



AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024

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Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

DINNER SESSION – 5:30 PM
BIG SPLASH ROOM

City Council Informal Session

Agenda review and informal discussion among City Councilmembers and staff. Food is provided for Elected Officials and staff. No action will be taken during the session.

COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call to Order

B. Public Hearing

I. 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 were held on August 15th at 5:30 p.m. and August 27th at noon.

2. 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. The Planning Commission recommend approval with conditions.

3. Alcohol Beverage License for Vemman Foods Inc., dba Cheeky Taqueria, 1039 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Praveen Vemanedi, Vemman 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.

C. Announcements

1. Suwanee’s Summer Farmers Market is happening now! Come and check out the season’s best offerings at Town Center Park every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.
2. On Saturday, September 14th, join one of the races in the 2024 Suwanee Running Series by registering for the Care for Cops 5K Run/Walk, beginning at 8:00 am at Town Center Park. Care for Cops is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to the families of fallen Georgia officers. To register for this Peachtree Road Race qualifier, visit runsignup.com.
3. Suwanee Fest, our annual two-day event, marks its 40th year and returns to Town Center Park for the Ultimate 80’s party on September 21st & 22nd! Nearly 200 vendors and exhibitors, 15 entertainment acts, and one amazing parade are just some of the highlights of this beloved fall tradition. For full details, including information about free parking area shuttles, parade, vendor listing, stage entertainment schedule, and more, visit SuwaneeFest.com.
4. Join us in Town Center Park on October 5th beginning at 10 am for the Suwanee Taste of BBQ and Music Festival. This family-friendly event features BBQ and live music plus local vendors, an artist market, and a Family Fun Zone with activities for children of all ages. This event is a fundraiser for Project Green, a local kids’ non-profit. Visit AliveExpo.com for more information.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Approval of Agenda

F. Approval of Minutes

1. July 11, 2024 Council Workshop
2. July 23, 2024 Council Meeting

G. Special Recognition

- i. Randy Redner, Wellspring Nonprofit Resource, Inc.
- ii. Representative Matt Reeves by the Georgia Municipal Association

H. Audience Participation

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consider 2024 Millage Rate

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L. Consider Adoption of Procurement Policy Required by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)

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.

M. Authorize Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Sign Confirmation of Understanding for the Safe Streets for All Grant

The city received a grant for \$200,000 from the FHWA to undertake a Safe Streets 4 All Action Plan. In order to move forward with this Action Plan, the city will need to enter in an agreement with the FHWA and sign a Confirmation of Understanding.

N. Authorize Mayor to Enter into an Amended Agreement with the Suwanee Arts Center to Operate the Suwanee Welcome Center, 3930 Charleston Market Street NW

In 2015, the city entered into an agreement with the North Gwinnett Arts Association, now known as the Suwanee Arts Center, to operate the Suwanee Welcome Center at their location, 3930 Charleston Market Street NW. To accommodate expanding Welcome Center services, staff is requesting an amendment to this agreement.

O. Consider Amendment to the 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.

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

Q. Adjournment