

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: Richard I. Goodman, Mayor Pro Tempore
Daniel Foster, Councilmember
Beth Hilscher, Councilmember
Doug Ireland, Councilmember
Linnea Miller, Councilmember
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: James M. Burnette, Mayor
Marty Allen, City Manager

DINNER SESSION – 5:30 PM
BIG SPLASH ROOM

City Council Informal Session

Informal discussion among City Councilmembers and staff. Food provided for Elected Officials and staff. No action to be taken during session.

COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and read the procedures for public hearings for the record.

2. Public Hearing

- a) **RZ-2018-007 – Applicant: Spartan Investors I, LLC. Owner: Suwanee First Baptist Church. The applicant requests a rezoning from RM-6 (Residential Multi-Family District) to RM-6 (change of conditions) to allow for single family detached and single family attached homes. The site is located in Land Lot 237 of the 7th District at 641 Eva Kennedy Road and is approximately 18.2 acres.**

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, presented the staff analysis. This is a change of conditions. Staff recommends approval with front loaded on one side. Planning Commission recommended denial. There has been a subsequent revision of the site plan. The latest site plan is dated August 17, 2018.

Support

- Flint Walters, 390 Brogdon Road, Suwanee, GA, represented the applicant. Mr. Walter stated there are topo challenges on the site. The applicant is in agreement with the conditions.

There was no audience comment in opposition to this request.

- b) RZ-2018-008 – Applicant/Owner: City of Suwanee. The applicant requests a rezoning from O-I (Office-Institutional District) to OTCD (Old Town Commercial District) to allow for a commercial use. The site is located in Land Lot 236 of the 7th District at 343 Buford Highway and is approximately 0.56 acres.**

Josh Campbell, Planning Director presented the staff analysis. This is a City initiated zoning request. The planning department recommends approval with conditions of the request. There was no audience comment.

3. Announcements

- a) Join us this Saturday for **Happy Feat’s Happy Carnival**. The carnival, held in Town Center Park from 2pm-9pm will benefit Happy Feat, an organization that creates inclusive opportunities for the world to see that those with disabilities are beautiful, valuable, and capable.
- b) Also this Saturday is our final **Farmer’s Market** for the summer season, 8am-noon in Town Center Park. We will transition to our winter farmer’s market on October 13th, which will be held the second Saturday of each month from 9-11am.
- c) Be sure to come out to Town Center on Saturday, October 13th for an evening of music. The **Suwanee Jazz Fest** will bring the area's smoothest and most eclectic solo and group jazz artists together for an evening of sounds, tastes, and experiences under the stars. Festivities begin at 6pm and local eateries, food trucks, and vendors will be jazzing things up with some delicious special food, drinks, and cocktails to-go that add to the atmosphere for the perfect night out.
- d) The **Alive! Festival** will return to Town Center Park on Saturday, October 20th from 10am-6pm. The annual festival benefits Project Green and is designed to promote "all things natural, organic, and green." Attendees will learn how to integrate health and wellness plus natural, organic and green products into environmentally responsible eco living and to create a positive impact on the world as a whole.
- e) Jonny and Zena will also return to Suwanee Town Center for their annual **“Spread the Words” 5K Walk/Run/Fun Run** on Saturday, October 27th. Xena the warrior puppy & her human, Jonny, are committed to "Spread the Words" and

make a difference within our community. Proceeds directly support autism programs and animal rescue.

- f) Rounding out our October event calendar is the community's favorite **Trek or Treat** on Sunday, October 28th from 2-4 pm. The City of Suwanee's annual Halloween event offers families an afternoon filled with spook-tacular events and festivities for children, who are strongly encouraged to dress up in their favorite costume. This free admission, kid-friendly event at Sims Lake Park is geared toward youngsters ages 10 and under.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Hilscher to approve the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 5-0.

6. Approval of Minutes

- a) **August 16, 2018 Called Meeting**
- b) **August 16, 2018 Council Workshop**
- c) **August 28, 2018 Council Meeting**

Motion by Councilmember Miller to approve the Minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 5-0.

7. Special Recognition

- a) **Promotion of Corporal Jeremy Gatz**
- b) **Suwanee area Teachers of the Year**

8. Audience Participation

- Maurice Cook, 1342 Riverview Run Lane, Suwanee. Mr. Cook stated staff has done a great job making the Citizens Budget easy to read. He expressed concerns related to the following: Training budget for the Police Department, alcohol in Town Center Park, first responder for schools and art in crosswalk impacting safety in front of City Hall. He stated Suwanee has a great Police Department but it is underfunded. He also stated he feels the City does not show concern for seniors, military and veterans.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Consider RZ-2018-007 from RM-6 to RM-6 (change of conditions) at 641 Eva Kennedy Road

Motion by Councilmember Ireland to approve RZ-2018-007 with staff recommended conditions, except that the concept plan referenced in Conditions 1, 5 and 15 shall be changed to August 17, 2018, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Consider RZ-2018-008 from O-I to OTCD at 343 Buford Highway

Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve RZ-2018-008, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

11. Consider Award of Contract to Allied Paving Contractors in the Amount of \$686,751.50 for Street Resurfacing

The City received six bids for resurfacing work. Allied Paving Contractors of Pendergrass, GA provided the lowest bid. After reviewing the bid packages, staff recommends awarding the contract to Allied.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

12. Consider Appointing Mark Brock to the Downtown Development Authority

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is recommending that Mark Brock be appointed to the DDA to fill the vacant seat. He would fill the seat vacated by James Davenport (term runs until 1/31/2020).

Motion to approve the appointment by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 5-0.

13. Authorize Mayor to Execute Agreement with the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia

Staff recommends partnering with the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia in order to accept gifts and funds for the public art fundraising capital initiative. The recommended tool is called a "Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement" and will allow donors to give to a 501(c)3 entity through the Community Foundation.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 5-0.

14. Executive Session: No Executive Session

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

Approved October 23, 2018