

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022

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

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, 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

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

B. Public Hearing

Agenda Note: The purpose of a public hearing is to provide an opportunity to express views and to provide information to decision makers relating to a pending public hearing agenda item. Public hearings are intended to receive information from the public; it is not intended to be a question-and-answer session.

1. 2022 Millage Rate

We have received our 2022 tax consolidation information from Gwinnett County. During the FY 2023 budget process, we assumed a millage rate of 4.93, the same millage rate as the past ten years. Marty Allen reviewed the proposed millage rate calculations and property tax allocations.

2. Alcohol Beverage License Application for Bionew Kitchen Masters, LLC, 3131 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, Suite 5

Bionew Kitchen Masters, LLC, dba Wabi Sabi, located at 3131 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd Ste 5, has applied for an alcohol beverage license for on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Hung Peng has applied to be the licensee and the Business Services Department recommends approval.

3. RZ-2022-004 – Owners: 3805 317 LLC and Franklin Property Group LLC.

Applicant: Walker Anderson Homes

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 southeast corner of Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and Suwanee Avenue including 212 and 220 Suwanee Avenue and contains approximately 3.06 acres. The Planning Department recommends approval with conditions. Mr. Josh Campbell stated that the applicant has requested a postponement of one month to work on refining a proposal.

Dondra Golden, 284 Seminole Circle – Ms. Golden noted that she also owns the property at 218 Seminole Circle. Ms. Golden spoke in opposition to this request stating concerns for the environment, wildlife, and potential increased traffic and parking congestion.

C. Announcements

1. A Stormwater Utility Public Open House will be held on Thursday, August 25th at Suwanee City Hall. Drop in anytime between 6:30 – 8:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for citizens to speak with city staff and consultant representatives of Integrated Engineering and Design, learn about the recent Stormwater Utility Study, along with its processes, and the recommendations to repair, replace, and maintain the city's existing stormwater utilities.
2. Join us this weekend and go the extra mile and change lives...one step at a time! Join us on Saturday August 27th for the 9th annual Annandale Village Extra Mile 5K and 1 mile Walk/Run. This event, hosted in Town Center Park, is a fundraising and disabilities awareness campaign to honor and celebrate individuals and families living with and affected by developmental disabilities and those that have experienced a traumatic brain injury. This event begins at 7:30 a.m. For more information, visit Annandale.org.
3. Come and enjoy the great outdoors for Suwanee's last two Summer Farmers Markets – Saturday, September 3rd and Saturday, September 10th at Town Center Park from 8am – noon. Stop by and enjoy the season's finest fresh local produce, baked goods, and a variety of other delicious local flavors. Suwanee's Winter Farmers Market is coming back and will be held twice each month beginning October 8th from 9 – 11am.
4. On Saturday, September 10th, join one of the races in the 2022 Suwanee Running Series by registering for the Care for Cops 5K Run/Walk, beginning at 8:00 am at Town Center Park. Care for Cops is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to the families of fallen Georgia officers. To register for this Peachtree Road Race qualifier, visit runsignup.com
5. Also on Saturday, September 10th, join the Suwanee Youth Leaders as they present the first Suwanee's Got Talent - a collection of local performers, games, children's

activities, and food trucks. Plus, a closing concert! The festivities begin at 4:00 pm. To enter the talent contest or find out more information, visit Suwanee.com.

6. Suwanee Fest, our annual two-day celebration of community, returns to Town Center Park on September 17 and 18, 2022! Nearly 200 vendors and exhibitors, 15 entertainment acts, and one amazing parade are just some of the highlights of this beloved fall tradition. For full details, including information about the free parking shuttles, parade, vendor listing, stage entertainment schedule, and much more, visit SuwaneeFest.com.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Hall motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Item P to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Dickerson Group, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 5-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. **July 14, 2022 Council Workshop**
2. **July 26, 2022 Council Meeting**

Councilmember Miller motioned to approve both sets of minutes, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

G. Special Recognition

1. **Police Department Promotions – Sgt. Jeff Covert and Cpl. Allen Parker**

H. Audience Participation

Agenda Note: The purpose of audience participation is to provide an opportunity for the public to address the Mayor and Council and bring items to their attention. This time is not intended to be a question-and-answer session. If someone has a topic requiring detailed discussion or response, please contact the city to schedule a phone or in-person meeting at 770-945-8996.

Jake Gleghorn, 665 Village Field Court – Mr. Gleghorn would like to see trashcans in Old Town in places where dog owners can get dog bags, as well as an overhang at the caboose due to slick surfaces. He suggested the city could rent soccer equipment for use at Town Center Park for additional revenue. Additionally, Mr. Gleghorn noted that he has created a 4-page training pamphlet with a lot of training information that he would like the city to add to the city website or distribute hard copies.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consider 2022 Millage Rate

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

J. Consider Alcohol Beverage License for Bionew Kitchen Masters, LLC, 3131 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, Suite 5

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

K. Consider RZ-2022-004 – Owners: 3805 317 LLC and Franklin Property Group LLC. Applicant: Walker Anderson Homes

Councilmember Hilscher motioned to postpone consideration of RZ-2022-004 until the September 27, 2022 Council meeting, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 5-0.

L. Authorize Mayor to Enter into a Service Agreement with IPR for On-Demand and Stormwater Repair

Staff requests entering into a service agreement that would allow IPR to repair stormwater systems identified by the city as a high priority. IPR has agreed to price all repairs based upon piggybacking the City of Dunwoody contract, which was awarded to IPR based on a low bid for stormwater repairs.

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

M. Authorize Mayor to Enter into a Project Framework Agreement with Georgia DOT

The city obtained federal funds for the engineering of projects from the Loop Study. To begin this project, the city is required to enter into a Project Framework Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

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

N. Authorize Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Dimensional Designs for Town Center Parklets – \$56,941.68

Dimensional Designs will be building and installing two parklets in the parking spaces in front of the shops in Suwanee Town Center. Each parklet will take up two parking spaces. The location of the parklets will be in front of Pulse Nails, and in between Cafe Amico and Golden Seven. The cost for the two parklets is \$56,941.68.

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

O. Consider Purchase of Town Center Parking Directional Signage from Big Mouth Signs

As part of the current budget, Town Center public parking signage is being finalized. This will make it easier for visitors and residents to be aware of the parking areas in and around Town Center, including the parking deck behind Siena. The budget for the project is \$80,000.

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

P. Authorize Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Dickerson Group for Stormwater Repair

Councilmember Hilscher motioned to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Dickerson Group in the amount of \$772,205.00 for stormwater repairs, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

Q. Executive Session: Legal, Personnel, and/or Real Estate (if needed)

Motion to enter Executive Session 6:54 p.m. for legal and real estate matters by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 5-0.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. by Councilmember Hall, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.

R. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-0.

Approved September 27, 2022