

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022

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

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Larry Pettiford, Mayor Pro Tem
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

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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. 2040 Comprehensive Plan 5-Year Update

This is to notify the community about the kick-off to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan update process and provide an opportunity for residents to make suggestions regarding additions or revisions to the Plan. Josh Campbell reviewed the initial Plan update process. There were no audience comments.

2. AMD-2022-003 – Amendment to Article III of the Suwanee Zoning Ordinance

This is a proposed amendment to the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance to add the definition of “backyard chickens” to Article III Definitions and add “backyard chickens” as a permitted use in Section 500 (R-140 Residential Single-Family District), Section 501 (R-100 Residential Single Family District), Section 501A (R-85 Residential Single Family District), Section 502 (R-75 Single Family Residence District), Section 510 (PMUD Planned Mixed-Use Development District), Section 511 (Conservation Subdivision Overlay District), and Section 512.2 (IRD Infill Residential District). Josh Campbell reviewed and noted that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendment.

Mr. Ryan Parrish, 4530 Settles Bridge Road – Mr. Parrish spoke in support of the amendment stating that he has chickens and that it has been a positive experience for

his family and friends. He addressed potential citizen concerns, such as noise levels and solid waste, and gave supporting facts to help alleviate these potential concerns. Mr. Parrish stated that well cared for chickens has been a positive experience.

C. Announcements

1. 2023 Event Applications are now being taken and are due to the city by December 1st. Visit Suwanee.com to begin your application to be a part of Suwanee's awesome 2023 events!
2. Ring in the holiday season for Jolly Holly Day with festive performances by local schools, help us light the big tree, and get a photo with Santa himself on December 2nd at 6:30 in Town Center Park! Enjoy free crafts and giveaways while supplies last. Food and other goodies will be available for purchase. Check Suwanee's social media outlets for full details.
3. Oh, What Fun it is to Run! Come out to Town Center Park on December 3rd for the Annual Run Run Rudolph 5K Run/Walk. 5K race time is 9am. All participants registered by November 23rd will be guaranteed a custom race t-shirt.
4. 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. Upcoming Winter Farmer's Market dates are December 10th and December 17th.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Hilscher motioned to approve the agenda subject to the addition of an item for consideration regarding an Atlanta Gas Light easement that should be considered prior to entering into Executive Session, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 6-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. **October 13, 2022 Council Workshop**
2. **October 25, 2022 Council Meeting**

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

G. Special Recognition

1. **Suwanee Youth Leaders**
2. **Girl Scout Gold Award Projects – Ashlee Tam, Lena Town, and Claire Brautigam**

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 telephone or in-person meeting at 770-945-8996.)

There were no comments from the audience.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consider AMD-2022-003 – Amendment to Article III of the Suwanee Zoning Ordinance

Motion to approve by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-1. (Burnette – in favor; Pettiford – in favor; Hall – in favor, Miller – in favor, Hilscher – in favor; Charpentier – against).

J. Consider Backyard Chicken Ordinance

This is a proposed ordinance for the regulation of regular backyard chickens.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 5-1. (Burnette – in favor; Pettiford – in favor; Hall – in favor, Miller – in favor, Hilscher – in favor; Charpentier – against).

K. Consider Adoption of the 2023 City Council Meeting Schedule

Motion to adopt the 2023 City Council Meeting schedule by Councilmember Hall, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 6-0.

L. Authorize Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Newlands Contracting in the amount of \$53,180.00 for Police Station Parking Lot Resurfacing

Five bids were received for resurfacing the Police Station parking lot at 323 Buford Highway. Staff recommends awarding the contract to Newlands Contracting in the amount of \$53,180.00, the lowest bid received.

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

M. Added Item Noted in Item (E) Approval of Agenda:

Councilmember Hall motioned to authorize the Mayor to enter into a corrective easement agreement with Atlanta Gas Light on Parcel R7250, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 6-0.

N. Executive Session: Personnel

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. by Councilmember Hall, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

O. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford and so carried 6-0.

Approved December 20, 2022