

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

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

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

Absent: Peter Charpentier, Councilmember

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

B. Oath of Office

Mr. Gregory Jay, City Attorney, performed the ceremonial oath of office for Mayor Jimmy Burnette, Councilmember Julianna McConnell (Post 1), and Councilmember Larry Pettiford (Post 2).

C. Adoption of Rules and Procedures

In accordance with Section 2.19 of the City Charter, the City Council shall each year adopt its rules of procedure and order of business. Staff recommends adopting the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Motion to adopt by Mayor Pro Tempore Miller, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carrier 5-0.

D. Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore

In accordance with Section 2.27 of the City Charter, by a majority of vote, the City Council shall elect a Councilmember to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for that ensuing year. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall assume duties and powers of the Mayor during the Mayor's disability or absence.

Mayor Pro Tempore Miller motioned to select Councilmember Hilscher as the Mayor Pro Tempore for 2024, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carrier 5-0.

E. Public Hearing

1. Alcohol Beverage License Ownership Change – New Licensee for Monterrey Mexican Restaurant, 1000 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Monterrey Mexican Restaurant, located at 1000 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., has changed ownership. Ms. Mary Oviedo has applied for a license for the on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. The Business Services department recommends approval. There were no comments.

2. Amended Alcohol Beverage License for Bonbon Chicken & Pizza, 3131 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd, Suite A6

Bonbon Chicken & Pizza, located at 3131 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd., Ste A6, has applied to add distilled spirits to the beer and wine on-premise license that they already have. The Business Services Department recommends approval. There were no comments.

3. SUP-2024-001 – Owner: Hanover 2021 Dynasty Trust. Applicant: BCB, LLC. The applicant requests a Special Use Permit to allow for an animal daycare facility with boarding and outdoor runs in the C-2A (Special Commercial District) zoning district. The site is located on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard south of Trench Road and contains approximately 1.4 acres.

The representative for the applicant, Melody Gloutin of Anderson, Tate, and Carr at 1960 Satellite Boulevard, Duluth, presented the request to Council. Ms. Gloutin highlighted that the application seeks approval for utilizing approximately 11,280 square feet of an existing building as well as outdoor areas to establish a luxury pet daycare and boarding facility under the brand name Canine Resorts, noted as a high-end facility. If approved, this would mark the first Canine Resorts franchise in Georgia. Ms. Gloutin mentioned that the facility will undergo updates and construction incorporating features and materials aimed at providing effective buffering for both sight and noise.

Thomas McConnell, Jr. 3795 Smithtown Road, expressed safety concerns regarding security of the animals, particularly in relation to the busy Peachtree Industrial Boulevard area. He wanted to be sure there was implementation of safety protocols for the well-being of both animals and drivers.

In response to Mr. McConnell's concerns, Ms. Gloutin explained the presence of secure outdoor fencing and a structurally sound indoor environment, ensuring a safe environment for both animals and those in the vicinity.

B. Announcements

1. 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 January 27th, February 10th, and February 24th.
2. On February 10th the Rotary Club of Buford/North Gwinnett is pleased to host the 13th Annual Suwanee Sweetheart Sprint 5k and Fun Run. The race is a Peachtree Road Race qualifier and boasts tons of fun including, medals for each age group, fastest dog, most senior finisher and a Valentine themed costume contest. The race begins at 9am but come early and take part in DJ and mascot fun and a great pre-race warm up. After the race enjoy some hot chocolate, post-race snacks and some fun with your friends and family at the photo booth. Visit Suwanee.com for more information.
3. The City of Suwanee continues its quarterly blood drives in conjunction with the American Red Cross and encourages the community to give on Thursday, February 22nd at City Hall. For more information on eligibility and to register, visit RedCrossBlood.org.
4. Join us for the 10th annual Suwanee Half Marathon and Old Town 5k on Sunday, February 18th presented by Performance Race Services along with the City of Suwanee. Races begin in Town Center Park at 7:30 am. To register visit SuwaneeHalf.com. These races will benefit the Suwanee Public Arts Program.
5. Help us celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, February 24th! Meet us at Suwanee Elementary School at 9am to plant trees in honor of this special day. Those interested in volunteering can contact City of Suwanee Environmental Specialist Bill Stinehart at bstinehart@suwanee.com.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher motioned to approve the Agenda, second by Councilmember McConnell and so carried 5-0.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. **December 7, 2023 Council Workshop**
2. **December 19, 2023 Council Meeting**

Motion to approve both sets of Minutes by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

F. Audience Participation

Heather Hall, 900 Sunset Park Drive, Suwanee – Ms. Hall expressed her love for her the community and its parks. She noted the city's strong partnership with Annandale, where her son resides. Ms. Hall praised the intentional efforts of City Council and Josh Campbell, Planning Director, to foster innovation, inclusion, and diversity, making Suwanee an outstanding place to live.

NEW BUSINESS

G. Consider Alcohol Beverage License Ownership Change – New Licensee for Monterrey Mexican Restaurant, 1000 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

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

H. Consider Amended Alcohol Beverage License for Bonbon Chicken & Pizza, 3131 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd, Suite A6

Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember McConnell and so carried 5-0.

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

J. Consider Annual Council Board Appointments and Re-Appointments

There are various annual appointments for multiple city boards and commissions expiring January 31st. Additionally, after conducting interviews on January 23, 2024, one position each for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals will be appointed.

Councilmember Miller motioned to approve the annual appointments as presented, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and so carried 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher motioned to appoint Chris Bridges to the Planning Commission and Ed Townsend to the Zoning Board of Approvals, second by Councilmember McConnell and so carried 5-0.

K. Arbor Day Proclamation

The City will celebrate Arbor Day on February 24, 2024.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember McConnell and so carried 5-0.

L. Quit-Claim a Portion of Former Bluegrass Trail

Consider approval of a quit-claim deed for approximately 0.019 acres of land formerly known as a portion of Reese Street and Bluegrass Trail, as referenced on the survey for 480 Pringle Drive prepared by GA Land Surveyor dated January 16, 2024.

Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

M. Executive Session: None.

N. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.

Approved February 27, 2024