

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

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

Absent: Daniel F. Foster, 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.

CALLED MEETING – 6:00 PM
BIG SPLASH ROOM

- 1. Call to Order**
Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- 2. Executive Session**
Council interviews for planning boards. No Action Taken.
- 3. Adjournment**

COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- A. Call to Order**
Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:41 P.M.

B. Organizational Matters for 2017

1. Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore

In accordance with Section 2.27 of the City Charter, by a majority of vote, the City Council shall elect a Councilmember to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for that ensuing year. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall assume duties and powers of the Mayor during the Mayor's disability or absence.

Motion by Councilmember Miller to elect Councilmember Ireland as Mayor Pro Tempore, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

2. Adoption of Rules and Procedure

In accordance with Section 2.19 of the City Charter, the City Council shall each year adopt its rules of procedure and order of business. Staff recommends adopting the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to adopt the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland and so carried 5-0.

3. Oath of Election Superintendent

As the City's election superintendent, Elvira Rogers must take an oath to supervise the 2017 election. The Oath was administered by City Attorney, Gregory Jay.

4. Consider Ordinance to Establish Fees for 2017 Election

The City must adopt an ordinance to call the November 7, 2017 municipal election to fill the expired terms of Council posts 3, 4 and 5 and to establish the qualifying fees.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland to approve the Ordinance to Establish Fees for the 2017 Election, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

C. Public Hearing

Mayor Burnette called the Public Hearing to order and read the Procedures for Public Hearings for the record.

- 1. RZ-2016-006 - Owners: SLF III-GA Suwanee Gateway, LLC. Applicant: John A. Hastings. The applicant requests a rezoning from PMUD (Planned Mixed-Use Development) to PMUD (change of conditions) to allow for townhomes. The site is located in Land Lot 169 of the 7th District at 558 and 608 Northolt Parkway and contains approximately 11 acres.**

This item was postponed in December to the January 24 public hearing and regular agenda. Josh Campbell stated the applicant has requested postponement

to the February 28, 2017 Council Meeting. The Planning Commission recommended postponing the request to the February meeting.

Support

- Trey Brantley of Anderson, Tate & Carr, 1960 Satellite Boulevard, Suite 4000, Duluth, GA, affirmed the request to postpone the case to allow time to complete site review.

Opposition – None.

2. Suwanee Park Tavern Alcohol Beverage License

Suwanee Park Tavern, located at 340 Town Center Avenue, Suite A8, is changing licensees. Mr. Alan R. Purcell is the applicant for on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Staff recommends approval. Marty Allen, City Manager, stated all paperwork is in order for this request.

Support

- Alan Purcell, 346 Suwanee Avenue, was present and requested Council consider approval of the change in licensee.

Opposition – None.

3. Greek Island Grill Alcohol Beverage License

Greek Island Grill, located at 3320 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road Ste. 2A-C, has applied for an additional licensee for the alcohol beverage license on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Mr. Ahad Tariq is the applicant. Staff recommends approval. Marty Allen, City Manager, stated all paperwork is in order for this request.

Support

- Ahad Tariq, 3320 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 2A, was present and requested Council consider approval of the license application.

Opposition – None.

4. Vice Bar & Bistro Alcohol Beverage License

Vice Bar & Bistro, located at 45 Satellite Blvd, Suite G, failed to renew their alcohol beverage license for 2017 by December 31, submitting an application on January 6. In accordance with Section 6-41 of the Code of Ordinances, expired licenses shall be treated as an initial application, requiring a public hearing and vote by Council. Mr. Cordaveious DeShaun Brown remains the applicant. Pending on-time payment of alcohol excise taxes due January 20, staff recommends re-issuing the permit for on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits.

Marty Allen, City Manager, stated the establishment has been open for over a year and Mr. Brown's excise taxes for the month of December 2016 have not been paid.

Support

- Cordaveious DeShaun Brown, 3500 Satellite Boulevard, Suwanee, was present and requested Council consider approval of the license application.

Opposition – None.

D. Announcements

1. We have some upcoming events that will help you to meet those 2017 fitness resolutions. Team up with “that special someone” for hot chocolate, cookies, and a brisk morning run on Saturday, February 11th for the **Sweetheart Sprint 5K!** The race begins at 10am and bring your camera and your creativity. This race features a sweet prize for the best Valentine's-themed costume.

Join us on Sunday, February 26th for the very first full, 26.2-mile marathon in Gwinnett County – the **Suwanee Marathon and Half Marathon!** Joining the existing Half Marathon, this Peachtree Qualifier is a great route for all running levels.

