

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: James M. Burnette, Mayor
Linnea Miller, Mayor Pro Tempore
Beth Hilscher, Councilmember
Heather Hall, Councilmember
Peter Charpentier, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Robyn O'Donnell, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Larry Pettiford, Councilmember

DINNER SESSION – 5:30 PM
BIG SPLASH ROOM

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.

COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

B. Public Hearing

1. RZ-2021-004 – Owner: Keith and Barbara Maddox. Applicant: Edward Townsend

The applicant requests a rezoning from R-100 (Residential Single Family District) to IRD (Infill Residential District) to allow for detached single family homes. The site is located at 481 Main Street and contains approximately 1.38 acres. The Planning Department recommends approval with conditions. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval. Josh Campbell summarized the request and detailed the Planning Commission conditions for consideration, which included a condition addressing a concern by neighbors regarding the maintenance of an area on the property lined with trees. Mr. Campbell stated that if Council intended to move forward with approving this request, they should approve the request either including Planning Commission condition #9, requiring a connection to sewer, or eliminating condition #9, allowing the owner to use septic.

Applicant: Mr. Mark Brock, 604 Scales Road, Suwanee, presented information on behalf of the owner, Mr. Edward Townsend, as he could not be in attendance. He reviewed the request for Council. Mr. Brock noted that the owner would prefer to use septic.

Opposition – None.

- 2. RZ-2021-005 – Owner: J&J Commercial Ventures, LLC. Applicant: Jeff Jones**
The applicant requests a rezoning from O-I (Office-Institutional District) to O-I (change of conditions) to allow for the use of existing parking for clients as well as employees. The site is located at 897 Eva Kennedy Road and contains approximately 0.39 acre. The Planning Department recommends approval with conditions. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval. Josh Campbell summarized the request and reviewed recommended staff conditions, which had previously been distributed to Council in written form. Mr. Campbell noted that should Council move forward with approval of the request, they would need to state whether to include condition 5A, which requires restriping per the 1999 development plans, or condition 5B, which allows for stripping as it was previously stripped.

Applicant: Mr. Jeff Jones, 690 Silver Peak Court, Suwanee, Georgia, reviewed the request with Council and explained that his wife’s counseling practice has moved to the property. The property currently has two additional signed tenant leases and they are seeking one more. Mr. Jones noted that he would prefer approval with condition 5B.

Opposition: Mr. Huey Bible, 887 Eva Kennedy Road, Suwanee, Georgia. The concerns Mr. Bible expressed were in regard to the zoning history of the property, the effect of the property’s changes on his property, and the details provided by the applicant in applications and information to the city. He noted that the same request was denied in 2002. Mr. Bible asked Council to deny the request with various conditions.

Questions by Council were asked and answered by Mr. Jones, Mr. Bible and Mr. Campbell.

C. Announcements

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Charpentier motioned to approve the Agenda with the removal of Item J, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. April 15, 2021 Council Workshop
2. April 27, 2021 Council Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Miller motioned to approve both sets of Minutes, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 5-0.

G. Audience Participation

NEW BUSINESS

H. Consider RZ-2021-004 – Rezoning from R-100 to IRD, 481 Main Street

Motion by Councilmember Charpentier to approve with all of the Planning Commission recommendations except for #9, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

I. Consider RZ-2021-005 – Rezoning from O-1 (Office-Institutional District) to O-1 (change of conditions), 897 Eva Kennedy Road

Motion to approve by Councilmember Hilscher subject to Planning Department conditions of May 25, 2021 with 5B condition regarding the striping requirement, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 5-0.

J. Approve Application for GDOT Radar Permit

Georgia DOT is in the process of reissuing the City's existing radar permit. The Council must adopt the list of Roadways and Speed Zones for use of radar.

This item was removed from the agenda therefore no action was taken.

K. Consider a Proposal from IPR Southeast

Authorize the Mayor to approve a contract with IPR Southeast in an amount of \$243,896.20 for stormwater repairs at 190 Roberts Road.

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

L. Executive Session: Real Estate

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. by Councilmember Hall, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 5-0.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Miller, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

Motion by Councilmember Charpentier to approve the purchase of property located at 431 Main Street for the purchase price of \$407,500, second by Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Hilscher recused herself from voting on this matter, and so carried 4-0.

Motion by Councilmember Hall to authorize staff to proceed forward with actions discussed in Executive Session, second by Councilmember Charpentier with condition to move forward on negotiations on tract B of the property discussed, and so carried 5-0.

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. by Councilmember Charpentier, second by Mayor Pro Tem Miller and so carried 5-0.

Approved June 22, 2021