



AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING & WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020
5:30 PM

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Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue, Council Chambers

CALLED MEETING

A. Call to Order

B. Public Hearing: 2020 Millage Rate

We have received our 2020 tax consolidation information from Gwinnett County. After analyzing the data provided from Gwinnett County, staff recommends a proposed millage rate of 4.93 mills, the same proposed millage rate used in the adopted FY 2020 budget. This is also the same millage rate as the past eight years. Additional public hearings will be held on Tuesday, August 25th at noon and 6:30 pm, with adoption scheduled at the August 25th Council meeting.

C. Adjournment

WORKSHOP

D. COVID-19 Update (temporary standing item)

Update relating to general COVID-19 issues that are not on the agenda for more detailed discussion.

E. Staff Updates

I. Davis Street Water Line Project

Strickland & Sons Pipeline, Inc. has substantially completed the Davis Street waterline

project. The project includes approximately 560 feet of 8-inch pipe, beginning at White Street and extending across Buford Highway to King Street. This new waterline provides the water system a secondary connection across Buford Highway, an improvement from the single connection currently at Russell Street. This water system improvement project was one of the priority projects noted in our water system master plan

2. 2nd Quarter 2020 Economic Indicators Report

Staff will distribute the report in lieu of formally presenting this quarter's report.

3. Gwinnett Loop Trail

The Gwinnett Loop Trail study is a Gwinnett County project to analyze an approximate 14-mile segment of a 17-mile trail that is being planned to link to the Western Gwinnett Bikeway, the Suwanee Creek Greenway and multiple parks including Suwanee Creek Park. The proposed loop includes a trail along Suwanee Creek on City owned property between Suwanee Creek Park and the Western Gwinnett Bikeway. This leg of the trail would go underneath Buford Highway, the railroad tracks, and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. No funding is dedicated to implementation beyond the study at this point. The first public meeting took place in July, and a second virtual public meeting is planned for October/November.

4. November 3rd Special Election

Council post #5 is currently vacant. In accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-132(d)(3), the Council must adopt a resolution to call for the election and set qualifying dates, fees, poll worker compensation, etc. The election will be held on November 3, 2020, with qualifying to begin on Tuesday, September 8th at 8:30 a.m. and close at Noon, September 10th. The resolution will be included on the August 25th regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

F. CIP Updates

Staff will provide updates on the following projects:

- 1. Jackson Street**
- 2. Station Park**

G. Station Park Design

Staff has received a revised concept for Station Park. Staff would like to present the concept and discuss moving forward.

H. Town Center on Main Phasing Approaches

Staff would like to discuss potential phasing approaches for Town Center on Main.

I. Suwanee Pedestrian and Bicycle Loop Study

The City has issued an RFQ for consultants to perform the Suwanee Pedestrian and Bicycle Loop Study. This study will explore the feasibility of the following projects being considered for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan update: 1) a continuous multi-use loop, crossing options for Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, and sidewalk projects that could connect to the loop and other

regional trails including Russell Street, White Street, Martin Farm Road, and Westbrook Road. Proposals are due September 8th, and a consultant will be selected by the end of September. Staff will discuss the selection process.

J. Pierce Point Trail Maintenance Agreement & Easements

The Suwanee Creek Greenway between Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and Suwanee Elementary School is located on land that belongs to the Pierce Point subdivision. While the ownership and maintenance of the trail is not in doubt (it belongs to the City) it would provide clarity to have the greenway located within an access/maintenance easement. Access to the Suwanee Creek Greenway is provided via a small asphalt path that runs from the Pierce Point amenity area to the trail. This access has been used by the City in the past in order to provide maintenance of the trail. The path is also used by residents to access the Greenway. None of this trail is contained in an easement. Pierce Point approached the City about assisting with the maintenance of this access trail. The HOA has agreed to provide an easement that would dedicate the Greenway, the access trail, and a path through the amenity area parking to the City. These easements would provide the clarity the City needs in order to allow residents to use the Greenway and to access the Greenway through the HOA property. In return for granting these easements, the City would agree to take over maintenance responsibility of the access trail to the Greenway.

K. HB 879 Referendum

Governor Kemp recently signed HB 879 related to alcohol sales, which provides for the following: 1) home delivery of alcohol; 2) tasting events at package stores; and expanded Sunday hours for package sales of beer, wine, and distilled spirits (beginning at 11 am instead of 12:30 pm).

The expanded package sales hours are consistent with the “brunch bill” referendum Suwanee voters approved in 2019, permitting Sunday sales for on-premise consumption at 11 am. Similar to the “brunch bill,” HB 879 also requires a referendum for voters to consider the expanded Sunday hours for package sales. Should Council wish to include this referendum with the November 3rd election, a resolution must be adopted to call for the ballot question.

L. Event Evaluation (temporary standing item)

M. Knowledge Sharing

1. Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities
2. Other

N. City Manager’s Report

1. Minutes for Approval