2. If you're a procrastinator or haven't yet been able to bid farewell to your Christmas tree, give it a new sense of purpose through the City of Suwanee's "treecycling" campaign, which is part of Keep Georgia Beautiful's annual '**Bring One for the Chipper!**' program. Area residents may drop off their Christmas trees at Sims Lake Park through January 31. 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.
3. The City's popular **Citizens Police Academy** begins again on February 20th. The 10-week program helps to strengthen the relationship between citizens and the police, and offer a better understanding of the risks and responsibilities of police officers. Some of the classes included will be Active Shooter Response, Traffic Stops, Building Searches, Crime Prevention, and Narcotics Identification. This program also includes a ride along program with a Suwanee Police Officer. Applications must be received no later than February 13th; contact Officer Richard Pope at 770-904-7641 for an application.
4. The **Suwanee Farmers Market** is currently searching for farmers, herb and flower growers, butchers, bakers, jams and soap makers, and others to participate in its 12th season. The regular Suwanee Farmers Market will be open from 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, May through the first week in October, at Town Center Park. Visit suwanee.com for more information.

5. The popular **Food Truck Fridays** will return again in April. If you know a vendor (or are one!), visit suwanee.com for more information on applying. These fun warm-weather evenings include great food and live music on the first Friday of each month.

E. Pledge of Allegiance

F. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland to approve the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

G. Approval of Minutes

1. **December 1, 2016 Called Meeting**
2. **December 1, 2016 Council Workshop**
3. **December 13, 2016 Council Meeting**

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

H. Council Recognition

1. Police CALEA Recertification

Brett West, Assistant Chief for Gwinnett County, presented Suwanee's CALEA recertification.

I. Presentation: FY 16 Financial Audit

The audit for FY 16 is complete. Joel Black from Mauldin and Jenkins presented the results. There were no significant findings.

J. Audience Participation – None.

OLD BUSINESS

K. Consider RZ-2016-006 at 558 and 608 Northolt Parkway from PMUD (Planned Mixed-Use Development) to PMUD (change of conditions)

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to postpone RZ-2016-006 to the February 28, 2017 Council Meeting, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.

L. Consider Right of Way Abandonment on Northolt Parkway

There is a small curb cut on Northolt Parkway that the adjacent property owner is requesting the City abandon. The property owner is currently seeking to rezone the land for townhomes as part of RZ-2016-006. They indicate that the curb cut is not needed as part of the project. This item was postponed in December.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland to postpone the Right of Way Abandonment on Northolt Parkway to the February 28, 2017 Council Meeting, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

M. Council Re-Appointments

There are numerous Council appointees whose terms expire at the end of January.

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to Table this item. After Council discussion, Councilmember Goodman withdrew the motion.

Motion to approve the re-appointments by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.

N. Consider Appointments to Planning Commission

The Council is conducting interviews for vacant seats on the Planning Commission.

Motion to Table by Councilmember Goodman, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland and so carried 5-0.

O. Consider Appointments to Zoning Board of Appeals

The Council is conducting interviews for vacant seats on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion to Table by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

P. Consider Appointment of Associate Judge

Council will appoint a new judge to fill a vacancy in the pool of associate judges for municipal court.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland to appoint Kimberly Gallant as Associate Judge to replace William Brogdon, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

Q. Oath of Office

Mayor Burnette administered the oath of office for Judge Gallant.

R. Consider Suwanee Park Tavern Alcohol Beverage License

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

S. Consider Greek Island Grill Alcohol Beverage License

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

T. Consider Vice Bar & Bistro Alcohol Beverage License

Motion to deny by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 5-0.

- U. Consider Authorizing Award of Contract(s) for On-Demand Engineering Services**
The Planning Department has released an RFQ for on-demand engineering services. Proposals are due on January 23 and staff hopes to be able to forward a recommendation for consideration at the January 24 regular agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to postpone to the February 28, 2017 meeting, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland and so carried 5-0.

- V. Consider Award of Contract to C.B. Summer for Pierce's Corner Renovation Subject to City Attorney Approval of Contract**
Staff obtained bids for the renovation of Pierce's Corner and recommends awarding a contract to C.B. Summer for \$686,995.00.

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

W. Consent Agenda

- 1. Award Contract to Allied Paving Contractors in the Amount of \$805,048.20 for Street Resurfacing Projects**
Staff received bids for resurfacing approximately 4 miles of various City streets. Staff recommends awarding the contract to the low bidder, Allied Paving Contractors, Inc. of Pendergrass, GA in the amount of \$805,048.20.
- 2. Execute Standard Utility Agreement Contract with Georgia DOT for Buford Highway Project**
The City must execute a Standard Utility Agreement Contract with GDOT associated with the water line relocations for this project.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items by Councilmember Miller second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

X. Executive Session: Personnel

Motion to Enter Executive Session for Personnel matters by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

Motion to Exit Executive Session by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.

Motion by Councilmember Hilscher to re-appoint Pete Charpentier and Anthony Manners to the Planning Commission, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland and so carried 5-0.

Motion by Councilmember Hilscher to appoint the following to the Zoning Board of Appeals: David Sullivan to replace Robert Michener (2 year term); Paul Alznauer to replace Larry Johnson (term to expire 1/31/2008) and re-appoint Scott Auer, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.

Y. Adjournment

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

Approved February 28, 2017