

Minutes
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

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

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

Absent: James M. Burnette, Jr., Mayor

A. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. Public Hearing

Mayor Pro Tem Miller read aloud the rules for Public Hearings.

- 1. Alcohol Beverage License for Mega Package, 2820 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road**
Joshua Kang applied for an Alcohol License for a retail package store (off-premise consumption) for the business located at 2820 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road. The Business Services Department recommends approval. There were no comments of support or opposition. There were no questions or comments from Council.
- 2. Alcohol Beverage License for Seaside Oyster Bar, 3890 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road Suite 1**
Blake Rogers applied for an Alcohol License for Seaside Oyster Bar for the business located at 3890 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road Suite 1. The Business Services Department recommends approval. The applicant's representative, Ms. Jenny Germonsén, 3890 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, spoke in support of the request. There were no questions or comments from Council.
- 3. AMD – 2021 – 001 Planned Park Neighborhood Overlay**
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. Josh Campbell gave an overview of this request.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller announced that 10 minutes per side would be devoted to public comment.

No one spoke in support of the request.

Speakers in opposition included:

Mr. Tom McConnell, 3795 Smithtown Road – Mr. McConnell expressed concerns regarding the impact of home values, traffic and infrastructure costs and noted that request contradicts the 2020, 2030, and 2040 comprehensive plans.

Mr. David Martinez, 3656 Suwanee Creek Road – Mr. Martinez cited discrepancies with the 2040 comprehensive plan in regard to the Smithtown Road character area and the Suwanee North character area, and cited the responsibility of Council per the Special Use Permit code.

Ms. Shelley Farr, 98 Timberlost Trail – Ms. Farr stated she and her neighbors researched the neighborhood and it's zoning prior to purchasing their homes and purchased with confidence knowing that the homes and surrounding neighbors had similar properties regarding land size and house size. She additionally stated that not everyone wants to live in an area similar to the Town Center Park residential property area.

Ms. Michael Farr, 98 Timberlost Trail – Ms. Farr stated that she emailed Council regarding her concern that based on the size of her property and the two properties next to her, a developer could potentially build 33 homes on these sites. She expressed concern regarding the amount of parking and traffic that would ensue on her street.

Mr. Van Schliestett, 1173 Bend Creek Trail – Mr. Schliestett expressed concern that seeing what he originally bought could potentially be destroyed. He suggested Council incorporate the protection for small parcel landowners verbiage from the 2030 comprehensive plan into the amendment.

Mr. Reed Wilson, 3367 Rising Fawn Trail – Mr. Wilson stated that a very large subdivision is currently being constructed behind his property that was misrepresented by the county to the surrounding homeowners. He would like city landowners to receive the respect they deserve.

After 10 minutes, Mayor Pro Tem Miller closed the Public Hearing.

C. Announcements

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Charpentier motioned to approve the Agenda with the change of moving Item J to the next item based on the audience's large interest in the item; second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

(Moved up in the agenda based on approval amendment of Item E)

J. Consider AMD – 2021 – 001 Amendment Article V of the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance

Councilmember Hall motioned to deny AMD-2021-001, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 5-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. August 12, 2021 Called Meeting
2. August 12, 2021 Council Workshop
3. August 24, 2021 Called Meeting
4. August 24, 2021 Council Meeting

Motion to approve all sets of Minutes by Councilmember Hall; second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

G. Audience Participation - None

NEW BUSINESS

H. Consider Alcohol Beverage License for Joshua Kang, Mega Package, 2820 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road

Motion to approve by Councilmember Pettiford; second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 5-0.

I. Consider Alcohol Beverage License for Blake Rogers, Seaside Oyster Bar, 3890 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road Suite 1

Motion to approve by Councilmember Hilscher; second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

K. Consider Stormwater Pipe Condition Assessment Contract

Authorize Mayor to enter into an agreement with ISE in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for stormwater pipe inspection services and related items.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Charpentier; second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

L. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement for Right of Way Maintenance Contracting

Staff has been seeking proposals to expand the city's contracted right-of-way management services for selected roadways. Staff anticipates proposals prior to the Council meeting.

Councilmember Hilscher motioned to postpone the decision on entering into an agreement for right of way maintenance contract as the contract is not right for vote at this time; second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

M. Consider Adoption of the FY 21 Salary Restorations Budget Adjustments

Motion to adopt the FY 21 salary restorations budget adjustments by Councilmember Pettiford; second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

N. Executive Session - None

O. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. by Councilmember Charpentier, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

Approved October 26, 2021