

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

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

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Linnea Miller, Mayor Pro Tempore
Heather Hall, Councilmember
Beth Hilscher, Councilmember
Peter Charpentier, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Robyn O'Donnell, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Larry Pettiford, Councilmember

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

B. Public Hearing

1. Amended Alcohol Beverage License for Chef JK, LLC dba Choi's Grill, 1500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Suite 190

Chef JK, LLC has applied to amend the alcohol license to add on-premise consumption of distilled spirits. Phoebe Han has applied to be the licensee. The Business Services Department recommends approval. The applicant was present. No one spoke in support or opposition.

C. Announcements

1. Sign up now for the third annual Suwanee Beer Fest Chaser 5K, a thirst-quenching twist on the traditional 5K. This race will be held on Saturday, March 4th at 11:00 am at Town Center Park. For more information go to suwaneebeerfest.com.
2. Over 40 vendors will be at Town Center Park for the Taste of Suwanee, on Saturday, March 11th from noon – 5pm. This event will offer an afternoon of sampling appetizers, entrees, and desserts, as well as live music and performances, an Artist Market with arts and crafts from local vendors, and fun activities for kids. For more information visit Suwanee.com.
3. Suwanee's Winter Farmers Market is happening twice monthly. Come and enjoy the great outdoors at Town Center Park from 9am – 11am. Stop by and enjoy fresh local winter produces such as lettuces, greens, potatoes, carrots baked goods and a variety of

other delicious local flavors. Upcoming Farmers Market dates are March 11th, March 25th and April 8th.

4. Apply now for the upcoming Citizen's Police Academy. This 8-week program begins April 3rd and offers classroom training and hands-on experiences in crime scene processing, traffic stops, crime prevention, and much more. This is a great way for citizens to gain a better understanding of the day-to-day functions of Suwanee's police officers. Applications are due by March 20th. Visit Suwanee.com for more information and an application.
5. Applications are now being accepted for the 2023-2024 Suwanee Youth Leaders. This nine-month leadership program is open to freshman and sophomores who live in the North Gwinnett, Peachtree Ridge, and Collins Hill clusters, as well as home school and private school students who reside within these clusters. The program centers on civic involvement, leadership, and volunteer opportunities. Applications must be submitted by March 31st. For more information, visit Suwanee.com.
6. Suwanee Beer Fest returns to paint Town Center Park green again on Saturday, March 18th. Recognized as one of the biggest and best craft beer festivals in the Southeast, the fest attracts people from all over the country to claim their share of unlimited tastings of over 400 craft beers. The event offers live music, games, local artists and food vendors, and a home brew contest. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit suwaneebeerfest.com.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Hilscher motioned to approve the Agenda with the addition of item O, to consider a resolution authorizing and requesting the introduction of local legislation to amend the city's charter to provide for a change to its corporate limits and other purposes, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. January 12, 2023 Council Workshop
2. January 24, 2023 Council Meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes by Mayor Pro Tempore Miller, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 5-0.

G. Special Recognition –

- Aditi Venkatesh – 2023 Gwinnett County's STAR Student
- Katie Massey – 2023 Gwinnett County's STAR Teacher

H. Audience Participation – None.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consider Amended Alcohol Beverage License for Chef JK, LLC dba Choi's Grill, 1500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Suite 190

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

J. Authorize Proceeding with Identified Stormwater Projects

Stormwater pipes located at Landover Crossing, Morning Top Place, and Sharon Industrial Way need to be repaired. The city's contracted vendor, IPR, has submitted a scope of work with an estimated cost of \$409,625.70.

Motion to authorize proceeding with identified stormwater projects by Councilmember Hall, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Miller and so carried 5-0.

K. Authorize Mayor to Enter into an Agreement to Commission Michael Szabo to Create a Sculpture for the New Veteran's Memorial

The Public Art Commission's selection committee recommends commissioning artist Michael Szabo to create a sculpture for the new veteran's memorial, to be located at Town Center on Main. This agreement is in the amount of \$200,000.00

Motion to authorize Mayor to enter into an agreement to commission Michael Szabo to create a sculpture to the new Veteran's memorial by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Miller and so carried 5-0.

L. Authorize Mayor to Execute Required Documents for a GMA Pension Plan Amendment

Consideration of an amendment to the current GMA pension plan to allow for certain non-participating employees to buy into and join the existing defined benefit plan reflecting years of service with the city.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute required documents for a GMA pension plan amendment by Councilmember Charpentier, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

M. Consider Authorizing Staff to Apply for Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Application

Authorize staff to apply for funding through Atlanta Regional Commission's LCI program for a small area study along Buford Highway including providing the necessary matching funds.

Motion to authorize staff to apply for Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative application by Councilmember Hall, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Miller and so carried 5-0.

N. Authorize Mayor to Enter into an Agreement for Professional Services for a Community-Build Playground

Authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Leathers and Associates for professional services relating to a community-build playground.

Mayor Pro Tempore Miller motioned to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional services with Leathers and Associates for a community-build playground, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

O. Consider a Resolution Authorizing and Requesting the Introduction of Local Legislation to Amend the City's Charter to Provide for a Change to its Corporate Limits and Other Purposes

Councilmember Charpentier motioned to approve this resolution, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

P. Executive Session: None.

Q. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tempore Miller, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 5-0.

Approved February 28, 2023