

**MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: Dave Williams, Mayor
Jace Brooks, Mayor Pro Tem
Jimmy Burnette, Councilmember
Daniel F. Foster, Councilmember
Richard Goodman, Councilmember
Kevin McOmber, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Phyllis Edmond, Human Resources Manager for City Clerk

Absent: Gregory Jay, City Attorney
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk

**5:30 P.M.
DINNER SESSION
Big Splash Room - Room 2302**

1. City Council Informal Session

Informal discussion among City Councilmembers and staff. Food provided for Elected Officials and staff. No action to be taken during session.

**6:30 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING
Council Chambers – Room 2101**

Mayor Williams called the public hearing to order at 6:37 p.m.

- 2. RZ-2010-001 – Applicant: John Thomas Partners, LLC. Owner: First Covenant Bank. Requests a rezoning from PMUD (Planned Mixed Use District) to PMUD with a change of conditions (to allow for construction of 43 townhomes). The site is located in Land Lot 208 of the 7th District along Park Pass Way and contains approximately 4.49 acres.**

Applicant has requested postponement of this item until 4/27/2010. There was no audience participation and Mayor Williams called the Public Hearing closed.

7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers – Room 2101

3. Call to Order

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

4. Announcements

- *The City received a CREATE Community Award from the Atlanta Regional Commission last week for our social media initiatives. Presented annually, the CREATE Community awards recognize local government innovations in five categories. Suwanee was the winner in the Application and Innovation in Technology category for our commitment to utilizing social media as a tool to engage citizens and for development of a progressive Social Media Policy. A special thank you to our 2,823 Facebook fans and 377 Twitter followers for helping make the first year of our social media campaign a success.*
- *Suwanee was recently recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation for our 20th year of being a Tree City USA. The Tree City program provides national recognition for urban and community forestry programs throughout the country. Suwanee joins a group of only 33 cities statewide to earn this designation for 20 years or more.*
- *Registration is now open for the Police Department's PRIDE teen driving class. The class will be offered, in cooperation with the Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11. This free course assists parents in helping their teens to become safe drivers and offers strategies for required supervised practice driving time. To download an application, visit the Quick Clicks section at www.suwanee.com or contact Ofc.. Elias Casanas. The registration deadline is Friday, February 26.*
- *The City will host a community meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, to share plan alternatives being developed as part of the Buford Highway Transportation Study. The meeting will be at the Crossroads Center. The Buford Highway transportation study, covering the area from McGinnis Ferry Road to the entrance of George Pierce Park, has been undertaken to determine what changes are needed to accommodate future development and multiple modes of transportation. Additionally, on Thursday, March 18, the City will host an open house to share a final draft of the plan and receive additional community comments before the plan is considered by City Council. That meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.*
- *Mayor Williams mentioned that as of Monday, 3/1/2010, the City would lose its qualified local government status. This is due to failure to reach an agreement with Gwinnett County for services. We will not be eligible for some grants and*

permits due to losing this status. Court costs are estimated around \$350,000. A court date for March is anticipated.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop #538

6. Approval of Minutes

i. January 14, 2010 Called Council Meeting

Motion to approve by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.

ii. January 26, 2010 Council Meeting

Motion to approve by Councilmember Foster, second by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks and so carried 5-0-1 (Council member McOmber abstained).

7. Special Recognition

a. Shruthi Santhanam

Shruthi is a fourth-grader at Suwanee Elementary and recently won the 2010 Gwinnett County Spelling Bee. She was presented a plaque and will compete in the District Spelling Bee on February 27th.

b. Police Department Re-Certification

Stacy Cotton and Frank Rotondo from the GA Association of Chiefs of Police presented a re-certification plaque to Chief Jones for the certification period, which covers 1/31/2010 through 1/30/2013. Lt. Dan Clark was also awarded a plaque for his contribution to the process. Throughout the state of Georgia, 700 agencies are eligible for this certification, but only 94 have elected to do so.

8. Adoption of Agenda as Presented

Motion by Councilmember McOmber to adopt the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.

9. Audience Participation

- Mr. Maurice Cook of 1342 River View Run Place, Suwanee, GA 30024 expressed his dissatisfaction with Council spending, saying that Council had no intentions of changing anything even if it's wrong. He also stated that City Hall was \$2,000,000 over budget and that during these economic times, spending should be cut.

NEW BUSINESS

- 10. Consider RZ-2010-001 – Applicant: John Thomas Partners, LLC. Owner: First Covenant Bank. Requests a rezoning from PMUD (Planned Mixed Use District) to PMUD with a change of conditions (to allow for construction of 43 townhomes). The site is located in Land Lot 208 of the 7th District along Park Pass Way and contains approximately 4.49 acres. Applicant has requested postponement until April 27th.**

Motion to postpone by Councilmember Goodman, second by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks and so carried 6-0.

11. Consider Adoption of Pawn Shop Ordinance

Motion to approve by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

12. Consider Adoption of Precious Metals Dealers Ordinance

Motion to approve by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Burnette and so carried 6-0.

13. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Utility Management Services, Inc. for Utility Rate Audit and Rate Adjustment Negotiation Services

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

14. Consider Adjustment to FY 10 Budget for Expenditures Related to the Emergency Stormdrainage Repairs to Settles Point Road

Motion to approve by Councilmember Foster, second Councilmember Burnette and so carried 6-0.

15. Consider Ratification of the Contract with ISC, Inc. for Emergency Stormdrainage Repairs to Settles Point Road

Motion to approve by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 6-0.

16. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Temporary Alcohol Licenses for 2010 Events

b. Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Deductive Changer Order in the Amount of -\$12,586.00 with BRPH for City Hall

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Councilmember Burnette, second by Mayor Pro Tem Brooks and so carried 6-0. It was also noted that one of the dates was listed incorrectly. May 15 is the date for Star 94 Woofstock rather than May 17.

17. City Manager's Report-None

18. Executive Session: Legal, Personnel, and/or Real Estate Issues (if necessary)-None

No items for Executive Session

19. Adjournment-7:45 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember McOmber, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.

Approved 3/23/2010