

**MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012**

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue, Big Splash Room

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Daniel F. Foster, Mayor Pro Tem
Richard I. Goodman, Councilmember
Beth S. Hilscher, Councilmember
Doug Ireland, Councilmember
Kevin McOmber, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

**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 6:30 P.M.

B. Announcements

- 1) *Suwanee Creek Park is the place to be this weekend for sightings of pirates and princesses, zombies and superheroes, rock stars and superstars. They're all expected to make an appearance at the City of Suwanee's annual Trek or Treat event from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, October 27, at Suwanee Creek Park, 1170 Buford Highway. Suwanee's mascot, Parker the Dog, will be at the event and encourages those coming to dress in their Halloween costume. Activities will include a costume parade, face painting, games, crafts, and pumpkin hunt. Hot dogs will be served while supplies last. Trek or Treat is a free event designed particularly for children 10 and younger.*

- 2) *For a more “thrilling” Halloween experience, older children and adults might consider the Aurora Theatre’s Terror on the Trail, taking place at Sims Lake Park on Friday and Saturday, beginning at 7:30 pm. Sims Lake Park is transformed with zombie storytellers who lead 75-minute walking tours. For more information, including a link to purchase tickets, please visit www.suwanee.com.*
- 3) *Rounding out our Halloween festivities, residents, businesses, and community groups are invited to participate in the 3rd annual scarecrow contest at White Street Park. Scarecrows should be placed in the garden prior to October 31st. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: scariest, funniest, most creative, best scarecrow made by a child, and best scarecrow created from recycled materials. If you don’t want to make a scarecrow, stop by the park to see them and take a scroll through Harvest Farm community garden; scarecrows will be on display until November 30th. For more details, please see www.suwanee.com.*
- 4) *Suwanee’s CodeRed emergency and general notification services are now up and running. Notifications that may be made through the system fall into three categories: emergency weather; emergency situations (such as a gas leak or terrorism threat); and general notification about events and other non-emergency City information. Residents may receive notifications via phone calls, email, and/or text by signing up at www.suwanee.com.*
- 5) *We’re proud to announce that for the fourth consecutive year, the City of Suwanee has been recognized by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) for superior performance management. Suwanee was one of 15 jurisdictions throughout the country this year to receive a Certificate of Distinction from ICMA’s Center for Performance Measurement. The certificate program assesses a local government’s performance management program and encourages analysis of results by comparing to peers and gauging performance over time. Performance management aids in cost reduction, program prioritization, and quality improvement while encouraging accountability and transparency.*
- 6) *Speaking of performance measurement, the City is currently participating in its third National Citizen Survey, a scientific survey through the National Research Center and ICMA that measures citizen satisfaction with City services. The survey will be mailed in early November to approximately 1,200 randomly selected households. If you receive a survey, we appreciate your time and feedback. In the last survey conducted in 2010, residents ranked Suwanee #1 in the country for the job the City does welcoming citizen involvement.*

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Girl Scout Troop #4522 led the Pledge. Pact 846 of Sugarloaf UMC was also present.

D. Approval of the Agenda

*Motion by Councilmember Goodman to approve the agenda with Amendments.
Councilmember Goodman withdrew the motion.*

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Foster to adopt the Agenda amending Item J to Executive Session for Real Estate Matters and move Consent Agenda Item I #2 to the regular agenda after Item H, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

E. Approval of Minutes

1) September 13, 2012 Workshop

Motion by Councilmember McOmber to approve, second Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

2) September 25, 2012 Council Meeting

Motion by Councilmember McOmber to approve with clerical modifications under SUP-2012-002 to eliminate a second set of votes, second by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

F. Special Recognition

1) Captain Cass Mooney

The City recognized Captain Mooney for 15 years of service to Suwanee.

2) 20/20 Vision Participants

Council recognized the Steering Committee members and roundtable facilitators who participated in the 20/20 Vision process.

3) Suwanee Star Award

Jessica Roth received the Suwanee Star Award for coordinating the 20/20 Vision Plan process.

G. Audience Participation

Linda Fleming, 527 Main Street, Suwanee, GA. Ms. Fleming expressed the 20/20 Vision presentation is a great thing to follow. This is a celebration of Council and citizens working together. She stated she hopes the City will continue to work with citizens.

Ms. Fleming stated she represents a portion of Main Street north of Stonecypher and presented the following to become a part of the Minutes: 1) Letter from Councilmember Hilscher. Ms. Fleming stated she was referenced a couple times in the letter but did not receive a copy. Ms. Fleming stated some people felt intimidated by the letter; 2) Petition with one signature – request to not be included in the national Register District; 3) Video of Ms. Puckett – Ms. Fleming stated she emailed the video to staff and asked that the

video become part of the record. Mayor Burnette requested Ms. Fleming transcribe and forward for the record.

Below is the transcription by staff of the video made by Ms. Fleming of Ms. Ilee Puckett:

Linda Fleming: "There you go."

Linda Fleming: "Now."

Linda Fleming: "Go ahead and say whatever you want to tell them."

Linda Fleming: "It's ready when you are Ms. Puckett."

Linda Fleming: "Yea. Go ahead and talk now. You can tell them."

Ms. Puckett: "Oh, I didn't know you gonna (unintelligible)."

Linda Fleming: "Yea, that's it. It's ready. Go ahead."

Ms. Puckett: "Oh. Well, I've lived here since 1947 without all this. I would just like to be left alone and continue as we've been."

Ms. Fleming stated there are a lot of positives about Suwanee. She states she doesn't understand why the City will not work with the residents along Main Street. The residents request not to be a part of a historic district.

NEW BUSINESS

H. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County Concerning O.C.G.A. 48-13-111

Suwanee met with Gwinnett County and the municipalities on September 25th to discuss an excise tax on energy used in manufacturing within the special district created by O.C.G.A. 48-13-111. Should the County decide to pursue an energy excise tax, the City needs to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to receive the shared revenues.

Motion to authorize the mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County concerning O.C.G.A. 48-13-111 by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

H2. Ratify Change Order with Russell Landscape Contractors, LLC in the Amount of \$82,677.00 (City's Responsibility of \$49,372.75) for the PIB Landscape Project
Staff has worked with the contractor, Russell Landscape Group, to adjust the project in order to complete it by the end of the growing season. A change order is needed in order to reflect additional rock and other stabilizing materials, as well as larger plant sizes. The total amount of the change order is \$82,677.00. The City is responsible for \$49,372.75 and Russell is covering the remaining \$33,304.25.

Motion to approve Change Order with Russell Landscape Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$49,372.75 by Councilmember McOmber, second by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

I. Consent Agenda

1) Adopt Revised Emergency Operations Plan

The Georgia Emergency Management Act requires communities to have a Local Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) that outlines a comprehensive approach for responding to emergencies. The plan must be re-adopted every four years, at a minimum. Suwanee is part of a joint EOP with Gwinnett County and the Gwinnett municipalities.

Motion by Councilmember Goodman to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

J. Executive Session: Real Estate Issues

Motion by Councilmember Ireland to Enter Executive Session for Legal and Real Estate Matters, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Foster to Exit Executive Session, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

No Action Taken

K. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember McOmber, second by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and so carried 6-0. Vote: Burnette – yes; Foster – yes; Goodman – yes; Hilscher – yes; Ireland – yes; McOmber – yes

Approved 11/27/2012