

## Minutes

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022**

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

Attendees: Larry Pettiford, Mayor Pro Tem  
Linnea Miller, Councilmember  
Beth Hilscher, Councilmember  
Peter Charpentier, Councilmember  
Marty Allen, City Manager  
Robyn O'Donnell, City Clerk  
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor  
Heather Hall, Councilmember

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#### **A. Call to Order**

#### **B. Public Hearing**

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

(This item was postponed at 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 20 townhome units. 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 Commission and Planning Department recommended approval with conditions.

Mr. Josh Campbell reiterated the original request from R-100 to RM-8, and stated that the applicant has subsequently modified the plan to 7 single-family detached units. Mr. Campbell noted if the City Council chooses to approve the modified plan, he recommended approving it as IRD with the set of conditions dated October 25, 2022.

The applicant, Mr. Corbitt Woods, 390 Brogden Road, stated that he has adjusted the plan, which he feels compliments Suwanee Avenue. Edits that were made include having two lots facing Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road. Mr. Woods additionally noted that the development will be on sewer, not septic.

### C. Announcements

1. If you are a sucker for scary-tale endings, join us for a sweet treat at the park Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> for Dinner and a BOO-vie and other fun activities. We will start off with Town Center business trick-or-treating at 5 pm, followed by the movie Hocus Pocus at 6:30, and then Ghostbusters: Afterlife, beginning around 8:15.
2. The award-winning Suwanee Classic Car Show comes back to Town Center Park on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 4 pm and will showcase approximately 150 classic cars and race cars. The event is free and open to the public and includes a silent auction, "paint-a-wreck," and a DJ spinning the classic hits of the '50s and '60s.
3. Come and enjoy the great outdoors for Suwanee's Winter Farmers Market at Town Center Park from 9 – 11 am twice monthly. Stop by and enjoy the season's finest fresh local produce, baked goods, and a variety of other delicious local flavors. The upcoming Winter Farmer's Market dates are November 12<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>.
4. Tickets are now on sale for the 9th Annual Suwanee Wine Festival happening on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Festival attendees will get to sip and stroll around Town Center Park while enjoying unlimited samples of delicious wines, hand-selected by local wine experts. The festival features over 150 wines from all over the world, plus a Georgia winery section where local wineries offer tastings of their favorites. The Suwanee Wine Festival will also have live music, artisanal products for sale from local vendors and artists, food from some of the area's most popular restaurants and food trucks, and more! The non-wine fans get to enjoy ready-to-drink cocktails, seltzers, and beer. A new addition to this year's festival will be Grape Stomping! To purchase tickets, visit [SuwaneeWineFest.com](http://SuwaneeWineFest.com).
5. On Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> join the Walk to End Alzheimer's happening at Town Center Park beginning at 8:00 am. This national event is the largest annual fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association, raising funds to provide support and services. Registration and other information can be found on [Suwanee.com](http://Suwanee.com).
6. Join us for the Suwanee Chili Cook-Off & Music Festival on November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 12 – 5 pm. This is a new event for 2022 and attendees will be able to sample different chili and vote on their favorite in the People's Choice Awards. The Festival is a fundraiser for Project Green, a local children's non-profit and has free admission. Wristbands for tastings will be available for purchase at the event. For more information visit [Suwanee.com](http://Suwanee.com).
7. The Ultimate Participation Trophy, a new public art exhibit, will be made up of old trophies and will be unveiled at the Suwanee Arts Fest in April 2023. Drop off your old trophies on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, or at Suwanee City Hall during open hours between November 13<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>.

**D. Pledge of Allegiance**

**E. Approval of Agenda**

*Councilmember Hilscher motioned to approve the Agenda subject to the removal of Item K regarding the easement amendment with Atlanta Gas Light, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 4-0.*

**F. Approval of Minutes**

1. September 15, 2022 Called Meeting
2. September 15, 2022 Council Workshop
3. September 27, 2022 Council Meeting

*Councilmember Miller moved to approve all sets of Minutes, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.*

**G. Special Recognition**

1. Suwanee Fest Committee and Sponsors
2. Gwinnett County Public School's 2022-2023 Teachers of the Year

**H. Audience Participation**

(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.)

Jeremy Brimer, 141 Buford Highway – As a builder, Mr. Brimer requested that Council make changes to the zoning ordinance to accommodate eco-friendly residential development. Mr. Brimer said that his clients would like to build smaller homes, stating that they want a small amount of something really nice instead of a large amount of something mediocre.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- I. Consider RZ – 2022 – 004 – Owners: 3805 317 LLC and Franklin Property Group LLC. Applicant: Walker Anderson Homes; Rezoning from R-100 to RM-8.**

*Councilmember Charpentier motioned to approve RZ-2022-004 from R-100 to IRD using the conditions from October 25, 2022, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.*

- J. Consider 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Adjustments**

*Councilmember Hilscher motioned to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget adjustments as presented by staff, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 4-0.*

- K. Authorize Mayor to Enter into an Easement Amendment with Atlanta Gas Light**

*This item was removed from the Agenda during the motion to approve the Agenda in Item E.*

**L. Executive Session: None.**

**M. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 4-0.*

**Approved November 29, 2022**