

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

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

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

Absent: Heather Hall, Councilmember

A. Call to Order

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

B. Announcements (Detailed information on all events can be found by visiting Suwanee.com)

1. On Saturday, April 29th, and Sunday, April 30th, the Suwanee Arts Center, home of our local art gallery and City Welcome Center, hosts the Suwanee Arts Festival - a two-day event featuring arts & crafts, food, and entertainment in Town Center Park. The festival opens at 10 am on Saturday and noon on Sunday. For more information about the festival and the gallery's many offerings, visit SuwaneeArtsCenter.org or visit them at 3930 Charleston Market Street.
2. Don't miss the unveiling of the Ultimate Participation Trophy on Saturday, April 29th during the Suwanee Arts Festival! A collection of thousands of old trophies, medals, and plaques were used to create this giant piece of temporary art by artist Phil Proctor – creator of Suwanee's famous goat herd! The unveiling ceremony will take place at 1:00 pm.
3. Suwanee's 2023 Running Series continues with several upcoming races:
 - Max's Moon Run – Friday, May 5th beginning at 6:30 pm – benefitting the Maximus Janton Foundation to assist special needs children and their parents
 - Tacos & Tequila 5K – Saturday, May 6th beginning at 11 am – benefitting the Lawrenceville Co-Op

- Go Gray for a Cure 5K Run/Walk – Saturday, May 13th beginning at 9 am – benefitting Brain Cancer and Brain Tumor Awareness and Research
 - Great Strides Atlanta – Saturday, May 20th beginning at 9 am – benefitting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
4. Suwanee’s Farmers Market begins its weekly market every Saturday beginning May 6th. Visit Town Center Park between the hours of 8 am and noon every Saturday to find fresh fruits, vegetables, pastas, jellies, sauces, spices, baked goods, flowers, and much, much more. This summer market runs through September.
 5. Join us for Atlanta British Motorcar Day on Sunday, May 7th beginning at 10 am. The 39th Atlanta British Motorcar Day is featuring dozens of your favorite import classic car brands such as Aston Martin, Jaguar, Lotus, Bentley, McLaren, Mini, and more!
 6. The American Cancer Society’s Gwinnett Relay for Life presents Luminaria Lights to Remember on Saturday, May 13th beginning at 6 pm in Town Center Park. This gathering of the community is to celebrate survivors & caregivers of cancer, as well as recognize volunteers, individuals, groups & companies that are helping the American Cancer Society in the fight against cancer. Join in by registering at ACSEvents.org.
 7. Come out and join the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration! This family-friendly event with Asian cultural performances, traditional costumes, K-pop dance, music, and food is being held at Town Center Park on Friday, May 19th beginning at noon.
 8. Threaded from Heaven Sewing Studio is hosting its first fashion show in Town Center Park on Sunday, May 21st beginning at 2 pm. This fashion show will showcase the work of the studio’s students in the Little Stitchers course, the Kids Learn to Sew course, the Teen Sewing Lab, and students of the Cruella: Fashion to Runway course. Come and see all the possibilities of sewing!

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda by Councilmember Pettiford, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. **March 16, 2023 Council Workshop**
2. **March 28, 2023 Council Meeting**

Mayor Pro Tem Miller motioned to approve both sets of Minutes, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 5-0.

F. Special Recognition

- 1. North Gwinnett High School Hockey Team – Georgia Student Hockey League’s 2022-2023 Division AA State Champions**
- 2. 2022 Suwanee Employee Recognition Winners**

G. Audience Participation

None.

NEW BUSINESS

H. Consider Amendment and Readoption of the City’s Code of Ordinances – Chapter 34, Article II, Noise Control

Staff has provided amendments to the current ordinance, in addition to the necessity for re-adoption of the ordinance due to updates in the state’s noise ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tempore Miller motioned to adopt the amendment and readoption of the city’s Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, Article II, Noise Control, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

I. Consider Proceeding with Identified Stormwater Projects - \$969,283.00

Continuing the city's stormwater repair projects, streets that are next for rehabilitation are Rosewood View Drive, Leaf Lake Drive, Rising Fawn Trail, Mill Creek Run, Golden Meadows Lane, Dunsford Circle, Swan Mill Court, and Morning Glen Court. The city’s contracted vendor, IPR, has submitted a scope of work with an estimated cost of \$969,283.

Councilmember Charpentier motioned to proceed with the identified stormwater projects in the amount of \$969,283.00, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

J. Consider Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County for the Resurfacing of Lansmoore Way

This is an agreement for a joint resurfacing project on Lansmoore Way.

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

K. Consider an Update to the City’s Master Traffic Sign Map

Staff is proposing the following changes to the city’s “Official Street Signs Map.” The following signs are proposed for updating: 1) Add a No U-Turn sign on Buford Highway at Town Center Avenue, 2) White Street and Jackson Street One-Way related signage, 3) 4-way Stop signs at White Street and Russell Street, 4) No Parking signs on Burnette Road, 5) Stop sign on Redbridge Road for Main Event driveway, and 6) convert Stop sign to Yield sign at Celebration Drive and McGinnis Ferry Road.

Mayor Pro Tempore Miller motioned to update the city's Master Traffic Sign Map, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

L. Consider Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) Resolution

The city will begin utilizing GIRMA as its property and liability insurance company. As part of GIRMA's statutes, bylaws, and longstanding practices it is required that a resolution be passed to join GIRMA.

Councilmember Charpentier motioned to adopt the GIRMA resolution, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

M. Consider Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement

The city must execute a Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement every two years to comply with GDOT regulations for the opportunity to receive federal funds for road projects.

Councilmember Pettiford motioned to adopt the Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Miller and so carried 5-0.

N. Consider Certified City of Ethics Recertification

As a certified City of Ethics, through the GMA Certified City of Ethics program, the city must adopt a resolution every four years for recertification.

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

O. Consider Agreement Amendment with Total Technology Group

Staff proposes amending the current agreement with Total Technology Group to align with the city's needs. With in-house IT staff performing more work, fewer hours are required from the city's current consulting services vendor. With this amended agreement, staff anticipates saving approximately \$20,000-\$30,000 annually.

Mayor Pro Tempore Miller motioned to approve the agreement amendment with Total Technology Group, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 5-0.

P. Executive Session: None

Q. Adjournment

Councilmember Hilscher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., second by Councilmember Mayor Pro Tempore Miller and so carried 5-0.

Approved May 23, 2023