

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

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

5:00 P.M.
CALLED MEETING
BIG SPLASH ROOM, #2302

1. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

2. Executive Session: Personnel

Motion to ENTER Executive Session for Personnel Matters by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

Motion to EXIT Executive Session by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

The Council conducted interview(s) for the vacant position on the Planning Commission.
No Action Taken

3. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.

(Note: No Recording)

5:30 P.M.
DINNER SESSION
BIG SPLASH ROOM, #2302

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.

6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

B. Public Hearing: Downtown Suwanee Master Plan

The City's consultant, Woody Giles, TSW, provided a brief presentation on the process and final plan.

Public Comment

- Mr. Jack Hutchinson, 212 Leaf Lake Drive, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Hutchinson asked about work proposed for Sawmill Drive. The Mayor stated staff will contact Mr. Hutchinson as Sawmill is not part of the Master Plan.
- Richard Trice, 4021 McGinnis Ferry Road, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Trice inquired as to parking. Mr. Giles stated parking will be handled through new development. Josh Campbell, Planning Director, stated parking would be planned in certain areas and handled through the development process.

C. Announcements

1. *We hope that you'll plan to join us for Suwanee's **August Concert & Wing Festival** on **August 8**. The festival begins at 5 p.m. at Town Center Park. We'll be serving up great music and flavorful wings. **Headline performer, Soul Asylum**, will take the stage around 8:30 p.m.*

Food Truck Friday rolls back into Town Center Park Friday, August 7. Dinner will be served from 5:30-9:30 p.m. and JP Blues will perform beginning about 7. The Suwanee Youth Leaders class, comprised of about 50 high school students participating in the City's youth leadership experience, is organizing and managing this event. The students are organizing chalk art, arts and crafts, and an obstacle course as well as a raffle to benefit the Hilaire Foundation for Melanoma.

2. *Artist Hans Godo Frabel's **The Seven Sins and Virtues art exhibit**, continues to delight City Hall visitors. The exhibit, just outside these doors – you couldn't miss it as you came in, will be on display until September 1.*

3. *The City of Suwanee has received two **Voice of the People Awards for Excellence** – in community engagement as well as recreation and wellness – from the International City/County Management Association and National Research Center. Suwanee was the lone community nationally to win multiple awards.*

***Voice of the People** awards are the only awards given in local government based on community opinion. Ratings by residents on customized National Citizen Surveys determine nominees in a variety of service and community characteristic categories. Suwanee administered its most recent National Citizen Survey in November. In survey results, released in March, Suwanee residents rated the City higher than any other participating communities across the nation on eight questions.*

Suwanee is also a finalist in two additional Voice of the People categories – built environment and economy.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Jacob Tuten, 7th grader, Troop 1534 led to pledge.

E. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented by staff by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. **June 11, 2015 Called Meeting**
2. **June 11, 2015 Council Workshop**
3. **June 23, 2015 Council Meeting**

Motion to approve the Minutes by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

G. Special Recognition: Deputy Chief Janet Moon

Council and staff expressed thanks to Deputy Chief Janet Moon for her service to Suwanee as she departs Suwanee for the position as Police Chief in Peachtree City. Captain Cass Mooney represented the Police Department in Chief Jones' absence.

H. Audience Participation

- Richard Trice 4021 McGinnis Ferry Road, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Trice stated as a cost savings, the fountain should be turned off after Labor Day.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consider Transmittal of Downtown Suwanee Master Plan to Atlanta Regional Commission

Motion to approve by Councilmember Goodman, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and so carried 6-0.

J. Consider Application for ARC Public Art Grant Program

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has announced a new public art program which, through a grant process, will provide matching funds to help communities install public art. Staff proposes submitting an application that centers on the “LIVES” piece of steel from the demolished Gwinnett County water tower that the City possesses. The application deadline is August 3, 2015 and must include confirmation of the matching funds. Staff requests that the City provide a \$15,000 match.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Goodman, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and so carried 6-0.

K. Consider a Resolution to Transfer Certain Property to the City’s Downtown Development Authority

The City owns approximately 3 acres along Buford Highway adjacent to Chicago Street. The attached resolution would transfer the property to the DDA for their use and/or disposal.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Ireland, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

L. Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Suwanee Development Authority Pertaining to Certain Property Transferred to the Downtown Development Authority

This IGA establishes certain conditions and procedures pertaining to how the DDA must dispose of certain land transferred to them in the item above.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

M. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Amended Memorandum of Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation Related to the TE Grant for the Brushy Creek Greenway Project

Georgia DOT recently requested the City to amend a Memorandum of Understanding. Council authorized the Mayor to enter into the MOU with the GDOT earlier this year. They are now wanting to revise it.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

N. Consent Agenda

1. Adopt Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan

In order to remain eligible for FEMA grant funding, Gwinnett County must update its Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years. The cities are included in the County’s plan. More details are included in the packet; no changes have been made since the workshop.

2. Approve Radar Signs on Station Center Boulevard

Staff recommends installing two radar signs on Station Center Boulevard. Funding for these signs was included in the CIP and approved in the FY 2016 budget.

Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve consent agenda items, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

O. Executive Session: None

P. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.

Approved August 25, 2015