



AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022
5:30 PM

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

I. Special Presentation(s)

A. Municipal Court Semi-Annual Report

Chief Judge Norman Cuadra will present the report.

B. Police Quarterly Report

Chief Mooney will provide the quarterly report.

C. Freddie Broome, Georgia Municipal Association (GMA)

Introduction to GMA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion program.

II. Staff Updates

A. 1st Quarter Budget Adjustments

The proposed 1st quarter budget adjustments move General fund salaries and group health insurance expenditures from the General fund to the American Rescue Plan Act fund (ARPA). After transferring these expenditures, we are proposing to modify the General fund budget and transfer \$6,650,000 to the Master Plan Implementation fund to provide additional funding for the Town Center on Main project. Furthermore, we are also proposing to modify the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) budget to account for the sale of the Solis I project, modify the Pierce's Corner project budget, and to transfer the funds due to the City from the sale of the Solis I project to the Master Plan Implementation fund (\$497,436) to provide additional funding for the Town Center on Main Project. This item will appear on the October 25th Council Regular Agenda unless Council prefers otherwise.

B. Backyard Chicken Regulations

As previously discussed, two separate regulations pertaining to backyard chickens are proceeding through the process. The zoning regulations are scheduled to go to the Planning Commission and City Council in November. The separate, but related, City Ordinance is also scheduled to come before the City Council in November.

C. Stormwater Projects Update

ISE continues to CCTV various pipes. This process is uncovering new issues in pipes which resulted in the reprioritization of some pipe systems. These projects will be grouped together and completed in batches. The first project has begun and encompasses White Sands Way, Aldenham Way, Bramble Rose Lane, Camber Well Lane, and Red Rock Court. The largest individual upcoming project is Eryn Circle, expected to begin on October 17th. It will take approximately five to six weeks to complete with minimum complications and agreeable weather.

D. Suwanee Youth Leaders

In the past, the 10-month Suwanee Youth Leader (SYL) program has followed the calendar year (February - November). Beginning in 2023, we will more align with the school calendar (July - April). Applications will be available to Freshman and Sophomores beginning in March 2023 for a start date of July 2023 (for a class makeup of Sophomores and Juniors).

III. Discussion Items

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

(This item was postponed at the August 23, 2022 and September 27, 2022 Council Meetings) 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. This item will be on the October 25th Council Public Hearing and Regular Agenda unless Council prefers otherwise.

B. CIP Updates

Staff will provide an update on the following projects:

- 1. Buford Highway**
- 2. Town Center on Main**
- 3. Main Street Park**
- 4. Moore Road Sidewalks**
- 5. Russell Street Sidewalks**

C. Street Sign Map Adjustments

Last month staff updated Council on the need to update the Traffic Sign Map in order to allow for the Russell Street/White Street intersection to be converted to a four-way stop and allow for White Street to be converted to a one-way street from Davis Street to Russell. Staff has used this opportunity to look for other changes that need to be made to the Traffic Sign Map and would like to discuss them with Council. The following potential changes have been identified:

- a. Russell Street/White Street – four-way stop.
- b. White Street from Davis Street to Russell Street – one-way.
- c. Redbridge Avenue – Add a stop sign for the entrance/exit of Main Event.
- d. Suwanee Avenue and Chicago Street roundabout – eliminate stop signs and convert them to yield signs for each direction.
- e. Jackson Street from Stonecypher Road to Scale Road – one-way road.
- f. Add a “No Parking” sign to the end of Burnette Road near Sutton Gate Drive.
- g. Southbound Buford Highway at Town Center Avenue – add “No U-turn” sign (also requires GDOT approval).
- h. Celebration Drive at McGinnis Ferry Road – Replace the stop sign with a yield sign (may require GwDOT approval).

D. Accessory Building Regulations

A Short-Term Work Program (STWP) item from the City Council retreat is to review the city’s accessory building regulations with the intent to modernize them and address some frequently reoccurring requests. Staff has developed information for discussion prior to developing and presenting an amendment.

E. Comprehensive Plan Update

The city’s 5-year update to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan is due February 2024. Staff will propose a date for a public open house to kick off the update process.

F. Bike Rental Program Update

Based on updates to the Short-Term Work Program, Council requested staff research a bike rental program. Staff will bring Council information on this program for discussion.

G. Knowledge Sharing

1. Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities

2. Anatomy of a DDA Partnership

Now that the DDA has completed the sale of the Sienna retail building, staff would like to present a brief summary report that outlines the positive financial outcomes of the partnership.

3. Other

H. City Manager's Report

I. Special Recognition Options for the Council Meeting

- i. Gwinnett County Public School's 2022-2023 Teachers of the Year**
- ii. Suwanee Fest Committee and Sponsors**

2. Minutes for Approval

- i. September 15, 2022 Called Meeting**
- ii. September 15, 2022 Council Workshop**
- iii. September 27, 2022 Council Meeting**