



AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING & WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024
5:30 PM

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Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

COUNCIL CALLED MEETING
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

2. Public Hearing: 2024 Millage Rate

We have received our 2024 tax consolidation information from Gwinnett County. During the FY 2025 budget process we assumed a millage rate of 4.93, the same millage rate as the past twelve years. Additional public hearings will be held on Tuesday, August 27th at noon and 6:30 pm, with adoption scheduled at the August 27th Council meeting.

3. Executive Session: Legal, Personnel, and/or Real Estate (if needed)

4. Adjournment

COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Big Splash Room

1. Special Presentation(s)

A. Peachtree Industrial Boulevard Bridge Design Concepts Presentation

Consultants for the Suwanee Loop Trail will present design options for the pedestrian and bicycle bridge planned to be constructed over Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.

B. Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update

A representative from the DDA will give an update on projects and activities.

C. Economic Indicators Report

Staff will present the 2nd quarter report

II. Staff Updates

Staff updates are intended to provide information about the topic without a presentation. Should Council wish to discuss any item in more detail, staff is prepared to offer additional information.

A. New Alcohol Beverage License for Venman Foods Inc., dba Cheeky Taqueria, 1039 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Praveen Vemanedi, Veman Foods, Inc., recently purchased Cheeky Taqueria and has applied for an alcohol beverage license for on premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. The business, located at 1039 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, previously held an alcohol license under the former owner. Praveen Vemanedi has applied to be the licensee and the Business Services Department recommends approval. This item will be on the August 27th Council Public Hearing and Regular Agenda unless Council prefers otherwise.

B. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Required Procurement Policy Adoption

To maintain eligibility for receiving federal funds, GDOT requires the city to adopt a procurement policy that meets their requirements for the procurement of engineering and design services for federally funded transportation projects. Consideration of this item will be on the August 27th Council Regular Agenda unless Council prefers otherwise.

C. Buford Highway Gateway

Clark Patterson Lee has started the process of producing design documents and has begun the permit review process. Permitting will be through Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), instead of the Gwinnett Department of Transportation. which may result in a slightly slower permitting process. They have met with the GDOT reviewers and have addressed the first round of comments.

D. 2025 Event Calendar

Several events that take place in the 1st and 2nd quarters of the calendar year need to be approved before the entire calendar is published. This is largely due to the lead time needed to plan and market the respective events.

III. Discussion Items

A. CIP Project Updates

Staff will update Council on the following projects:

- 1. Town Center on Main and DeLay Nature Park**
- 2. Suwanee Dam Road Sidewalks**
- 3. Suwanee Loop Trail**
- 4. Suwanee Creek Greenway Relocation**

B. RZ-2024-001 – Owner: Sure, Inc. Natt Nwokolo. Applicant: Andy Sutton. Location: 15 Buford Highway

The applicant requests a rezoning from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) to OTCD (Old Town Commercial District) to allow for a mixed-use project containing residential and commercial uses. The site is located at the corner of Buford Highway and Cherokee Trail and contains approximately 1.54 acres. This item will be on the August 27th Council Public Hearing and Regular Agenda unless Council prefers otherwise.

C. Solar Power Contract with Cherry Street Energy

Staff wishes to discuss an agreement with Cherry Street Energy for the installation and maintenance of a solar power system at the Public Works building, 3625 Swiftwater Park Drive. This agreement would include an annual renewal and will serve as a hybrid to our existing electric usage with Georgia Power. Consideration of this item will be on the August 27th Council Regular Agenda unless Council prefers otherwise.

D. Suwanee Arts Center Agreement Amendment

The Suwanee Arts Center is requesting an amendment to their agreement. Consideration of this item will be on the August 27th Council Regular Agenda unless Council prefers otherwise

E. Amendment to Adopted FY 2024-2025 Authorized Position Resolution

Staff is requesting to amend the current staffing policy, adopted by Council on June 24, 2024, to allow temporary flexibility in the number of positions by adjusting position counts for roles with high turnover rates. This change aims to ensure continuous service delivery and permits overlapping staffing during the transition period when one employee leaves and a new employee starts. Consideration of this item will be on the August 27th Council Regular Agenda unless Council prefers otherwise.

F. Knowledge Sharing

- i. Gwinnett Municipal Association Activities**
- ii. Other**

IV. City Manager's Report

A. Special Recognition Options for the Council Meeting

B. Minutes for Approval

- i. July 11, 2024 Council Workshop**
- ii. July 23, 2024 Council Meeting**