

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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  
Doug Ireland, Councilmember  
Kevin McOmber, Councilmember  
Marty Allen, City Manager  
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk  
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

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**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 6:33 pm.

**B. Announcements**

- 1. The City of Suwanee is launching a new youth leadership initiative to build up young leaders in the community and outside the classroom. The nine-month Suwanee Youth Leaders program will begin in January. Applications are available at [suwanee.com](http://suwanee.com); the application deadline is October 25. The program is designed for high school sophomores and juniors in the North Gwinnett and Peachtree Ridge clusters, including students who attend private or home-based schools. The program aligns with the City's 20/20 Vision strategic plan which calls for encouraging youth involvement in civic and community planning. For more information, visit [suwanee.com](http://suwanee.com) or contact Denise Brinson at [denise@suwanee.com](mailto:denise@suwanee.com) or 770-945-8996.*

2. *This weekend is your last opportunity to experience this year's **Terror on the Trail**, a partnership with the Aurora Theatre and the City of Suwanee to offer scary tales and spooky chills through zombie-inspired tours at Sims Lake Park. The 75-minute haunted tours begin at 7 each evening on Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26. For more details and to purchase advance tickets, please visit [terroronthetrail.com](http://terroronthetrail.com).*
3. *For those want some Halloween fun without zombies and spooky chills, Suwanee's annual **Trek or Treat** event won't disappoint. Trek or Treat is a free event designed particularly for children 10 and younger. Activities include festival games, crafts, inflatables, dance competitions, and pictures with Parker, the City of Suwanee's oversized canine mascot. A free hot dog lunch will be available while supplies last. The event will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, October 26, at Suwanee Creek Park.*
4. *We're proud to share that the City of Suwanee was one of a dozen communities from around the nation – and one of two in Georgia – to be recognized for service excellence at the recent International City/County Management Association annual conference in Boston. Suwanee received **three Voice of the People Awards for Excellence** for obtaining outstanding resident ratings through the 2012 National Citizen Survey in three categories: code enforcement, overall service quality, and parks. These ratings placed Suwanee among the three highest-rated communities among all eligible jurisdictions nationwide in each category. The City of Suwanee participates biennially in the National Citizen Survey in order to gather valuable citizen data to help inform budgeting, goal-setting, performance measurement, and program planning.*
5. *The City is now accepting applications for the **2014 event calendar**. The deadline to submit is Friday, December 6. For additional information, contact Amy Doherty at [adoherty@suwanee.com](mailto:adoherty@suwanee.com) or 770-945-8996.*

**C. Pledge of Allegiance – Aaron Beindorf, Troop 317**

**D. Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Ireland to adopt the Agenda with Executive Session for Property Acquisition and Personnel and so carried 6-0.*

**E. Approval of Minutes**

1. **September 12, 2013 Council Workshop**
2. **September 24, 2013 Council Meeting**

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

**F. Consider Appointment to Public Arts Commission**

*There is a vacancy on the PAC due to the resignation of Councilmember-elect Linnea Miller. The PAC recommends Suzanne Holtkamp for this position. This appointment would expire December 31, 2015.*

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman to appoint Suzanne Holtkamp to fill the PAC vacancy, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.*

**G. Audience Participation – None.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**H. Consider Authorizing Staff to Submit the Renewal Application for the City's MS4 Permit**

*The City's existing MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) permit expires on June 11, 2014. Council approval is needed to submit the application.*

*Motion by Councilmember Foster to authorize staff to submit the renewal application for the MS4 Permit, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.*

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

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman to ENTER Executive Session for Personnel and Real Estate matters, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.*

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

**No action taken.**

**J. Adjournment**

*Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember McOmber, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.*

**Approved 11/19/2013**