

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

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

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

DINNER SESSION – 5:30 PM
BIG SPLASH ROOM

City Council Informal Session

Agenda review and informal discussion among City Councilmembers and staff. Food provided for Elected Officials and staff. No action to be taken during the session.

COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

B. Public Hearing

1. RZ-2022-001 – Owner: Franklin Property Group LLC and Jennifer Winters Thompson. Applicant: Bruce Rippen, DR Horton

The applicant requests a rezoning from R-100 (Residential Single-Family District) to RM-8 (Residential Multi-Family Duplex District) to allow for townhomes. The site is located at the intersection of Suwanee Avenue and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and contains approximately 3.06 acres. The Planning Department and Planning Commission recommend approval with amended conditions.

Mayor Burnette announced that the applicant has asked for the request to be postponed until next month's Council meeting, therefore this public hearing was postponed.

C. Announcements

1. Join us in Sims Lake Park on **Saturday, February 26 at 10:00 am** to plant trees in honor of **Arbor Day**. Those interested in volunteering can contact City of Suwanee Environmental Services Manager Bill Stinehart at 770-904-3381.

2. Sign up now for the second annual **Suwanee Beer Fest Chaser 5K**, a thirst-quenching twist on the traditional 5K. This race will be held on **Saturday March 5th at 11:00am** at Town Center Park. For more information go to suwaneebeerfest.com.
3. Suwanee's **Winter Farmers Market** is happening twice monthly. Come and enjoy the great outdoors at Town Center Park from 9am – noon. Stop by and enjoy fresh local winter produces such as lettuces, greens, potatoes, carrots baked goods and a variety of other delicious local flavors. Upcoming Farmers Market dates are February 26th and March 12th.
4. **The First Care for Cops 5K Race** is Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 am in Town Center Park. Care for Cops is a non-profit organization that has provided financial assistance to over 85 families of fallen Georgia officers since 1999. Care for Cops sends checks directly to families that have lost a loved one in the line of duty. Sign up at turnsignup.com.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda by Councilmember Charpentier, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 6-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. **January 13, 2022 Council Workshop**
2. **January 25, 2022 Council Meeting**

Motion to approve both sets of Minutes by Councilmember Miller, second by Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford and so carried 6-0.

G. Special Recognition: Collins Hill High School Football Team

H. Audience Participation

Michael Sutherland, 4668 Settles Bridge Road – Mr. Sutherland was seeking the status of the special conditions placed upon the RZ-2022-002, which was approved with special conditions at the January 25, 2022 Council meeting. Mayor Burnette stated that as *Audience Participation* is not a time for questions and answers, Council would answer Mr. Sutherland's questions after the meeting.

Don Trawick, 4643 Moore Road – Mr. Trawick expressed concerns with the continued increase and speed of traffic on Moore Road, especially with a new development being built. He requested that something be done about the traffic issues on Moore Road.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Consider RZ-2022-001 Rezoning from R-100 to RM-8 of approximately 3 acres at the Intersection of Suwanee Avenue and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road**

Councilmember Charpentier motioned to postpone this item, second by Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford and so carried 6-0.

- J. Consider Gwinnett County Water and Sewerage Authority Easements**

Gwinnett County Water and Sewerage Authority is seeking a Temporary Construction Easement and Permanent Utility Easement for a parcel on the site of the new fire station.

Councilmember Miller motioned to grant Gwinnett County Water and Sewer Authority the easements, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 6-0.

- K. Consider GDOT Acquisition of Right-of-Way for the Martin Farm Road Bridge Reconstruction**

GDOT is looking to acquire property owned by the city on both sides of Martin Farm Road to allow for the construction of the Martin Farm Road bridge. Staff has asked them to make revisions to the trail as part of these negotiations.

Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 6-0.

- L. Consider Authorizing Staff to Enter into a Task Order with Peach State Construction Company**

The City's contractor for the Russell Street Sidewalk Project has a cost summary of \$336,225.00.

Motion to authorize by Councilmember Hall, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

- M. Consider Award of Contract for Concrete Maintenance**

To accommodate small residential projects, the city completed a bid process for a concrete maintenance contract. Staff recommends awarding The Dickerson Group, Inc. this ongoing contract of \$446,135.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford motioned to award the contract for concrete maintenance, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 6-0.

- N. Consider 2022 Short Term Work Program**

Staff has prepared a draft version of the 2022-2026 STWP based on discussions at the City Council retreat.

Motion to adopt the 2022 Short Term Work Program by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 6-0.

O. Executive Session: Legal, Personnel, and/or Real Estate – None

P. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:59 pm by Councilmember Charpentier, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

Approved March 22, 2022