

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020

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

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

DINNER SESSION – 5:30 PM

City Council Informal Session

Agenda review and 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

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and read the procedures for Public Hearings for the record.

B. Public Hearing

- 1. RZ-2020-002 – Owner: Noble Corner LP. Applicant: Ted Turner. The applicant requests a rezoning from C-2 (General Commercial District) and M-1 (Light Industry District) to RM-6 (Residential Multi-Family Duplex District) to allow for townhomes. The site is located on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard south of McGinnis Ferry Road and contains approximately 16.3 acres.**

Josh Campbell, Planning Director provided a summary of the staff analysis. Proposed 75 single family attached homes. The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions dated October 22, 2020. The applicant has modified the site plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions based on the revised plan. Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher discussed conditions dated November 17, 2020 addressing commercial uses at front of the site. Condition #2 requests development of concept for live work units or allow for commercial uses along Peachtree Industrial Boulevard for a period of 2 years.

Applicant: Kenneth Wood, 350 Research Court, Norcross, GA represented the applicant. Mr. Wood provided an overview of the project. He stated they are knowledgeable of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use map are in compliance with requirements outlined in these documents. There are development issues on the site. The site is in the Metropolitan River Corridor. The proposed design will provide sidewalks to connect throughout. Mr. Wood stated they do not feel that live work will fit on this site.

Matt Reeves, One Sugarloaf Center, Duluth, GA spoke in support and stated the site is not feasible for commercial. He requested Council not impose restrictions on the site. The applicant has file Constitutional Objections. The applicant has followed the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The developer is working with a challenging site.

Opposition – None.

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

C. Announcements

1. We are now hosting our twice-monthly **Winter Farmers Market**. Join us this Saturday, November 17th or in December on the 12th and 19th. The winter markets are held from 9-11 am in Town Center Park.
2. Be sure to hit Suwanee's parks and trails this month for **Art on a Limb!** Traditionally held in May, the City of Suwanee's beloved Art on a Limb program was displaced this spring, but has returned for November! The program hides two pieces of original artwork in Suwanee parks and along trails each day in the month of November for people to find and keep. This year's pieces are handmade gnomes by Buford artist Judy Isaak.
3. We're excited to welcome Santa Claus to Suwanee for the **Santapalooza: The Naughty or Nice Tour** on the evening of Friday, December 4th. Santa will tour Suwanee's neighborhoods while his elves collect canned goods for the North Gwinnett Co-Op. Check suwanee.com for more details.
4. If you need to work off your Thanksgiving meal, come out for our **Happyfeet Run Run Rudolph 5K** on Saturday, December 5th from 8-10 am. The run will start in Town Center Park and be timed by electronic chips. Dress in your fun holiday Rudolph attire, jingle bells, or Christmas PJs!

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of Agenda

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

F. Approval of Minutes

1. **October 15, 2020 Called Meeting**
2. **October 15, 2020 Council Workshop**
3. **October 27, 2020 Council Meeting**

Motion by Councilmember Hall to approve the Minutes as presented by staff, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

G. Audience Participation – None.

H. Consider RZ-2020-002 to RM-6 on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher to approve RZ-2020-002 with conditions dated November 17, 2020, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

I. Consider Amendment to Chapter 42 of the City Code Regarding George Pierce Park

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners has adopted amended ordinances regarding operational rules for County parks. They have requested that Suwanee also adopt those changes for George Pierce Park since it is inside the city limits.

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

J. Consider Award of Contract to Allied Paving Contractors, Inc. for \$1,016,057.14 for Street Resurfacing

The City solicited bids for patching and resurfacing for approximately three miles of various City streets. Six contractors submitted bids and staff recommends awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, Allied Paving.

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

K. Consider 2021 Council Schedule

Council will consider the 2021 schedule for Council workshops and meetings.

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

L. Consider Certifying Results of Special Election

Council will adopt a resolution to certify the results of the November 3rd special election and declaring that Pete Charpentier received the greatest number of votes for post 5.

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

M. Executive Session: Personnel

Motion to ENTER Executive Session for Personnel Matters by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

Motion to EXIT Executive Session by Councilmember Hall, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

Motion by Councilmember Hall to approve the City Manager salary review recommendation discussed in Executive Session, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

N. Adjournment

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

Approved December 15, 2020