

**CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 24, 2007**

Meeting Location:

Dinner Session – City Hall Conference Room (373 Highway 23)

Public Hearing and City Council Meeting - Crossroads Center (323 Highway 23)

Attendees: Nick Masino, Mayor
Jace Brooks, Councilmember
Jimmy Burnette, Councilmember
Dan Foster, Councilmember
Jeannine Rispin, Councilmember
Hardin Watkins, City Manager
Elvira Rogers, Administrative Services Director
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

**5:30 P.M.
DINNER SESSION**

City Council Informal Session

Informal discussion among City Councilmembers and staff. Food provided for Elected Officials and staff. No action to be taken during session.

**6:30 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Masino opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 P.M. City Manager, Hardin Watkins, read the procedures for public meetings into the record.

- 1. AN-2007-001 - Applicant: Evergreen Presbyterian Church. Owner: Byungho Kim. Requests annexation and rezoning from R-100 (Gwinnett County) to R-100 (City of Suwanee) to allow for a church and related facilities. Site is located in Land Lot 212 of the 7th District on Smithtown Road between White Sands Way and Suwanee Creek Court and contains approximately 12.65 acres.**
- 2. RZ-2007-001 - Applicant: Evergreen Presbyterian Church. Owner: Byungho Kim. Requests annexation and rezoning from R-100 (Gwinnett County) to R-100 (City of Suwanee) to allow for a church and related facilities. Site is located in Land Lot 212 of the 7th District on Smithtown Road between White Sands Way and Suwanee Creek Court and contains approximately 12.65 acres.**

Items 1 and 2 were addressed together. Marty Allen presented the staff analysis as follows: The applicant requests annexation and zoning on an approximately 12.65-acre site from R-

100 (Residential Single Family District – Unincorporated Gwinnett County) to R-100 (Single Family Residential District – City of Suwanee) to allow for a 50,000 square foot church and related accessory uses. The subject property is located on the northwest side of Smithtown Road west of Westbrook Road.

The proposed development would include a church, off-street parking, and a small playground. The proposed church would include a 1,500 person sanctuary, a smaller 500 seat sanctuary, a 10,000 square foot multi-purpose room, 30 classrooms and a kitchen. The church would be located towards the front of the site behind a stream (and the associated stream buffer), a driveway, and some parking. Parking would primarily be located to the sides and rear of the building. Access is proposed onto the site via a single driveway located off Smithtown Road.

The subject property totals approximately 12.65 acres and is developed with a single family residence. The subject property is located along Smithtown Road near an area that was recently annexed into the City. The site includes one stream at the front of the property and Suwanee Creek at the rear of the property. There is significant floodplain located at the rear of the site along Suwanee Creek. While certain areas of the site are not suitable for development, the site in general is suitable for development for a church.

The subject property is surrounded by residential, recreational and church uses all located within single family residential zoning districts. To the north of the subject property, across Suwanee Creek, is George Pierce Park (Zoned R-100 and R-140). To the east of the subject property are several single family residences (zoned R-140) that front onto Suwanee Creek Court and a church that fronts on Smithtown Road (zoned R-140). To the south of the subject property are several single family residences, a common area for the Avonlea Crossing neighborhood, and a tree farm all zoned GC-A (Gwinnett County Annexed).

Because the property is not located within the City Limits, it is not shown on the City Future Land Use Map. However, the Gwinnett County Future Land Use Map indicates single-family residential uses would be appropriate for the subject property. Churches are generally seen as compatible uses within residential areas.

The proposed church is generally consistent with the surrounding uses and the recommendation of the County Future Land Use Map. Although churches are generally compatible with residential uses, the scale of the proposed church could have adverse impacts to the surrounding area if conditions are not provided to mitigate these impacts. Due to a church of this size, particular attention should be paid to project access improvements for vehicles entering and leaving the site.

