

**CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 29, 2008
4:00 P.M.**

Meeting Location: Crossroads Center (323 Highway 23)

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor Pro Tem
Jace Brooks, Councilmember
Dan Foster, Councilmember
Kevin McOmer, Councilmember
Jeannine Rispin, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Dave Williams, Mayor

1. Call To Order

Mayor Pro Tem Burnette called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

2. Consideration of Moratorium for Large Developments in Residential Areas in Anticipation of Completion of 2030 Comprehensive Plan

Marty Allen, City Manager, stated we are nearing the Comprehensive Plan completion and staff has been reviewing a lot of the drafts that are coming online. We have had a number of drafts and documents throughout the process where protection of residential districts is a very high priority for our community. As staff is reviewing the final draft it has become apparent to us that we need to make sure that we preserve the status quo so that we don't fall behind where we want to be with the implementation of the plan. As such, staff recommends that we consider a short moratorium for larger projects that would perhaps go into these established residential areas that we are interested in protecting so that we can complete adoption of the comprehensive plan, evaluate to make sure we have appropriate tools in place and make sure that our plan gets implemented as we hope that it can be. City Manager Allen stated that a draft of the Comprehensive Plan should be available between Monday and Wednesday next week.

Councilmember McOmer asked if the Moratorium would be in place until May 29th or until the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan or repeal of this action? Mr. Allen stated that adoption would depend largely on the types of comments received back from the Council and the community when we meet next. Staff is increasingly comfortable with where we are as a final product, so we're cautiously optimistic that the product will be in a ready to adopt form around the timeframes discussed.

Councilmember Foster asked when is the next public session with the Comprehensive Plan Committee? Josh Campbell, City Planner stated March 27th.

Councilmember Brooks asked if comments would be received prior to the March 27th meeting? Mr. Allen stated staff would like to have comments prior to this date for adoption. The plan could possibly be adopted by early April.

Councilmember McOmber stated this is a good pro-active move to take to protect our neighborhoods.

Motion by Councilmember Rispin to adopt an Ordinance/Resolution to facilitate completion of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan in furtherance of promoting orderly growth and protection of established residential areas and the imposition of a moratorium for an interim period in order to implement the findings of said plan, second by Councilmember McOmber and so carried 5-0.

3. Adjournment – Time: 4:11 P.M.

Motion by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 5-0.

Approved 3/25/2008