

**MINUTES  
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA  
PUBLIC HEARING & CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

*Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue*

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor  
Daniel F. Foster, Mayor Pro Tem  
Jace Brooks, Councilmember  
Richard I. Goodman, 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**

**1) 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.  
PUBLIC HEARING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Burnette opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M.

**2) Request for Change in Licensee for Alcohol Beverage License: American Ale, 3463 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 100**

American Ale has applied for a new licensee for their alcohol beverage license. The applicant is Ms. Carri Sanders. The Finance department recommends approval of the license. There was no audience comment.

**3) Request for Alcohol Beverage License: Twisted Taco, 3433 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road**

Twisted Taco is opening in the location of the former Chili's. They have applied for a license to serve beer, wine, and distilled spirits on the premises. Mr. Gavin Abadi is the applicant. The Finance department recommends approval of the license. There was no audience comment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:32 P.M.

**7:00 P.M.**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**4) Call to Order**

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**5) Announcements**

- *The Suwanee Police Department is once again offering its popular **Citizens Police Academy**. Over the past eight years, more than 300 individuals have participated in this hands-on, eight-week program. Classes for this spring session will be offered at 6:30 Tuesday evenings beginning March 20th at the Suwanee Police Department. The program offers residents a better understanding of the day-to-day functions, risks, and experiences of Suwanee police officers. Topics addressed include crime scene processing, traffic stops, building searches, crime prevention, and narcotics identification. Those wishing to participate must provide notarized applications by 5 p.m. Friday, March 2; applications are available at [suwanee.com](http://suwanee.com).*
- *The City has published its **2012 events calendar**. Many of Suwanee's most popular events are returning for 2012 – including the Suwanee Beer Festival, Woofstock, Arts in the Park, Great American Campout, Taste of Suwanee, Korean Festival, Farmers Market, Art on a Limb, Terror on the Trail, and, of course, Suwanee Day on September 15th. New this year is Suwanee's Super Incredible Race, a team scavenger hunt around town that will require participants to use their thinking caps. In all, Suwanee will host about 35 City-sponsored and privately presented events in 2012; the full schedule is available at [suwanee.com](http://suwanee.com).*
- *Speaking of Suwanee Day, the popular **logo design** competition has returned for this year's festival. This year's winning design will serve as the official logo for the 2012 "celebration of community" and will be imprinted on festival t-shirts and promotional materials; the winning artist will receive \$500 cash. Submissions will be accepted through May 31. For more details, please visit [suwaneeday.com](http://suwaneeday.com).*
- *The first phase of the **Suwanee Creek Greenway** rehabilitation is nearing completion. Phase 1 includes reconstruction of the section from the connector at Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road to Martin Farm Road. We hope this section will be completed and opened again by early spring. Upon completion of this section, it will reopen and the section leading to Suwanee Elementary will close temporarily for the same type of work. Check [www.suwanee.com](http://www.suwanee.com) for construction progress and updates.*

**6) Pledge of Allegiance**

Members of Troop 521 presented colors and led the Pledge.

**7) Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2012 Council Meeting**

***Motion to approve by Councilmember Goodman, second by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and so carried 5-0-1 (Councilmember McOmber abstained).***

**8) Special Recognition – Kyle Maynard**

Mayor Burnette recognized Kyle Maynard with a Proclamation. Mr. Maynard is a congenital quad amputee who recently climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa. Mr. Maynard stated, “we all have our struggles but we can do anything we put our minds to.” Mayor Burnette declared Wednesday, February 29, 2012 as Kyle Maynard Day in the City of Suwanee.

**9) Adoption of Agenda**

*Motion to adopt the agenda by Councilmember Brooks, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.*

**10) Special Presentation: 20/20 Vision Strategic Plan Update**

Scott Page from Interface Studio presented a PowerPoint outlining the plan.

**11) Audience Participation**

- Margie Cook, 1342 Riverview Run Lane, Suwanee. Ms. Cook stated she is very interested in safety in the City. She shared an experience she witnessed on PIB today – “Heading south on PIB down from Chick-Fil-A where a young mother with a child in a stroller was in the triangle at the McGinnis Ferry intersection at the QT. With traffic in both directions, a vehicle swerved and barely missed them. There has already been one bad accident on PIB in the past few months. She stated she hopes the City will fund getting the intersection fixed. A shovel ready project is there to tack on, even if it’s not in the jurisdiction. She stated, “I’m begging you” to do something.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**12) Consider Request for Change in Licensee for Alcohol Beverage License: American Ale, 3463 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Suite 100**

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

**13) Consider Request for Alcohol Beverage License: Twisted Taco, 3433 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road**

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

**14) Arbor Day Proclamation**

To celebrate Arbor Day and Suwanee’s 22<sup>nd</sup> year as a Tree City USA, the City will hold a celebration on March 10, 2012. As part of the celebration, the community is invited to participate in a ceremony at White Street Park to plant 10 dogwood trees. Mayor Burnette read the Proclamation for the record.

*Motion to adopt the Proclamation by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.*

**15) Consent Agenda**

**a) Approve Temporary Alcohol Licenses for 2012 Events**

Council needs to issue temporary alcohol licenses for the 2012 events.

**b) Authorize Mayor to Execute Title VI & ADA Compliance Documents**

The City must execute a “Non-Discrimination Agreement” and “Title VI Assurances” in compliance with federal highway regulations in order to continue to receive federal funds for road projects. The City must also develop a Transition Plan for compliance with ADA, which staff will begin drafting. Staff has reviewed and recommends executing the required documents.

**c) Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Revised Lease Agreement with Norfolk Southern for Property in Old Town**

For many years, the City has leased right-of-way from Norfolk Southern for the Caboose and parking in Old Town. The City proposes to expand this leased area in order to provide additional parking on Main Street to serve Pierce’s Corner and the Old Town businesses. Staff has worked with Norfolk Southern to revise the lease in order to incorporate this additional area.

**d) Authorize Creation of and Transfer of Funds to Fund 355: Community Stabilization Fund**

One of the projects on the 2012 Short Term Work Program is to create a fund that can be used to pay for houses and other structures that need to be demolished throughout the City in order to prevent blight and other purposes.

*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Councilmember Brooks, second by Councilmember Goodman*

**16) Executive Session: Legal and Real Estate Issues**

*Motion to Enter Executive Session for Legal and Real Estate by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 6-0.*

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

No Action Taken.

**17) Adjournment**

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

*Approved 03/27/2012*