In conclusion, the requested R-100 zoning would be appropriate at this location. The proposal is consistent with the single-family residential uses in the area and the adjacent church site. The R-100 zoning is consistent with the County Future Land Use Map's single-family residential designation. With conditions to mitigate potential adverse impacts of the proposed church the proposed rezoning would be appropriate. Should the City Council choose to annex the property into the City Limits, approval with conditions as R-100 would

be appropriate. The Planning Commission reviewed the case and voted to approve the rezoning request of R-100.

Support:

- Rob Ponder, 3146 Lakeview Drive, Duluth, GA. Mr. Ponder is the architect representing the church. The church has been in the City for more than ten years and recently approached Mr. Ponder and the contractor about adding on to the current location on Main Street. A design was worked up and they've decided with the rate of growth of them getting new members that they would out grow the current facility. They started two years ago looking for land. Finally, the seller approached the church to purchase the land along Smithtown Road. The property has been purchased by the church. Application was made to the City to annex and rezone the land. The rezoning case was postponed in order to hold meetings with homeowners and interested parties in opposition to the rezoning. The church now stands before Council to say that all six conditions are accepted as offered by staff to mitigate the size of the church and to work the church into compliance with the City's Ordinances. In addition to the three staff conditions, the church agrees to three additional conditions as per meetings with the neighbors. A fence is added along all residential properties that adjoin the site; all stormwater will be routed to the rear of the property away from the small creek at the front of the property, which will relieve any stormwater from running into the two ponds located downstream from the site; and, it is agreed that the roof will be non-reflective so there will not be a reflection issue toward the residences in the area. With the extra conditions and extra buffers, the church deserves to be in the City and want to be there. Mr. Ponder requested Council consider annexing this property and rezoning the property.

Opposition:

- Tom McConnell, 3795 Smithtown Road, Suwanee, GA. Mr. McConnell stated we've worked with the church for about six weeks to resolve some of the issues and conditions involved with this case. The church size and parking requirements are still unresolved. At the Planning & Zoning public hearing, the church voluntarily reduced the size of the sanctuary and parking spaces. We were shocked when Planning Commission member Earl Mitchell voted to remove this condition, which the church was willing to offer. This leaves the whole issue of church size and traffic unresolved with no limitations placed on these most critical conditions. There are now approximately 1,000 citizens that live on Smithtown Road corridor. 800 of us just got annexed in with no choice in the matter. We are disappointed in how the Planning & Zoning Commission do not return phone calls and refused to meet with us to discuss such a serious matter. Pictures have been emailed to Council of the Crossroads Church on Highway 20. They have a 1,000 seat sanctuary. The Evergreen church plan calls for a 1,500 seat sanctuary. The Crossroads pictures clearly indicate with a large four lane state highway, four entrances and exits, and police directing cars that traffic is still a problem. Even with a decel lane and a turn only lane, this is insufficient to mitigate the traffic on a two lane secondary road and a dangerous curve on Smithtown. The church has stated that during the week, there will be morning prayer services and about 10% would participate. That will be 150-200 along with the joining Korean church, right next door, morning prayer service compounding more traffic when our teenagers are driving to school and people are going to work in the

early morning hours. There will also be Wednesday evening service, basketball on Friday evenings along with possible Saturday events and services on Sunday. The City Council should take more than ten minutes of public hearing time tonight to determine what the church and the community can live with. Mr. McConnell referenced a letter delivered to Council (copy attached). Mr. McConnell requested City Council table the request and review all the traffic and size implications on the Smithtown Road corridor.

