail services as a special use in the O-I and M-I zoning districts.

This items will be included on the November 30 public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

F. SUP-2010-005 – Applicant/Owner: E&D, LLC. Requests a special use permit to allow for a hair salon in the O-I zoning district. The site is located at 3725 Lawrenceville–Suwanee Road and contains approximately 2.86 acres.

This items will be included on the November 30 public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

G. Amusement Machine Ordinance

A recent decision by the Georgia Supreme Court, as well as legislation passed by the 2009 Georgia General Assembly, have resulted in the need to amend Suwanee’s ordinance concerning coin-operated amusement machines and game rooms. Staff has worked with the City Attorney to prepare this amendment.

H. Video Surveillance Project

Staff is exploring adjustments to the proposed plan for providing video surveillance in the parks in order to provide for a full wireless mesh approach. This approach would provide enhanced coverage and capabilities, as well as operational cost savings and benefits. Staff is currently evaluating what would be needed for this approach and will provide more details at the workshop.

I. Economic Indicators Report

Staff has prepared the 3rd quarter 2010 Economic Indicators report. Staff will also discuss the report at workshop.

J. Gas Provider Partnership Program

As discussed at the October workshop, the City received two proposals from gas providers that are interested in partnering with the City to offer resident discounts and other benefits. Staff has met with representatives of both providers and will provide an update at the meeting.

K. Suwanee Station Land Donation

Staff received notice that the last of the banks associated with the Suwanee Station project has voted to approve the proposed land donation to the City. This land donation will allow the City to control a future commuter rail station for Suwanee and the development around it. The land donation needs to be formally accepted by Council and will be included on the November 30 regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

L. Landscape Maintenance Services

The City recently received responses to the solicitation of bids for landscape maintenance services at Town Center Park and the I-85 interchange. Staff is currently reviewing those responses and will provide more details at the workshop. Staff anticipates forwarding a recommendation for Council to consider on the November 30 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

M. Board Appointments

There are multiple seats on various City Boards that have terms that expire at the end of the year. Staff will discuss proposed options for handling these appointments.

N. Georgia Power Franchise Agreement – Council Consent Agenda

The current franchise agreement with Georgia Power expires on December 16, 2010 and needs to be renewed. Approval of this renewal will be included on the November 30 consent agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

O. 2011 Council Schedule

Council needs to adopt the schedule for 2011 workshops and meetings.

P. Update on Gwinnett Convention & Visitors Bureau

Jace Brooks will provide an update.

Q. Update on Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities

Council-led discussion.

R. City Manager's Report

i. Special Recognition Options for the November 30, 2010 Council Meeting

ii. Minutes for Approval

1. October 26, 2010 Council Meeting

iii. Other Updates