



AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING & WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021
5:30 PM

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

CALLED MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. Call to Order

2. Public Hearing: 2021 Millage Rate

We have received our 2021 tax consolidation information from Gwinnett County. After analyzing the data provided from Gwinnett County, staff recommends a proposed millage rate of 4.93 mills, the same proposed millage rate used in the adopted FY 2022 budget. This is also the same millage rate as the past nine years. Additional public hearings will be held on Tuesday, August 24th at noon and 6:30 pm, with adoption scheduled at the August 24th Council meeting.

3. Executive Session – Real Estate

4. Adjournment

COUNCIL WORKSHOP
BIG SPLASH ROOM

A. Economic Indicator Report

Staff will present the second quarter report.

B. Staff Updates

1. Alcohol Beverage License Application for Bacchus Café, Inc.

This business has applied for a license for the on-premise consumption of beer, wine & distilled spirits. Soyoung Kang has applied to be the licensee for this restaurant located at 3103 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd. The Business Services department recommends approval.

Consideration of this license will be included on the August 24th public hearing and regular agenda.

2. 2021 Millage Rate

Additional public hearings will be held on Tuesday, August 24th at noon and 6:30 pm, with adoption scheduled at the August 24th Council meeting. Adoption of the millage rate will be on Council regular agenda.

3. Court Software – Request for Proposals

The Suwanee Municipal Court is seeking to upgrade its eleven-year-old Municipal Court Management Software and is planning to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to potential software companies.

4. Sims Lake Park Facilities and Trails

The facilities and trails at Sims Lake Park will have extensive maintenance over the next couple of months. The trails will require asphalt replacement at multiple locations and some tree removal. This will require parts of the trails to be closed. Public announcements will be made prior to start of projects and barricades will be put in place.

5. Demolition Request of Sims Lake Park Building

The building that is closest to the dam has deteriorated badly. We have ample storage in other facilities at Sims Lake Park so we are planning to demolish the building. Staff will discuss future use of the site.

6. Explore Gwinnett Arts Grant

The City has applied for a \$20,000 matching grant through Explore Gwinnett (funded primarily through Gwinnett County) to replace the current triangle-shaped grass areas (called the "stage wings"), flanking both sides of the stage, with a hard-scape creative design. The grass is regularly replaced and in need of constant maintenance due to large, unsightly, ruts formed due to the runoff from the stage roof. Creating a hard surface will help mitigate this issue (this is a current public works project). The final product will likely be a combination of concrete, pavers, and inlaid stainless steel or bronze images and/or lettering (design TBD). If chosen to receive the grant, the city plans to use the services of Marc Moulton, World Trade Center Memorial and SculptTour artist. This is an opportunity to create a unique, creative, element to the park rather than a simple concrete slab. Essentially, this will be a "functional public art" project. The total anticipated total project cost is about \$60,000.

7. Court COVID Vaccine Initiative

The Suwanee Municipal Court and City Hall staff are working with the GNR Health Department to offer COVID vaccines to individuals attending court on select court days in August. As court will be in session, City Hall staff will be coordinating the actual vaccination effort at City Hall. Vaccines will also be made available to other eligible individuals on a no-appointment, walk-in, basis as well. While details are still being developed, it currently appears that the dates will be August 19th and 26th.

C. RZ –2021-006 – Owner: Bill Stark Properties, LLC. Applicant: Tonya Woods

The applicant requests a rezoning from R-100 (Residential Single Family District) to IRD (Infill Residential District) to allow for single family detached homes. The site is located at 653 White

Street and contains approximately 0.85 acre. The Planning Department recommends approval with conditions. This item will be on the August 24th public hearing and regular agenda, unless Council prefers otherwise.

D. AMD-2021-001

A proposed amendment to the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance including Article V. Zoning District Development and Use Regulations, in order to add a special use, a Planned Residential Park Neighborhood in the R-140, R-100, R-75, IRD, RM-6, and RM-8 zoning districts, and regulations related to that special use, and other purposes. This was postponed by the Planning Commission until September.

E. EV Charging Station

The EV level 3 charging station that the city purchased for Town Center Park 6 years ago has been out of operation. This is partly due to the difficulty of getting parts for an aged system. It was replaced with two level 2 chargers. Staff is considering replacing the current chargers with a new level 3 charger. The options are for the city to purchase the charger for \$32,000 or enter into a partnership for \$16,000, which would include a maintenance plan and revenue sharing. Staff will discuss in further detail.

F. Water System Update

Staff will report on latest discussions with Gwinnett County regarding the water system. A draft agreement has been prepared. This item may be on the August 24th regular agenda.

G. Suwanee Pedestrian and Bicycle Loop Plan Update

Staff will discuss pedestrian and bicycle projects and prioritization of projects to be included in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan update

H. Intersection Discussion

Councilmember Charpentier has requested Council and staff discuss a citizen concern regarding traffic issues on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road at Horizon Drive and Old Peachtree Road.

I. Downtown Mobility Regulations

Staff will report back to Council and have additional discussion regarding next steps.

J. Solid Waste Hauler Registration

General discussion about the registration for solid waste haulers.

K. Zoning Board of Appeals Vacancy

Staff will discuss the current ZBA vacancy with Council.

L. Knowledge Sharing

1. Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities
2. Other

M. City Manager's Report

1. Minutes for Approval
 - i. July 15, 2021
 - ii. July 27, 2021