- Mike Sutherland, 4668 Settles Bridge Road, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Sutherland stated he is a 30 year property owner. He stated his point of concern is the size of the building. This is a “super church”.
- Cathy Velo, 3616 Suwanee Creek Court, Suwanee, GA. Ms. Velo stated she is speaking for herself. She has not spoken with anyone else and has not asked anyone else to speak for her. The church is trying to be good neighbors. She stated she prefers the building not be so big and certainly more architecturally appealing, but she feels they have every right to build where R-100 allows. The rezoning should be approved with all the considerations that P&Z has set forth, but road improvements should be expounded upon. This is not a safe road.
- Casey Cavanaugh, 3666 Suwanee Creek Court, Suwanee, GA. Ms. Cavanaugh states she has been a resident of Suwanee since 1991. She stated she was a part of the group of residents that met with the church. The church has done an excellent job of listening to the concerns of the residents. They have spent a good deal of time with the residents and have made some concessions. She believes the church structure, as proposed, is too large. If the church is approved, it is “absolutely paramount” that all the concessions that the Planning staff recommended plus the conditions the church agreed to are kept. She stated she was very disappointed when a member of the Planning & Zoning Board said “never mind, we’re not going to do that.” She stated she is not against the church, but wants to impress the need for the condition. It is still an inappropriate use of the land. The church owns the property and they have rights as well.
- David Hamilton, 3691 Suwanee Creek Court, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Hamilton states he has lived at this address for 20 years. In the first Planning & Zoning Meeting the church admitted they do not have 350 cars, they have 750 cars. They are asking for approval of a parking lot for 350 spaces. There will be 400 extra cars that will be parking up and down Smithtown Road. A road that barely has a shoulder. They’re asking for a building bigger than a football field with less than half the number of spaces needed. He stated he feels the building would be more appropriate on Satellite Boulevard or Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, not on a little winding two lane road.
- Connie Dillon, 3390 Smithtown Road, Suwanee, GA. Ms. Dillon states she and her husband have lived in Suwanee for 17 years. She stated appreciation that Suwanee has tried to manage change. Her basic concern is with the size of the building. This is a commercial size building with a kitchen and is not appropriate for the size of the road. Within the curve there are probably 6-7 driveways. The traffic needs to be addressed also.

There was a question about an opportunity for rebuttal by opposers. City Attorney, Gregory Jay, explained there is no rebuttal time for the opposition as outlined in the procedure.

- Brad Alexander, 3420 Smithtown Road, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Alexander stated his biggest concern is that less than a year ago, Gwinnett County was proposing a 24 home subdivision on this same property. Gwinnett County was very cooperative in listening to the community and worked with the community. The County came out and talked with the citizens, listened to the community and denied the request. He stated that a 50,000 sq. ft. building with 350 parking spaces has a much more negative effect on the community than a 24 home subdivision. He stated he would hope that the City of Suwanee would have a higher standard than what the County had and their requirements for development.

Mr. Ponder stated that the proposed morning service runs between 10 and 20 people not 10% of the church. With the current population, that is less than 1% of the congregation. The morning service begins at 5:30 AM and finishes at 6 AM. There has been discussion of traffic studies and the curve. Engineers do not use traffic studies to design the curve conditions. This is dictated by State standards, visibility, etc. Safety is important for the church as well as the residents. These issues will have to be addressed and will be addressed.

Mr. Ponder stated when the process started, the site was proposed for a 50,000 sq. ft. building and a 2,000 seat main service based upon tripling the current use. Now that the floor plan exercise is underway, the main service will probably be 1,500 sq. ft. and the building will reduce to around 45,000 sq. ft. He stated they are working toward a smaller church, but the application is not requested to be modified.

Councilmember Foster inquired about the size reductions. Mr. Ponder stated the Korean service is broken into two parts, because it is done in two different languages (English for the younger generation; Korean for the older generation). The original request was for a 2,000 seat main sanctuary. Based on City regulations, 500 spaces were allowed. What is proposed today is to reduce the main service to 1,500 from 2,000 that was in the application. In doing that, there is a reduction in the main sanctuary. The multi-purpose room cannot be reduced because it is a basketball arena.

Councilmember Foster asked when there would be a revised floor plan. Mr. Ponder stated that a floor plan with 44,852 sq. ft. has been presented to the church.

