

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

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

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

A. Call to Order

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

B. Public Hearing

1. New Alcohol Beverage License – Applicants: Mr. Sanghun Shin and Ms. Jeungah Kim for Yulkkong LLC dba Moo Bong Ri, 3255 Lawrenceville Suite Road, Suite 1-20

Yulkkong LLC dba Moo Bong Ri is a new restaurant that will be opening in May 2024. It will be located at 3255 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd. Ste 1-20. The owner, Mr. Sanghun Shin, as well as the manager, Ms. Jeungah Kim, have applied to be the licensees for on-premise consumption of beer, wine and distilled spirits. There were no comments in support or opposition.

C. Announcements

1. The American Cancer Society's Gwinnett Relay for Life returns to Town Center Park on Saturday, April 27th. Kicking off the day is the 5K run beginning at 9am, followed by a 1-mile journey walk. The day continues with education, music, food trucks, and vendors. This gathering of the community is to celebrate caregivers & survivors 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](https://www.ACSEvents.org).

2. Bringing local produce to Town Center Park, Suwanee's Winter Farmers Market hosts its last market of the season on April 27th, from 9am – 11am. Suwanee's Summer Farmers Market season begins May 4th and runs weekly every Saturday from 8am – noon through September.
3. Celebrating its 20th anniversary is the beloved Suwanee Art on a Limb program! Our annual finders-keepers month-long program returns on Wednesday, May 1st. During this beloved Suwanee tradition, two pieces of original artwork are hidden each day; those who find a piece of art get to keep it. This year, clay mushrooms created by local Suwanee resident, Lilly Vicens, will pop up on the trails in Suwanee's parks and along our greenways. If you're lucky enough to find a fairy door, be sure to share a picture with us on social media!
4. Suwanee's 2024 Running Series continues with several upcoming races:
 - Max's Moon Run – Friday, May 3rd beginning at 6:30 pm – benefitting the Maximus Janton Foundation to assist special needs children and their parents
 - Tacos & Tequila 5K – Saturday, May 4th beginning at 9 am – benefitting the Lawrenceville Co-Op
 - Great Strides Atlanta – Saturday, May 18th beginning at 9 am – benefitting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
5. Come out and celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! On Saturday, May 11th from noon to 8pm at Town Center Park enjoy various Asian cultural performances, costumes, music, and food! This is a family-friendly event with the aim to deepen your understanding of Asian cultures and histories, as well as to widen your experience with local artists, restaurants, and food trucks!
6. On Friday, May 24th beginning at 7pm, join in the patriotic fun at the city's annual Red, White, Bluegrass & Bach Memorial weekend concert. And, weather permitting, the Fort Benning Silver Wings may parachute into Town Center Park. Activities will include a salute to our veterans, fun and patriotic music by the Main Street Symphony, bluegrass music, food trucks, and more. Wear your red, white, and blue, and bring your blankets & lawn chairs to come and celebrate in Suwanee!

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of Agenda

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

F. Approval of Minutes

1. March 14, 2024 Council Called Meeting
2. March 14, 2024 Council Workshop
3. March 26, 2024 Council Meeting

Councilmember Miller motioned to approve all sets of Minutes, second by Councilmember McConnell and so carried 6-0.

G. Special Recognition

1. Suwanee Youth Leaders

H. Audience Participation

Georgia State Representative Matt Reeves, Atlanta – Representative Reeves presented Council with a proclamation honoring the city’s 75th Anniversary.

Van Schliestett, 1173 Bend Creek Trail – Mr. Schliestett expressed concerns about stormwater fees for properties with ditches, noting that homes with ditches require no stormwater pipe maintenance compared to those with gutters. He requested that properties with ditches be exempt from the stormwater fee program. Additionally, he requested implementing a simple property tax discount for seniors due to their generally lower income, as opposed to the city's current deferred tax program, which offers only a minimal benefit.

Tuwanda Rush Williams, 2461 Tack Hill Court, Dacula – Ms. Rush Williams introduced herself to Council as a candidate for Superior Court Judge for Gwinnett County. During her introduction, she outlined her career and experience.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Consider New Alcohol Beverage License – Applicants: Mr. Sanghun Shin and Ms. Jeungah Kim for Yulkkong LLC dba Moo Bong Ri, 3255 Lawrenceville Suite Road, Suite 1-20**

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

- J. Consider Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Funding for the Suwanee Loop Trail**

The Atlanta Regional Commission is accepting applications for LCI transportation project funding. Applications are due May 5th. Requests are for projects greater than \$2 million. Staff recommends requesting funding for the Right-of-Way Acquisition and Construction Phases of the Suwanee Loop Trail Project that is currently in design. A resolution committing the City to a 20% match of funds granted is required for application.

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

K. Consider 2024 Local Maintenance Intergovernmental Agreement (LMIG) Road Resurfacing Bid Award to Allied Paving - \$393,275.00

Pursuant to the bidding process for the 2024 LMIG Road Resurfacing project, staff recommends awarding the bid to Allied Paving in the amount of \$393,275.00.

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

L. Consider Proceeding with Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal Projects - \$93,955.00

Continuing the city's sidewalk repair projects, subdivisions that are next for repairs are Baxley Point, McGinnis Reserve, Park Pointe, Shadowbrook, and Stonecypher. The city's contracted vendor, Georgia Safe Sidewalks, has submitted a scope of work with an estimated cost of \$93,955.00.

Motion to proceed by Councilmember McConnell, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 6-0.

M. Authorize the Mayor to Sign Mutual Aid Agreement with Gwinnett County for the Purposes of Extraterritorial Assistance, and Other Purposes

The Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office requires that a Mutual Aid Agreement be established with every Gwinnett city to facilitate the provision of extraterritorial assistance for law enforcement functions during assistance events, among other purposes. The city executed the last mutual aid agreement in February 2013. This new agreement will undergo automatic renewal on December 31, 2024, and will renew annually thereafter.

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

N. Executive Session: Legal

Councilmember Pettiford motioned to enter Executive Session for legal purposes at 7:56 p.m., second by Councilmember McConnell and so carried 6-0.

Councilmember Miller motioned to exit Executive Session at 9:09 p.m., second by Councilmember McConnell and so carried 6-0.

O. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. by Councilmember Pettiford, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 6-0.

Approved May 28, 2024