

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

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

B. Public Hearing

1. 5-Year Update to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan

The hearing provided an opportunity for residents to make final suggestions, additions, or revisions related to the 5-year update to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The draft plan will be forwarded to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs for review. Once they have approved the document, the plan may be adopted by Mayor and Council.

Tom McConnell, 3795 Smithtown Road – Mr. McConnell expressed concern that there had not been sufficient public notification regarding this matter and requested the vote be postponed. He also expressed concern about the online location of the draft document, suggesting that it can be confusing to access and read.

2. RZ-2023-010 – Owners: Michael Brown, Edward Brown and Paulette Brown. Applicant: Michael Brown. The applicant requests a rezoning from R-140 (Residential Single Family District) to R-100 (Residential Single Family District) and R-75 (Single Family Residence District) to allow for single family detached homes. The site is located at 3385 and 3675 Martin Farm Road and contains approximately 1.0 acres.

The Planning Department recommends approval with conditions.

Michael Brown, 3675 Martin Farm Road – Mr. Brown voiced his support for this request, expressing his desire to construct a home on this property, which would be adjacent to his parents' residence.

- 3. SUP-2023-004 – Owner: 212 Farishta. Applicant: Kristian Mechoso. The applicant requests a Special Use Permit to allow for an emission testing facility in the C-2 zoning (General Commercial District) zoning district. The site is located at 500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and contains approximately 1.65 acres.**

The Planning Department recommends approval with conditions. No one spoke in support or opposition.

C. Announcements

1. Suwanee’s Winter Farmers Market is in full swing! Come and check out the season’s best offerings at Town Center Park from 8 a.m. to noon. Upcoming market Saturdays include October 28th, November 11th, and November 18th.
2. Tickets are now on sale for the Dam Dinner – that’s right, it’s dinner on the dam at Sims Lake Park! This special event will be held on Friday, October 27th, beginning at 6:00 pm and features live music, art demonstrations, and a curated chef experience. The evening celebrates and supports the Suwanee Arts Center and all of its programs. For more information visit SuwaneeArtsCenter.org.
3. If you’re a sucker for scary-tale endings, join us for a sweet treat at the park Saturday, October 28th for Dinner and a BOO-vie, and other fun activities. We will start off with Town Center business trick-or-treating at 5 p.m., followed by the movie *The Addams Family* at 6:30, and then *Ghostbusters: Afterlife*, beginning around 8:15.
4. Tickets are now on sale for the 10th Annual Suwanee Wine Festival happening on November 4th beginning at 1:00 pm. Festival attendees will get to sip and stroll around Town Center Park while enjoying unlimited samples of delicious wines, hand-selected by local wine experts. The festival features over 150 wines from all over the world, plus a Georgia winery section where local wineries offer tastings of their favorites. The Suwanee Wine Festival will also have live music, artisanal products for sale from local vendors and artists, food from some of the area’s most popular restaurants, food trucks, and more! The non-wine fans get to enjoy ready-to-drink cocktails, seltzers, and beer while hanging out in the Tailgate Tent sampling Georgia craft beer and catching some college football. To purchase tickets, visit SuwaneeWineFest.com.
5. The Classic Car Show will be held on Sunday, November 5th beginning at 10am at Town Center Park.
6. On Saturday, November 11th join the Walk to End Alzheimer’s happening at Town Center Park beginning at 8:00 am. This national event is the largest annual fundraiser for the Alzheimer’s Association, raising funds to provide support and services. Registration and other information can be found on Suwanee.com.

7. Join us for the 2nd Annual Suwanee Chili Cook Off & Music Festival on November 11th, from 12 – 5 pm. Attendees will be able to sample different chili and vote on their favorite in the People's Choice Awards. The Festival is a fundraiser for Project Green, a local children's non-profit and has free admission. Wristbands for tastings will be available for purchase at the event. For more information visit ChilliMusicFestival.com.
8. There are still opportunities to purchase a commemorative veteran plaque for installation at the new Veteran's Memorial, situated at Town Center on Main. To learn more, please visit Suwanee.com.
9. The city is actively seeking volunteers for a range of upcoming events. For detailed information on becoming a Suwanee volunteer, please visit Suwanee.com.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Hilscher motioned to approve the Agenda subject to the addition of Item L-1, which regards the transmittal of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan 5-Year update to the Department of Community Affairs, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 6-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. **September 14, 2023 Council Called Meeting**
2. **September 14, 2023 Council Workshop**
3. **September 26, 2023 Council Called Meeting**

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

G. Special Recognition

1. **2023 Suwanee Fest Committee**
2. **2023 – 2024 Teachers of the Year**

H. Audience Participation

Tom McConnell, 3795 Smithtown Road – Mr. McConnell mentioned that individuals he has spoken with are unaware of the ongoing municipal election. He believes that the city should take additional measures to promote the election to generate greater citizen interest.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Consider RZ-2023-010 – Rezoning from R-140 to R-100 and R-75 at 3385 and 3675 Martin Farm Road**

Mayor Pro Tempore Miller motioned to approve subject to the staff recommended conditions, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 6-0.

- J. Consider SUP-2023-004 – Special Use Permit to allow for emission testing facility at 500 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard**

Councilmember Pettiford motioned to approve with conditions, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 6-0.

- K. Consider 2024 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application**

GDOT has requested that we submit our 2024 LMIG street resurfacing improvement program, together with Local Government Affidavit and Certification form. Staff recommends submitting 4 streets or portions thereof, totaling approximately 0.732 miles on the priority list.

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

- L. Authorize the City to Enter into an Agreement to Complete Construction Work at PlayTown Suwanee**

The city sought price quotes from contractors to complete the project. The scope of work and pricing were provided to Council for review prior the Council meeting.

Councilmember Charpentier motioned to approve the funding for the construction of PlayTown Suwanee in the amount of \$37,450, which includes Georgia Professional Construction & Contracting Services in the amount of \$19,500, Mustard Seed Tiny Homes in the amount of \$8,500, and Leathers and Company in the amount of \$9,450 for construction services and project management services related to PlayTown Suwanee, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Miller and so carried 6-0.

- L1. Consider Resolution Authorizing Transmittal of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update**

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

M. Executive Session: Personnel

Mayor Pro Tempore Miller motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 6-0.

Councilmember Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:42 pm, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 6-0.

N. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm by Councilmember Charpentier, second by Councilmember Hall and so carried 6-0

Approved November 28, 2023