Councilmember Rispin inquired about elevation drawings and architectural drawings. Mr. Ponder stated no elevation drawings are available at this time. He stated that 35 feet is required in a residential zoning. No height variances will be requested.

Mayor Masino asked the limitations of a reflective roof. Mr. Ponder stated they would have to use a color roof not a reflective roof. The church has agreed to a non-reflective roof.

3. RZ-2007-002 – Applicant: Broward Real Estate Investment. Owner: Broward Real Estate Investment. Requests rezoning from C-2 (General Commercial District) to C-2A

(Special Commercial District – Alcoholic Beverage Sales) to allow for an office/retail facility including restaurants with alcohol sales. Site is located in Land Lot 251 of the 7th District on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard between Suwanee Dam Road and Silver Peak Parkway and contains approximately 3.0 acres.

Marty Allen presented the staff analysis as follows: The applicant requests rezoning on a 3.0-acre site from C-2 (General Commercial District) to C-2A (Special Commercial District-Alcohol Beverage Sales) to allow for restaurants with alcohol sales in an existing 30,000 square foot shopping center. The subject property is located on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard south of Suwanee Dam Road. The site currently contains a recently completed two-story building with 15,000 square feet of retail space on the top floor (facing Peachtree Industrial Boulevard) and 12,500 square feet of office space on the bottom floor (facing the rear of the site).

The City's Alcohol Beverage Regulations require distance separation from places that sell alcohol and certain other land uses. It appears that no uses currently exist near the subject property that would prohibit such sales.

The subject property is located along the developing Peachtree Industrial Boulevard commercial and residential corridor. It contains a number of uses which have been zoned for alcohol sales. The site is well situated for commercial uses including restaurants with alcohol sales.

The City of Suwanee Future Land Use Plan recommends commercial uses for the subject property. The proposed C-2A zoning is consistent with this recommendation

In conclusion, the requested C-2A zoning would be appropriate at this location. Peachtree Industrial Boulevard is a rapidly developing commercial corridor with many uses that include alcohol sales. The proposed district is consistent with the future land use plan. There are no extraordinary conditions present that should prohibit such a use. Therefore, the Planning Department recommends approval of the request. The Planning Commission reviewed the case and recommended approval.

Support:

- Brian Ross, 495 Heard's Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA, represented the applicant.

Opposition – None.

- 4. SUP-2007-002 – Applicant: Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Owner: Wal-Mart. Requests a special use permit to allow for an automobile rental facility. Site is located in Land Lots 169 and 170 of the 7th District at the intersection of Satellite Boulevard and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and contains approximately 23.30 acres.**

Marty Allen presented the staff analysis as follows: The applicant requests a Special Use Permit on an approximately 23.2 acre site to allow for a small vehicle rental facility located inside of an existing Wal-Mart. The site is located at the intersection of Satellite Boulevard

and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road. In addition to the onsite car rental office, 10 parking spaces are reserved for rental cars in a small parking area adjacent to the center.

The surrounding area is generally characterized by a variety of uses and zoning districts. The City's Future Land Use Plan recommends commercial uses for this site. The proposed commercial use is consistent with this designation.

In conclusion, the requested Special Use Permit for a vehicle rental facility would be appropriate at this location. The City's policies generally attempt to guide automotive sales and service uses to the more commercially intensive areas of the City. As such, the Planning Department recommends approval with conditions of the request. The Planning Commission reviewed the request and recommends approval.

Support:

- Warren Kelson, 955 Waldrep Drive, Lawrenceville, GA. There are conditions related to erecting parking signs. The applicant has no problem with this request. The rental facility will be located at the north side of the facility. There will be no service on site.

Opposition – None.

5. Application for License to Sell Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits to be Consumed on the Premises, Change in Licensee: Acuaris Bar & Grill, 2955 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road. Applicant: Yaritza Dominguez-Saenz.

