

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
5:30 PM**

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

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

Absent: Daniel Foster, Councilmember
Doug Ireland, Councilmember

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

B. Announcements

1. Join us the weekend of October 5-6 for our first ever **Suwanee Fine Arts Festival**. Visitors will find themselves surrounded by all types of artists of diverse fine art and original disciplines, including painting, drawing, clay, photography, fine jewelry, sculpture, metal, leather and more. The festival will also offer local food and concessions.
2. Saturday, October 12th will bring the **Taste of BBQ Festival** to Town Center Park. This is a family-friendly, community event featuring tasty BBQ bites, local vendors, an artist market, live music, food, and a Family Fun Zone with activities for children of all ages. The Taste of BBQ Festival is a fundraiser for Project Green.
3. Saturday, October 19th will be a busy day in Suwanee and a perfect day in the outdoors to enjoy the fall weather. Start your morning off in Town Center Park for the **Bridge the Gap 5K**, a run/walk to raise awareness of the gap in programs for special needs individuals transitioning into adulthood.
Head over to White Street Park to join in the 2nd **Birthdays Bash** for our community orchard. This family-friendly party from 1-3pm will include games, prizes, and food, as well as apple cider making.

Finish off your day back in Town Center Park for the **Ride Away Music Festival**, which begins at 2pm and goes until 9pm.

4. The **Jonny & Xena “Spread the Words” 5K & Free Pet Adoptions** returns to Town Center Park on Saturday, October 26th from 9-4. This annual event supports autism programs and animal rescue.
5. Our youngest community members always enjoy our annual **Trek or Treat**. This year’s event on Sunday, October 27th from 2-4 pm at Sims Lake Park, 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 is geared toward youngsters ages 10 and under and features fall-themed games, contests, music, and inflatables.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman to approve the agenda as presented by staff, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 4-0.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. **August 15 Workshop & Called Meeting**
2. **August 27 Council Meeting**

Motion by Councilmember Miller to approve the Minutes, second by Councilmember Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman and so carried 4-0.

F. Special Recognition: Suwanee Police Explorers

Officers Busino and Officer Kessler shared accomplishments of the Suwanee Police Explorers to include the following: Competition in Gatlinburg, TN, participation in community events. Explorers are certified through GA POST to be able to direct traffic at Suwanee events.

G. Audience Participation – None

H. Consider Contract with Cross Multimedia in an Amount Not to Exceed \$55,000 for Council Chambers A/V Overhaul

Staff has obtained bids for replacement of the A/V system in the Council Chambers, which is original to the building, is outdated technology, and is causing performance issues. The new system will be digital and include the replacement of the projectors and screens with 98” flat panel monitors.

Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

I. Consider Conservation Easement for 3.20 Acres of Parcel R7236 067

The Environmental Protection Division has requested a conservation easement as mitigation for the stream buffer variance associated with the Town Center on Main project.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman and so carried 4-0.

J. Approve Revised Authorized Positions Resolution for FY 20

Staff recommends that Council amend the authorized strength for the Business Services department to eliminate the Deputy Court Clerk job title and reclassify the existing Deputy Court Clerks as Business Services Specialists.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman and so carried 4-0.

K. Approve Updated Lease with Norfolk Southern Lease

The City leases an approximately 0.56 acre area along the Main Street side of the railroad between Suwanee Dam Road and Russell Street from Norfolk Southern Railway Company. Norfolk Southern has provided an updated lease proposal that more accurately reflects the area used by the City to be 2.86 acres and will supersede the existing one of March 18, 1992.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman and so carried 4-0.

L. Executive Session: Legal, Personnel, and/or Real Estate – No Executive Session

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

Approved October 22, 2019