

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Richard I. Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem
Daniel F. Foster, Councilmember
Beth S. Hilscher, Councilmember
Kevin McOmber, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent Doug Ireland, Councilmember

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 6:31 p.m.

B. Public Hearing

1. 2013 Millage Rate

Marty Allen, City Manager, stated we have received the City's 2013 tax consolidation information from Gwinnett County. After analyzing the data, staff recommends a rate of 4.93 mills, which is the same rate as 2012. This is the second of two hearings on the millage rate. Mr. Allen presented a PowerPoint presentation and a hard copy was made available for audience attendees. There was no audience comment and the Public Hearing was closed.

C. Announcements

1. We're very proud that Money magazine has once again named the City of Suwanee one of America's best places to live. Suwanee is ranked #33 on Money's 2013 list of best small towns, making it the highest-ranked community in Georgia. Suwanee has been included on Money's list of Best Places to Live in previous years, ranking #10 in 2007 and #35 in 2009. Earlier this year Family Circle magazine ranked Suwanee as one of the nation's 10 Best Towns for Families and last year Kiplinger.com ranked Suwanee #3 on its list of best places

to raise children. Other Georgia cities on Money's 2013 Best Places list are Evans at #43 and Peachtree City at #48.

2. Three City Council posts will be on the ballot this fall. Tomorrow is the final day for candidates to qualify for these posts, as the qualification period will close at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 28. The posts up for election and the individuals currently serving in those positions are: Post 3 – Kevin McOmber; Post 4 – Beth Hilscher; and Post 5 – Dan Foster.
3. The annual Suwanee Day Classic is coming up on Saturday, September 14 and includes a 1K, a 5K, and a 10K race. To be guaranteed a t-shirt, please register by September 1. The race is hosted by the Suwanee BodyPlex.
4. We hope you'll enjoy us in a few weeks as we celebrate the 30th year of Suwanee Day. We invite you to join us for Suwanee's annual "celebration of community" on Saturday, September 21, at Town Center Park. All-day fun in the form of entertainment, shopping, festival food, activities, rides, and more will be available from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. The day will conclude with a free concert by Fastball and a fireworks display. An award-winning festival, this year's Suwanee Day has been named a Top 20 event for the fall by the Southeast Tourism Society. Each year, the festival brings approximately 50,000 people to Town Center Park.

Marty Allen stated the parade route will change this year and will go down Main Street to end at Town Center Park.

5. September 6 is the final Food Truck Friday.
6. On September 7 Men in Black 3 will be on the big screen in Town Center Park.
7. On September 11 at 7:30, the World Trade Center artifact will be dedicated in Town Center Park.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; McOmber – yes

F. Approval of Minutes

1. **July 11 2013 Called Meeting**
2. **July 11, 2013 Council Workshop**
3. **July 23, 2013 Council Meeting**

Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; McOmber – yes

G. Audience Participation

- Maurice Cook, 1342 Riverview Run Lane, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Cook spoke on the following topics: CALEA re-certification and what he felt was lack of support by appointed boards and

others. He shared comments on Beerfest/Winefest events sending a negative message to the youth in our community. He shared comments regarding the National Historic Registry meeting in downtown Atlanta. He stated there was no mention of the Jackson Street Cemetery which is a historic site near the registry district. He expressed concern that there are veterans buried in this cemetery who are not being honored.

NEW BUSINESS

H. Consider Adoption of 2013 Millage Rate

Motion to adopt the millage rate at 4.93 by Councilmember Foster, second by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman and so carried 5-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; McOmber – yes

I. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Contract with Astra Group for Construction of the Buford Highway Sidewalks

The City received a bid from the Astra Group in the amount of \$349,888 to construct sidewalks on Buford Highway. The bid is responsive and in line with projected costs and the proposed budget. This project is part of implementation of the Pedestrian Bicycle Plan.

Motion to approve by Councilmember McOmber, second by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman and so carried 5-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; McOmber – yes

J. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Contract with Allied Paving Contractors for Street Resurfacing Projects

The City has received five bids to resurface approximately 1.57 miles on four City streets. Staff recommends awarding this project to Allied Paving Contractors, the low bidder, in the amount of \$322,958.71.

Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; McOmber – yes

K. Consent Agenda

1. Approve Updated List of Roadways for Speed Detection Devices

Staff has identified some needed revisions to the list of streets and highways on which Police may use speed detection devices. This is an update to the City's existing permit to add new streets and for other purposes.

2. Authorize Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the Partnership Gwinnett Public Funding Entity

Partnership Gwinnett has changed its organizational structure by creating the Partnership Gwinnett Public Funding Entity (PFE), a 501(c)6 created in 2012. Partnership Gwinnett has prepared an agreement to formalize the cities' contracts with the PFE for community and economic development initiatives.

3. Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Project Framework Agreement with Georgia DOT for the Buford Highway Project

Georgia DOT has provided a Project Framework Agreement for the City to execute related to the Buford Highway improvement project.

4. Approve the Annual Update to the Comprehensive Plan

Staff has prepared the draft annual update to the Comprehensive Plan. There are no major elements to report.

5. Adopt a Revised Authorized Positions Resolution for FY 14

As discussed at the workshop, staff recommends two staffing changes in the police department – changing the part-time communications officer to a full-time position and adding an administrative secretary position. These changes can be funded with no addition to the FY 14 adopted budget.

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

L. Executive Session: Legal, Personnel, and/or Property Acquisition (if necessary)

Motion to ENTER Executive session by Councilmember Foster for Legal and Property Acquisition, second by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman and so carried 5-0.

Motion to EXIT Executive session by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

No action taken.

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Foster second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 5-0.

Approved 09/24/2013