

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

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

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Linnea Miller, Mayor Pro Tempore
Heather Hall, Councilmember
Larry Pettiford, 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 6:30 p.m.

B. Public Hearing

1. Alcohol Beverage License for Cow Wow Korean BBQ, 2850 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, Suite F

Mr. Josh J. Chung has applied for an alcohol beverage license for on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for Cow Wow Korean BBQ, a full-service Korean barbeque restaurant to be located at 2850 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd., Suite F. The Business Services Department recommends approval. A representative for the business addressed Council regarding the application.

C. Announcements

1. Town Center Park and Epiphany Lutheran Church will be the host of Suwanee's Annual Easter Morning Sunrise Service on April 9th. The service begins at 7am and all are welcome!
2. Suwanee's Winter Farmers Market hosts its last two markets of the season on April 8th and April 22nd, bringing local winter produce to Town Center Park from 9am – 11am. Suwanee's Summer Farmers Market is almost here! The summer market season starts up in May and runs weekly every Saturday through September.
3. Suwanee's 2023 Running Series continues with two upcoming races. The Race to Cure Sarcoma begins at 8am on April 15th. This family-friendly race raises awareness for the Sarcoma Foundation of America. And beginning at 3pm on April 22nd is the HappyFeat Happy Hour 5K. Focusing less on speed, and more on "happy", participants should come early to get in the Happy Hour mood for the race with drinks and DJ music! Both races take place in Town Center Park. More information can be found on Suwanee.com.

4. The City of Suwanee has partnered again with the well-loved Atlanta International Night Market to bring you fun, food, and entertainment from around the world April 21st and 22nd! Friday night enjoy food and stage shows highlighting Gwinnett's rich cultural diversity. Saturday the Atlanta International Night Market returns along with our new favorite tradition: the Glow in the Park lantern parade and a headliner concert to finish out the night! In the days leading up to the parade, the Suwanee Arts Center is hosting several Glow in the Park Lantern Workshops. Visit Suwanee.com for more information.
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.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Councilmember Hall, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 6-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. February 16, 2023 Council Called Meeting
2. February 16, 2023 Council Workshop
3. February 28, 2023 Council Meeting

Mayor Pro Tempore Miller motioned to approve all sets of Minutes, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 6-0.

G. Special Recognition

1. Lt. Bryan Hickey – 25th Anniversary and FBI Academy Graduation
2. North Gwinnett High School Girls Swim and Dive Team – 7A State Champions

H. Audience Participation – None.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consider Alcohol Beverage License for Cow Wow Korean BBQ, 2850 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, Suite F

Motion to approve by Councilmember Hall, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 6-0.

- J. Consider Authorizing the Purchase of a High-Pressure Stormwater Cleaner – \$88,789.26**
To maintain the stormwater systems, staff is requesting to purchase a high-pressure stormwater cleaner. This equipment will allow for quick unclogging of storm pipes and inlets due to its ability to self-propel into a pipe with high pressure and water volume. The cost for the equipment is \$88,789.26.

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

- K. Consider Amendment to the City’s Building Code Relating to Deck Construction**
To clarify recently updated state building codes, staff has recommended an amendment to the local building code as it relates to decks on single-family homes.

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

- L. Consider Adoption of Short Term Work Program**
Consideration to adopt the 2023 Short Term Work Program.

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

- M. Consider Appointments to the Harvest Farm Managing Board**
The Harvest Farm Managing Board is recommending the following people for board appointment: Alex Ortolano, Ken McCoy, Kristen Shappert, and Eileen Cobb.

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

N. Consent Agenda

- 1. Authorize Stormwater System Condition Assessment – \$80,000.00**
To continue the city’s stormwater project, approximately 30,000 linear feet of stormwater pipe must be assessed. The city’s vendor, Integrated Science and Engineering (ISE) has submitted a scope of work with a cost of \$80,000.
- 2. Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County for Election Equipment**
The city must enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Gwinnett County for the use of one Absentee Ballot Drop Box for the November 7th General Election.
- 3. Authorize the Mayor to Enter into Maintenance Agreements with Gwinnett County and Georgia Department of Transportation for the Gateway Median Project**
To begin median enhancements in the Gateway area, the city must enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Gwinnett County and a right-of-way maintenance agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

4. Approve Surplus Sale Items

The city has identified items for the annual surplus sale.

Councilmember Hilscher motioned to approve the Consent Agenda prepared by staff, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 6-0.

O. Executive Session: None.

P. Adjournment

Councilmember Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m., second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 6-0.

Approved April 25, 2023