

**CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING**  
**AND COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018**

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: James M. Burnette, Mayor  
Richard I. Goodman, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Daniel Foster, Councilmember  
Beth Hilscher, Councilmember  
Linnea Miller, Councilmember  
Marty Allen, City Manager  
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk  
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Doug Ireland, Councilmember

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**CALLED MEETING – 5:00 PM**  
**BIG SPLASH ROOM**

**A. Call to Order**

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

**B. Executive Session: Personnel**

*Council will interview applicants for the City's planning boards.*

*Motion by Councilmember Foster to Enter Executive Session for Personnel Matters, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.*

*Motion by Councilmember Miller to EXIT Executive Session, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman and so carried 5-0.*

**C. Adjournment**

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

**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**

**A. Call to Order**

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M., and read the procedures for Public Hearings for the record.

**B. Public Hearing**

- 1. RZ-2018-009– Owner: Jimmy C. Barrett. Applicant: Pollack Shores Real Estate Group. The applicant requests a rezoning from M-1 (Light Industry District) to PMUD (Planned Mixed-Use Development) to allow for a mixed-use development including commercial and multifamily uses. The site is located along Suwanee Dam Road near the northeast corner of Suwanee Dam Road and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.**

Josh Campbell, Planning Director presented the staff analysis. This is a request to rezone a 14 acre piece of property just south of the intersection of Suwanee Dam Road and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard from M-1 to PMUD. The project is a mixed-use development consisting of 276 multi-family units, 17,900 sq. ft. of retail space and 6,500 sq. ft. of live work space that may convert to 7 live-work spaces. Site accesses Suwanee Dam Road. The Future Land Use Plan mixed use and complements surrounding uses. If Council chooses to take action tonight, staff recommends referencing conditions dated 12/18/2018, version 3. The Planning Department recommends approval with conditions of the request. The planning Commission recommended approval with conditions. Staff recommends approval with conditions dates 12/18/2018 version 3, should Council choose to approve with conditions.

**Applicant/Support:**

- Shane Lanham, 1550 North Brown Road, Lawrenceville, represented the applicant. The site is adjacent to city owned property between Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and Shadowbrook Church. Vertically mixed units incorporated in the site. Building 100 – 17,900 sq. ft. commercial; Building 200 – commercial/retail; Building 300 – Live/work units. The property has 4 access points with 2 inter-parcel connections. The city 2040 Plan was referenced in designing this project. There will be just under 4 acres of open space incorporated in the project. Just past the buffers there will be more manicured space to allow community use. Staff comments are appreciated and incorporated in the proposed plan.
- Tyler Gaines, 3605 Glenridge Drive, Sandy Springs, GA. Pollack Shores Real Estate Mr. Gaines stated 300 feet is max between parking spaces and units people will park in. Mr. Gaines shared the parking philosophy for the project.

**Opposition:** None

Mayor Burnette called for a short recess.

### C. Announcements

1. We are now hosting our **winter season farmer's market**, which is the second Saturday of each month from 9-11am in Town Center Park. The next market will be Saturday, January 12th. Stop by and enjoy fresh local winter produce, such as lettuces, greens, potatoes, carrots, Brussels sprouts, baked goods, and a variety of other delicious, local flavors.
2. Area residents may drop off their former living Christmas trees at Sims Lake Park from December 26 through January 5 for the "**Bring One for the Chipper**" program. Decorations, lights, and stands should be removed from all trees prior to donating. Last year, mulch from nearly 1,200 former Christmas trees was spread in Suwanee parks. Volunteers will be available to assist with unloading, as well as handing out seedlings (while supplies last) from 9 am-4 pm Saturday, January 5, 2019. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to assist January 5. To volunteer, contact Nicole Schnepfer at [nschnepfer@suwanee.com](mailto:nschnepfer@suwanee.com) or 770-945-8996.
3. Snap – and share – your photos of the Suwanee community through the City's annual **Snap Suwanee photo competition**. Each photographer may submit up to five photos and the deadline for submissions is January 31. Winning photographs will be exhibited, beginning in March 2019, for an approximately one year period at City Hall. The dozen winning photos from the 2017 competition are currently on display on the first-floor lobby of City Hall. More details on the contest are at [suwanee.com](http://suwanee.com).
4. The Police Department's **Lip Sync Challenge video** has recently been honored with multiple international awards. The video – which was produced by City of Suwanee marketing staff and starred the Suwanee Police – won a Silver W3 Award in the category of Video Features – Use of Interactive Video. Receiving over 5,000 entries from across the globe, the W3 Awards honor outstanding websites, web marketing, web video, mobile sites/apps and social content.

*The Lip Sync Challenge video also won two Silver Davey Awards in the categories of Best Use of Interactive Video and Best Art Direction for Online Film/Video. Named for the hero of David and Goliath, "Creative Davids" derive their strength from big ideas rather than big budgets.*

*The **City of Suwanee Annual Report** was also a big winner at the Davey Awards, bringing home three statuettes in the categories of Copywriting for Design/Print, Art Direction/Graphic Design for Design/Print, and Annual Report for*

Design/Print.

