

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

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

Attendees: James M. Burnette, Jr., Mayor
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

Absent: Larry Pettiford, Mayor Pro Tem

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 6:32 p.m.

B. Public Hearing

1. None

(RZ-2022-001 has been withdrawn by applicant)

C. Announcements

1. Join us for several races happening this spring! The city will host the Run 4 Hope 5K, benefitting Relay for Life, on March 26th at 8 am, HappyFeat Happy Hour 5K on April 16th starting at 2 pm, and the Race to Cure Sarcoma on April 23rd beginning at 8 am. For registration information visit Suwanee.com.
2. Please join the city on April 1st as we celebrate Cheers Day, honoring the memory of our friend, Adam Edge, by celebrating kindness and giving back. Adam was one of the “great ones” and we celebrate his birthday by doing random acts of kindness and paying it forward to local non-profits, especially HomeFirst Gwinnett, which Adam was most passionate about. To learn more about Cheers Day and how you can participate, visit cheersday.org.

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 March 26th, April 9th, and April 23rd.
4. Get in the Happy Hour mood with Happy Feat’s Happy Hour 5k! Avid runners, happy hour runners, and “walk-around-the-park” walkers are all welcome to join the party. This Peachtree Road Race qualifier will be held on April 16th at 2 pm in Town Center Park. Registration information can be found at HappyFeat.org.
5. The City of Suwanee has partnered with the well-loved Atlanta International Night Market to bring you TWO DAYS of fun, food, and entertainment from around the world! Friday night enjoy food and stage shows highlighting Gwinnett's rich cultural diversity. Saturday the Atlanta International Night Market returns along with our new favorite tradition: the Glow in the Park lantern parade and a headliner concert to finish out the night! Go to Suwanee.com for more information.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda by Councilmember Charpentier, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. February 13, 2022 Council Workshop
2. February 25, 2022 Council Meeting

Motion to approve both sets of Minutes by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 5-0.

G. Special Recognition: Snap Suwanee Winners

H. Audience Participation

Jake Gleghorn, 665 Village Field Court – Mr. Gleghorn expressed concern with the yield sign at Russell Street and Main Street and would like to see an “all-ways” stop sign installed. Additionally, Mr. Gleghorn requested the installation of a “do not stop on tracks” sign as he has witnessed cars stopping on the train tracks.

Regarding the Caboose area, Mr. Gleghorn noted that mulch is being washed away by rain. He would like to see a few park benches installed, that the trees are trimmed, and replacement of some railroad ties for the retaining wall.

Mr. Tom McConnell, 3795 Smithtown Road – For public awareness, Mr. McConnell referenced a recent criminal trespassing incident at his home. Mr. McConnell commended the Suwanee Police Department for their handling of the incident.

Jason Smith, 451 Main Street – Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Marty Allen, Mayor Burnette, and the City Council for the attention that is being given regarding speeding and traffic enforcement on Main Street.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consider Contract with Peach State Construction Company for Construction of a Sidewalk at the Intersection of Settles Bridge Road and Moore Road

Peach State Construction Company has submitted a design/build estimate to construct a sidewalk at the intersection of Settles Bridge Road and Moore Road for approximately \$438,600 to accommodate drainage improvements.

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

J. Approve 3rd Quarter Budget Adjustments

3rd quarter budget adjustments have been requested by staff.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 5-0.

K. Approve Surplus Sale Items

The city has identified items for the annual surplus sale.

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

L. Executive Session: None

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 6:51 pm by Councilmember Charpentier, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.

Approved April 26, 2022