

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

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

Attendees: James M. Burnette, Jr., Mayor
Beth Hilscher, Mayor Pro Tempore
Julianna McConnell, Councilmember
Peter Charpentier, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Robyn O'Donnell, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Larry Pettiford, Councilmember
Linnea Miller, Councilmember

A. Call to Order

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

B. Announcements

1. Suwanee's Summer Farmers Market concludes this Saturday, September 28th, but the excitement continues with the Winter Farmers Market starting in October. Join us twice a month at Suwanee's new park, Town Center on Main, 421 Main Street, from 9 am to 11 am to explore the best of winter's offerings. Upcoming market dates are October 12th and October 26th—don't miss out!
2. The City of Suwanee & City of Sugar Hill Food Fight is back for Round 2! Between September 21st – October 20th the two cities will go head-to-head to see who can collect the heaviest haul of donations for the North Gwinnett Cooperative. The City of Sugar Hill squeaked past the City of Suwanee in 2023, so Suwanee is ready for a comeback! Citizens are encouraged to donate essential items to bins located in the lobbies of Suwanee City Hall and the Suwanee Police Department. Visit Suwanee.com to learn more about the Food Fight and other ways to donate to the North Gwinnett Cooperative.
3. Join us in Town Center Park on Saturday, October 5^h 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 Suwanee.com for more information

4. Join us for the Motul Petit Le Mans Kickoff Party at Town Center Park on Tuesday, October 8th. This event, hosted by Road Atlanta, allows you to get up close to the race cars with the sounds of a live DJ in the park. Help us kick off one of the most thrilling sports car races in the world and cheer on your favorite drivers before they drive.
5. On Saturday, October 12th Town Center Park will host the 4th annual Spooky Spirits 5K. This event offers a Cocktails and Costumes twist on the traditional 5K. Starting at 11:00 a.m., this Peachtree Road Race-qualifying event is fit for anyone, whether you are a competitive runner trying to beat your personal record or you're just looking to sip and stroll with your closest cocktail-loving friends. Just choose the ticket that channels your Halloween spirit - either non-stop or with spirit stops. Visit Suwanee.com for more information.
6. On Saturday, October 19th beginning at noon join us to celebrate community, culture, and heritage in Town Center Park at the African American Culture & Arts Festival. This free open-air family-friendly festival will have live performances throughout the day, food trucks, and vendors. For more information, visit AACAF.net.
7. On Saturday, October 26th, join the Walk to End Alzheimer's happening at Town Center Park beginning at 8:30 am. This national event is the largest annual fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association, raising funds to provide support and services. Registration and other information can be found on Suwanee.com.
8. If you're a sucker for scary-tale endings, join us for a sweet treat at the Town Center Park on Saturday, October 26th for Dinner and a BOO-vie, and other fun activities. We'll start with Town Center business trick-or-treating at 5 pm, followed by two movies – the first begins at 6:30 and the second begins around 8:15. The community gets to participate in choosing the movies through an online poll! More information can be found at Suwanee.com.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 4-0.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. **August 15, 2024 Council Called Meeting**
2. **August 15, 2024 Council Workshop**
3. **August 27, 2024 Council Called Meeting**
4. **August 27, 2024 Council Meeting**

Motion to approve by Councilmember McConnell, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

F. Audience Participation – None

NEW BUSINESS

G. Adoption of Roundabout Master Plan

The Roundabout Master Plan has been finalized and is ready for adoption.

Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 4-0.

H. Consider a Resolution for the City of Suwanee to be included in the Gwinnett County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Gwinnett County is required to submit an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) to FEMA every five years. Cities within the county are required to update and approve their own plans, which become part of the County's document. Suwanee's HMP has been completed.

Motion to approve by Councilmember McConnell, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 4-0.

I. Suwanee Creek Greenway Connector Project

Authorize the Mayor to execute an on-demand services contract with Peach State Construction to construct certain improvements to the Suwanee Creek Greenway near Martins Farm Road in anticipation of the bridge reconstruction by Georgia Department of Transportation.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher motioned to approve the Suwanee Creek Greenway Connector Project for a contract not to exceed the sum of \$399,980, second by Councilmember Charpentier and so carried 4-0.

J. Executive Session: None

K. Adjournment

Councilmember Charpentier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m., second by Councilmember McConnell and so carried 4-0.

Approved October 22, 2024