

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Daniel F. Foster, Mayor Pro Tem
Richard I. Goodman, Councilmember
Doug Ireland, Councilmember
Kevin McOmber, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Jessica Roth, Assistant to the City Manager
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Elvira Rogers, City Clerk

5:30 P.M.
CALLED MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

2. Public Hearing on FY 2013 Budget and 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program

Marty Allen, City Manager, stated this is the first of two public hearings on the proposed budget. The second hearing will be on June 26th at 6:30 P.M. Mr. Allen presented an overview of the proposed budget.

Audience Comment (Low Volume on Recording)

- Jimmy Spiro, 854 Landover Crossing, Suwanee, GA inquired who made the decision to put the SDS payment into the Community Stabilization Fund. Mr. Allen responded that the Council voted in February 2012 to create this fund and allocate the funding at the time. Mr. Spiro inquired why the \$600,000 SDS annual payment is being reflected as revenue and not being returned to the residents. Mayor Burnette responded that was the decision that was made.
- Margie Cook, 1342 Riverview Run Lane, Suwanee, GA inquired why the Community Stabilization Fund was being called a capital project and asked when the decision was made. Ms. Cook asked why the budget hearing is held at 5:30 P.M. and called it an “odd” time since people are still at work. She suggested that Council meetings be televised.

- Linda Fleming, 527 Main Street, Suwanee, GA asked if the CIP projects are itemized somewhere. She also asked for details on the parking projects. Mr. Allen responded that there is no specific project yet; it was an allocation in the 2009 SPLOST vote. Ms. Fleming asked whether Buford Highway will become a four-lane highway? Mr. Allen responded that it is a State road and they would make the decision to do so, but they would understand the plan they are approving.
- Richard Trice (no address noted), inquired why the SDS one-time payment could not be used to repay debt.

There being no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

3. Consider Approving Resolution to Call for a Special Election on July 31, 2012

Council post #4 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, pollworker compensation, etc. The election will be held on July 31, 2012, with qualifying to begin on Monday, June 25th at 8:30 a.m. and close at Noon, June 27th.

Motion by Councilmember Ireland to approve the Resolution to Call for a Special Election on July 31, 2012 second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried unanimous. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

Gregory Jay, City Attorney, clarified the election date, qualifying times and stated that the date to register to vote, which is determined by the State, is July 2, 2012.

4. Ratify the Cooperation Agreement with Gwinnett County for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Suwanee has been a member of the Gwinnett County Urban County CDBG program. In order to remain part of the program, the City was required to execute an agreement with the County maintaining membership for 2013-2015.

Motion to Ratify the Cooperation Agreement with Gwinnett County for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried unanimous. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

5. Consider Award of Contract to Deas Construction in an Amount of \$55,540.51 for Construction of Shade Structures at Town Center Park

One of the planned park enhancement projects is the installation of shade structures at Town Center Park. This is one of the most popular requests received from residents in the 2010 parks survey and input for the 20/20 Vision. The City has received competitive proposals for this project and the review committee recommends awarding the contract to Deas Construction.

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to Award Contract to Deas Construction in an amount of \$55,540.51 for construction of Shade Structures at Town Center Park, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried unanimous. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

6. Consider Award of Contract to Shade Systems, Inc. in an Amount of \$44,452.95 for Construction of Shade Structures at Sims Lake Park

Another planned park enhancement project is the installation of shade structures for the playground at Sims Lake Park. This was another popular request received from residents in the 2010 parks survey and input for the 20/20 Vision. The City has received competitive proposals for this project and the review committee recommends awarding the contract to Shade Systems, Inc.

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to Award Contract to Shade Systems, Inc., in an amount of \$44,452.95 for construction of Shade Structures at Sims Lake Park, second by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and so carried unanimous. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

7. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried unanimous. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

Approved 07/24/2012