

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019**

*Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue*

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

Absent: Daniel Foster, Councilmember

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**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 6:37 P.M., and read the procedures for Public Hearings for the record.

**B. Public Hearing**

**1. Apple Lounge Alcohol Beverage License**

Apple Lounge, located at 3103-A Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, has applied for a new license for the on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Ms. Barrera has applied to be the licensee and the Business Services department recommends approval.

The applicant, Catherine Barrera, 3103 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, Suwanee, GA, was present. There was no opposition.

2. **SUP-2019-002 - The applicant requests a Special Use Permit to allow for an automotive related use within the C-2 (General Commercial District) zoning district. The site is located at 3550 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road.**

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, provided the staff analysis as follows: The applicant requests a special use permit to allow a vinyl vehicle wrapping business at 3500 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 103. The property is zoned C-2. The use is consistent with the Future Land Use Map. Staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval with conditions.

### C. Announcements

1. The **Jonny & Xena “Spread the Words” 5K & Free Pet Adoptions** returns to Town Center Park this Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-4. This annual event supports autism programs and animal rescue.
2. Our youngest community members always enjoy our annual **Trek or Treat**. This year’s event will take place this Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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.
3. The City of Suwanee will have a general **municipal election** on Tuesday, November 5. Polls will open that day at City Hall from 7 am until 7 pm. Early voting has already begun, and will continue from Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at City Hall through November 1.
4. The City of Suwanee is accepting **applications for community events** to be hosted at City of Suwanee parks during 2020. The deadline for applications is December 4. Once the city’s event schedule is approved after the first of the year, no additional events may be added. Applications and guidelines are available at [suwanee.com](http://suwanee.com).
5. The **winter farmers market** is underway, offering hearty vegetables, fruits, and locally-made products on the second Saturday of each month. The market takes place in Town Center Park from 9am until 11 am.
6. The **Suwanee Wine Fest** returns to Town Center Park on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brought to you by organizers of the award-winning Suwanee American Craft Beer Fest, local wine experts will assist in hand-selecting premium wines from around the world. Back by popular demand, the Georgia craft beer tent will also feature unlimited samples of your favorite local brews and a big TV screen showing the game of the day.
7. The American Cancer Society will host the **Bark for Life** on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am. The event is a noncompetitive walk for dogs and their owners to raise

funds and awareness for the fight against cancer. Following the walk, the morning will continue with demonstrations, contest, and games.

8. Rounding out our November events is the award-winning **Suwanee Classic Car Show.** The event will take place on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm and will showcase approximately 150 classic cars and race cars. The event also features paint-a-wreck, silent auction, and presentation for our veterans. Admission is free to the public.

**D. Pledge of Allegiance**

**E. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion by Councilmember Hilscher to adopt the agenda with the following additions: (1) Adoption of Resolution to Support Passenger Rail; (2) Authorize the Mayor to sign documents relating to extending the Service Delivery Strategy with Gwinnett County, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman and so carried 5-0.*

**F. Approval of Minutes**

1. September 12 Workshop
2. September 24 Council Meeting

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

**G. Special Recognition**

1. **Suwanee Fest Committee**  
Mayor Burnette and Amy Doherty recognized the Suwanee Fest sponsors and volunteers.
2. **Suwanee Area Educators**  
Mayor Burnette recognized local Teachers of the Year. Honorable mention to Kerensa Wing, Collins Hill High School, National Principal of the Year.

**H. Audience Participation – None**

**I. Consider Apple Lounge Alcohol Beverage License**

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

**J. Consider SUP-2019-002 for 3550 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road**

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

**K. Service Delivery Strategy Extension with Gwinnett County**

*Motion by Councilmember Miller to authorize the Mayor to sign documents relating to extending the Service Delivery Strategy with Gwinnett County, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman and so carried 5-0.*

**L. Authorize a Resolution to Support a Passenger Rail Station within the City Limits of Suwanee**

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

**M. Consider authorizing a contract amendment with Peach State Construction Company for the Jackson Street project in an amount not to exceed \$108,740.00.**

This contract amendment would allow for the addition of a sidewalk along one side of Jackson Street from Scales Street to Scales Road, a concrete retaining wall with a granite veneer, and 2 sets of steps from the sidewalk up to the adjacent property.

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

**N. Executive Session: None**

**O. Adjournment**

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

**Approved November 19, 2019**