*Both the Lip Sync Challenge video and Annual Report can be viewed at suwanee.com.*

**D. Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman and so carried 5-0.*

**E. Approval of Minutes**

1. November 8, 2018 Workshop
2. November 13, 2018 Council Meeting

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

**F. Special Recognition: Representative Brooks Coleman**

**G. Audience Participation - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**H. Consider RZ-2018-009 Rezoning from M-1 to PMUD along Suwanee Dam Road**

*Motion by Councilmember Hilscher to approve RZ-2018-009 subject to staff conditions dated 12/18/2018, version 3, and provide that condition #10 be modified as follows: Within 70 days of approval, applicant shall develop and provide an inter-parcel access plan to the City for City Council approval. Said plan shall include sidewalks and roadways proposed for the adjoining land, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.*

**I. Consider an Amendment to Chapter 50 of the City Code of Ordinances to Implement a Rental Vehicle Excise Tax**

*State law permits municipalities to levy a 3% excise tax on vehicle rentals. Staff has analyzed this and recommends that Council consider adopting this tax effective January 1, 2019.*

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Foster, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman and so carried 5-0.*

**J. Consider Award of Contract to Peach State Construction for Sidewalk/Roadway Work on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and Jackson Street**

*The City solicited bids to install sidewalks along Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and to reconstruct Jackson Street. Staff recommends awarding this to Peach State Construction.*

***Motion to award the contract to Peach State Construction by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman, second by Councilmember Miller. Motion amended by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman to clarify project on Jackson Street between Scales Street and Scales Road, project not to exceed \$496,940, amended second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.***

**K. Consider Adjustments to FY 19 Budget**

*The budget adjustments include the proposed capital project funding changes for Jackson Street reconstruction and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road sidewalk gaps. Also included with these adjustments is the proposed creation of the Rental Vehicle Excise Tax Fund.*

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

**L. Consider Updated Purchasing Policy**

*The Purchasing Policy has been updated due to HB 489, which was passed by the Georgia State General Assembly during the 2018 Legislative Session. It requires that any bid or proposal extended by a county, municipal corporation or local board of education for goods and services valued at \$10,000 or more and any bid or proposal opportunity extended for public works bidding subject to Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. be posted on the Georgia Procurement Registry Website.*

***Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman and so carried 5-0.***

**M. Consider Contract with Strickland & Sons Pipeline, Inc. for the Davis Street Waterline**

*Staff recommends using Strickland & Sons Pipeline, Inc. to complete a waterline project on Davis Street. This is the same contractor who is doing the Buford Highway project, which will provide savings on mobilization and other construction cost savings. The total cost for this project is \$54,803.75, which staff has reviewed and recommends approval. Motion to approve by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Hilscher and carried 5-0.*

**N. Consider Contract with Genetech for the Parks Video Camera Surveillance System**

*We have been experiencing a number of issues with our existing software and support. Accordingly, staff has analyzed software platforms and recommends purchase of the "Genetech" software, licenses, and software support for the City's video camera surveillance system.*

***Motion to approve by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman and so carried 4-0-1 (Councilmember Foster Abstained).***

**O. Consider Change to the Suwanee/Gwinnett County SDS Water Service Delivery Map**

*This change will transfer the water service for parcel R7 237 008 on Eva Kennedy Road from the Suwanee water system to Gwinnett County.*

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

**P. Consent Agenda**

**1. Approve Application to Georgia DOT for LMIG Grant**

*Staff recommends submitting 16 streets or portions thereof, totaling approximately 3.874 miles, to Georgia DOT for the 2019 LMIG street resurfacing improvement program. Additional information is included in the packet; no changes have been made since the workshop.*

**2. Approve Year-End Contract Renewals**

*A number of annual contracts expire on or around December 31. Staff has reviewed each and recommends renewing each of the following contracts:*

- Mauldin and Jenkins (Auditor)*
- Language Line Services (Interpreter services)*
- ESRI, Inc. (Mapping Software Maintenance)*
- Dickerson Group (Waterline and Stormwater repair)*
- IPR Southeast LLC (Stormwater repair)*
- Mitchell Mechanical (HVAC)*
- Estes Services (HVAC)*
- Risk Response Team (Low Voltage)*
- Motorola (Service contract)*
- Socrata (Open Budget)*
- Lincoln Wise (Public Art consulting)*

***Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.***

**Q. Executive Session: Real Estate and Personnel**

***Motion by Councilmember Foster to ENTER Executive Session for Real Estate and Personnel, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.***

***Motion by Councilmember Foster to EXIT Executive Session, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman and so carried 5-0.***

**R. Adjournment**

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

**Approved January 22, 2019**