

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: James M. Burnette, Mayor
Beth Hilscher, Mayor Pro Tempore
Heather Hall, Councilmember
Linnea Miller, Councilmember
Larry Pettiford, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Daniel Foster, Councilmember

DINNER SESSION – 5:30 PM
BIG SPLASH ROOM

City Council Informal Session – (Agenda Review)

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 6:33 P.M.

B. Oath of Office

Gregory Jay, City Attorney, conducted the ceremonial oath of office for Mayor Jimmy Burnette, Heather Hall (Post 1), and Laurence Pettiford (Post 2).

C. Adoption of Rules and Procedures

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

Motion by Councilmember Hilscher to adopt Robert's Rules of Order, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.

D. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

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 the ensuing

year. The Mayor Pro Tem shall assume duties and powers of the Mayor during the Mayor's disability or absence.

Motion by Councilmember Miller to select Councilmember Hilscher as Mayor Pro Tem, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

E. Public Hearing

1. Greek Island Grill & Bar Beverage License

Due to a change in ownership this business, located at 3320 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, Suite B2, has applied for on-the premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Mr. Randall Harris has applied to be the licensee and the Business Services department recommends approval. There was no audience comment.

2. Anatolia Café and Hookah Lounge Beverage License

This business, located at 2855 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, has applied for a new license for the on-premise consumption of beer, wine and distilled spirits. Mr. Rizwan Jiwani has applied to be the licensee and the Business Services department recommends approval. There was no audience comment.

There being no further discussion Mayor Burnette closed the Public Hearing.

F. 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, February 8th. 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. Join us for the 6th annual **Suwanee Half Marathon and Old Town 5k** on Sunday, February 9th. The races will be presented by Performance Race Services, along with the City of Suwanee, and benefit the Suwanee Public Arts program. Registration is available at suwaneehalf.com.
3. The Rotary Club of Buford/North Gwinnett is hosting the **9th Annual Suwanee Sweetheart Sprint 5k and Fun Run** on Saturday, February 15th. The race is a Peachtree Road Race qualifier and boasts all sorts of fun including, reward medals and a Valentines theme costume contest. Arrive early and take part in DJ and mascot fun and a great pre-race warm up. After the race enjoy some hot chocolate, post-race snacks and some fun with your friends and family at the photo booth! This is a pet-friendly event, so bring along your furry friends too! Registration is available at active.com.
4. The City of Suwanee is accepting proposals and samples from artists who wish to have their work considered for the City's month-long, award-winning **Art on a Limb program**. Through Art on a Limb, two pieces of original artwork are

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hidden along the Suwanee Creek Greenway or at one of the City's parks each day throughout the month of May. Those who find the art pieces get to keep the unique trail treasures. Entry applications can be found on Suwanee.com. The deadline for submitting entries to be considered for the 2020 Art on a Limb program is January 31.

G. Pledge of Allegiance

H. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Pettiford to adopt the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

I. Approval of Minutes

1. December 5, 2019 Workshop
2. December 17, 2019 Council Meeting

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

J. Special Recognition: Jillian Vacha, Gwinnett County Spelling Bee Winner

K. FY 19 Audit Presentation

The audit for FY 2019 is complete. A representative from Mauldin & Jenkins presented the results.

L. Audience Participation - None

M. Consider Greek Island Grill & Bar Beverage License

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

N. Consider Anatolia Café and Hookah Lounge Beverage License

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

O. Consider Amendment to City Code for Brunch Bill Referendum

Suwanee voters approved a referendum in the November election to adopt the "brunch bill" for extended hours on Sundays for alcohol sales by the drink. Staff has incorporated the necessary changes into the City Code.

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

P. Arbor Day Proclamation

The City will celebrate Arbor Day on February 22, 2020.

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

Q. Consider Annual Appointments

Terms will expire at the end of January for members of various City boards and appointed positions. (One motion can be made for the entire slate).

Planning Commission

Reappointment of Glenn Weyant, Lila Adams, and Michelle Budd

Zoning Board of Appeals

Reappointment of Ray Brown, James Thigpen, and Paul Altnauer

Downtown Development Authority

Reappointment of Kevin O'Brien – Seat 1, Julie Perdue – Seat 3, Mark Brock – Seat 5, and Randy Winfield – Seat 8

Public Arts Commission

Reappointment of Sean Mulligan, Cherie Heringer, and Keith Nabb; new appointment of Carla Hoff

Urban Redevelopment Authority

Reappointment of Sandra Watson, Carol Hassell, and Randy Winfield

Harvest Farm

Reappointment of Elizabeth McCoy

Other Reappointments

Gregory Jay, City Attorney; Norman Cuadra, Municipal Court Chief Judge; David Lee, Municipal Court Associate Judge; Rick Ryczek, Municipal Court Associate Judge; Jennifer White, Municipal Court Associate Judge; Elizabeth Reisner, Municipal Court Chief Prosecuting Attorney; Erica Dove, Municipal Court Prosecuting Attorney; Anna Pearce, Municipal Court Prosecuting Attorney, Elvira Rogers, Election Superintendent; and Robyn O'Donnell, Absentee Ballot Clerk

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

R. Consider Adoption of Shopping Cart Ordinance

As discussed at the workshop, staff recommends adopting an ordinance to address shopping carts that are abandoned throughout the city. This is an issue that has been addressed in other cities with an ordinance that requires businesses with shopping carts to have a plan for retrieving abandoned shopping carts and fines businesses that do not retrieve abandoned carts in a timely manner.

Motion to TABLE by Councilmember Pettiford, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.

S. Consent Agenda

1. Ratify IGA with Gwinnett County Regarding Operation of the 800 MHz Radio System

The Mayor has signed an intergovernmental agreement forwarded by Gwinnett County in relation to the 800 MHz radio system that is used for emergency communications throughout Gwinnett.

2. Approve 2nd Quarter Budget Adjustments

The proposed second quarter budget adjustments include revenue offsets for the General Fund of \$123,800, which is an increase of just under 1% the total budget.

3. Adopt Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement

The City must annually execute a Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement in compliance with federal highway regulations in order to continue to receive federal funds for road projects.

4. Approve Renewal of Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement Renewal

In 2016, the city entered into a Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement with Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) in case of an emergency. It is time to renew the agreement. There are no substantive changes from the previous agreement.

5. Ratify Georgia Power Easement for Municipal Court Project

The Mayor has executed an access easement with Georgia Power for work associated with the municipal court renovation project.

Motion to approve items on Consent Agenda by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

T. Executive Session: Legal

Motion to ENTER Executive Session for legal discussion by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

Motion to EXIT Executive Session by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

There was no action.

U. Adjournment

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

Approved February 25, 2020