<u>**Minutes**</u>

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.**

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

Attendees:   Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Heather Hall, Councilmember
Larry Pettiford, Councilmember
Beth Hilscher, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Robyn O'Donnell, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent:   Linnea Miller, Mayor Pro Tempore
Peter Charpentier, Councilmember

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## A. Call to Order

## B. Public Hearing

### 1. 2023 Millage Rate
We have received our 2023 tax consolidation information from Gwinnett County. During the FY 2024 budget process, we assumed a millage rate of 4.93, the same millage rate as the past eleven years. Marty Allen delivered a short presentation on the millage rate data and information. There were no comments.

## C. Announcements

1.  The city is excited to continue with plans for PlayTown Suwanee 2.0, a new community-build playground in the Fall of 2023. The project is currently in progress and volunteers are needed for the community-build portion of the project the week of October 9th – 15th. Gather your family and friends and sign up to be a part of history as we bring PlayTown Suwanee 2.0 into 2023. More information and sign up opportunities can be found on Suwanee.com.

2.  Suwanee's Summer Farmers Market continues! Come and check out the season's best offerings at Town Center Park every Saturday from 8 am-noon.

3.  Join us this weekend and go the extra mile and change lives…one step at a time! Join us on Saturday, August 26th for the 10th annual Annandale Village Extra Mile 5K and 1-mile Walk/Run. This event, hosted in Town Center Park, is a fundraising and disabilities awareness campaign to honor and celebrate individuals and families living with and affected by developmental disabilities and those that have experienced a

traumatic brain injury. This event begins at 7:30 a.m. For more information, visit Annandale.org.

4. Also, this weekend, join us on a journey to build community, express culture, and celebrate heritage at the African American Culture & Arts Festival on Saturday, August 26th. This free event runs from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm, having live performances, food trucks, and vendors. For more information, visit aacaf.net.

5. Suwanee Fest, our annual two-day event, marks its 39th year and returns to Town Center Park for some Wild, Wild fun on September 16th & 17th! Nearly 200 vendors and exhibitors, 15 entertainment acts, and one amazing parade are just some of the highlights of this beloved fall tradition. For full details, including information about free parking area shuttles, parade, vendor listing, stage entertainment schedule, and more, visit SuwaneeFest.com

6. On Saturday, September 23rd, join one of the races in the 2023 Suwanee Running Series by registering for the Care for Cops 5K Run/Walk, beginning at 8:00 am at Town Center Park. Care for Cops is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to the families of fallen Georgia officers. To register for this Peachtree Road Race qualifier, visit runsignup.com.

## D. Pledge of Allegiance

## E. Approval of Agenda

*Motion to approve the Agenda by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 4-0.*

## F. Approval of Minutes
1. July 13, 2023 Council Workshop
2. July 25, 2023 Council Meeting

*Motion to approve the Minutes by Councilmember Pettiford, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.*

## G. Special Recognition – Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce – Named "Chamber of the Year" by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives

## H. Audience Participation

Jake Gleghorn, 559 Myrtle Trace Lane – Mr. Gleghorn expressed concern that the electrical outlets near the basketball court and pavilion at Main Street Park seem dangerous. Additionally, Mr. Gleghorn requested that a Tesla charging station be installed near the caboose on Main Street.

**NEW BUSINESS**

I. **Consider 2023 Millage Rate**

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 4-0.*

J. **Consider Supplemental Agreement with Thomas & Hutton for Suwanee Loop Trail Engineering**

On April 13, 2023, the city finalized a contract with Thomas & Hutton for the initial phase of engineering the Suwanee Loop Trail, amounting to $294,491. As part of this process, certain tasks originally planned for future phases need to be incorporated into the first phase, without any increase in the overall project cost. Consequently, a supplemental agreement for Task Order #1 is being proposed, which increases this task order amount by $78,047.40, resulting in a revised total task order amount of $372,539.00.

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Hall, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 4-0.*

K. **Consider Compact Track Loader Purchase - $76,134.00**

To improve continued maintenance of the city's trail systems, staff is recommending the purchase of a 259D3 Compact Track Loader in the amount of $76,134.00.

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Pettiford, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.*

L. **Surplus of Stormwater Structures and Pipes**

In light of design modifications for the Town Center on Main project, a number of purchased stormwater structures and 312 feet of pipe are now deemed surplus to project requirements. Staff recommends facilitating surplus of these items to interested vendors.

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 4-0.*

M. **Executive Session: Legal**

*Councilmember Pettiford motioned to enter Executive Session at 6:53 p.m., second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.*

*Councilmember Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:01 p.m., second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 4-0.*
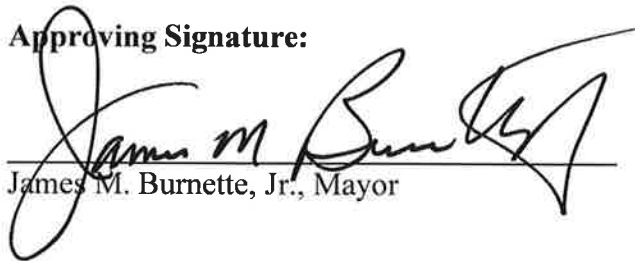
**N. Adjournment**

*Councilmember Pettiford motioned to adjourn at 7:01 p.m., second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 4-0.*

**Prepared by:**

Robyn O'Donnell, City Clerk

**Approving Signature:**

James M. Burnette, Jr., Mayor