

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021

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

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

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Public Hearing

1. 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. Marty Allen presented the proposed millage rate information. There were no questions or comments.

2. Alcohol Beverage License for Soyoung Kang (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. There were no comments of support or opposition.

3. 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 recommended approval with conditions. The applicant has requested that this item be postponed. Public comment will be withheld until the next meeting and no action is to be taken.

- 4. AMD-2021-001 (postponed by the Planning Commission until September 7th)**
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. Mayor Burnette stated that this item has been postponed by the Planning Commission, therefore public comment will be withheld until the next meeting and no action is to be taken.

C. Announcements

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Councilmember Hall, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 6-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

- 1. July 15, 2021 Workshop**
- 2. July 27, 2021 Council Meeting**

Councilmember Charpentier motioned to approve the Minutes of July 15th and July 27th, second by Mayor Pro Tem Miller and so carried 6-0.

G. Audience Participation – None.

NEW BUSINESS

H. Consider 2021 Millage Rate

Mayor Pro Tem Miller motioned to approve the 2021 millage rate at 4.93 mills, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 6-0.

I. Consider Alcohol Beverage License for Soyoung Kang at Bacchus Café, Inc. 3103 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 6-0.

J. Consider RZ – 2021 – 006 Rezoning from R-100 to IRD at 653 White Street

Councilmember Charpentier motioned to postpone RZ-2021-006 until the September 28, 2021 Council meeting, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 6-0.

K. Consider AMD – 2021 – 001 Amendment Article V of the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance (postponed by the Planning Commission until September 7th)

Councilmember Pettiford motioned to postpone AMD-2021-001 until the September 28, 2021 Council meeting, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 6-0.

L. Consider a Resolution to Apply for Grant Funding through the ARC for Pedestrian and Bike Purposes

Authorize staff to apply for a grant through the Atlanta Regional Commission for the engineering phase of a potential pedestrian and bike project from the Pedestrian and Bike Plan to connect Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to Town Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller motioned to approve the application for grant funding, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 6-0.

M. Consider a Resolution to Apply for Grant Funding through the State of Georgia

Authorize staff to apply for two grants through the Georgia Office of Planning and Budgeting for the following categories 1) Sewer Infrastructure and 2) Negative Economic Impacts and to commit to providing necessary local matches.

Councilmember Charpentier motioned to approve staff to apply for the two grants, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 6-0.

N. Authorize the Mayor to enter into an IGA with Gwinnett County Water and Sewerage Authority to acquire the City of Suwanee Water System

Motion to approve by Councilmember Pettiford, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 6-0.

O. Executive Session: None

Councilmember Hilscher motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters at 6:49 p.m., second by Mayor Pro Tem Miller and so carried 6-0.

Councilmember Hilscher motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:28 p.m., second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 6-0.

P. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. by Councilmember Hall, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 6-0.

Approved September 28, 2021