Hardin Watkins stated Acuaris Bar and Grill has requested a change in licensee for beer, wine and distilled spirits to be consumed on the premises. Yaritza Dominguez-Saenz will be the licensee. Staff recommends approval.

There was no audience participation.

Public Hearing Closed – Time: 7:05 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Call To Order

Mayor Masino called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

2. Announcements

- In celebration of Georgia Cities Week, a statewide celebration of cities and the services that they provide, the City of Suwanee is hosting several activities, including a S.E.E. open house, equipment display, and online scavenger hunt. Staff members are hosting an

open house at City Hall from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Thursday, April 26. Refreshments, answers regarding service questions, give-aways, and smiling faces will be available throughout the day. From 10 a.m.-noon and 3-5 p.m. also on Thursday, April 26, a display of City of Suwanee equipment will be available in the front parking lot at City Hall. A police car and bicycle, Suwanee's new hybrid public works truck, speed trailer, bucket truck, gator, Polaris vehicle, and lawn mower will be on display.

- Georgia Music Hall of Fame Night is April 28th at Town Center Park. This event will feature Georgia Music Hall of Famers on *both* sides of the Town Center stage. Billy Joe Royal and The Tams, featuring Robert Lee Smith, will take to the stage beginning at 7 p.m. to perform their time-transcending hits. Other Georgia Music Hall of Famers will become part of a permanent fixture to be attached to the back wall of the 1,500 square foot stage. This spring concert will celebrate the unveiling of a mural created especially for the Buford Highway-facing rear wall of the amphitheater stage.
- The month long Art on a Limb program will start again on May 1. This program offers citizens the chance to find a one-of-a-kind art treasure along the Suwanee Creek Greenway during the month of May. Each day, two pieces of art are hidden on the greenway and if you come across one, it is yours to keep. This unique celebration of art-and nature-culminates in Arts in the Park on Saturday, June 2, a celebration of the arts in all its various forms, from artwork to performance art.
- The Suwanee Smooth Jazz 107.5 WJZZ Concert Series continues on May 4 with Rio Negro. The 7 p.m. concert features pianist Kevin Johnson, percussionist Broderick Santiago, and trumpeter Melvin Jones. Bring blankets, chairs, picnics, and friends to the concert; however, no alcohol may be brought into Town Center Park. Food, beer, and wine will be available for purchase, with vendors set to open at 5:30 p.m.

For information on all upcoming events, please visit www.suwanee.com

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Former Mayor Chris Yoder and former Councilmembers Dave Williams and Alan Landers joined Mayor Masino.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. 3/27/07 Council Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve the 03/27/07 Council Meeting Minutes as modified in 6.A. to pluralize requirement, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 4-0-1 (Burnette abstained).

5. Adoption of Agenda as Presented

Motion by Councilmember Rispin to Adopt the Agenda as presented, second by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette and so carried 5-0.

6. Special Recognition

- A. Georgia Christian Athletic Association Class A Basketball State Champions: Old Suwanee Christian School

The Mayor presented a Proclamation to Old Suwanee Christian School and declared Wednesday, April 25, 2007 as Old Suwanee Christian School Day.

- B. James Burnette, Sr., Former Councilmember

The Burnette family was presented a House Resolution in memory of James Burnette, Sr. The resolution was introduced to the House by Representative Brooks Coleman. Mr. Burnette served the City of Suwanee as Councilmember for 32 years.

- C. Hardin Watkins, City Manager

Hardin Watkins has resigned his position with the City of Suwanee to become Town Manager of the Town of Garner, North Carolina. Mayor Masino presented Mr. Watkins a Proclamation from the City of Suwanee; a Resolution passed through the State House of Representative by Rep. Brooks Coleman; and, the Suwanee Star Award. In honor of Mr. Watkins, the Star Award been renamed the "*Hardin Watkins Suwanee Star Award*". This award is the highest award an employee of the City of Suwanee receives for outstanding and lasting contributions to the organization.

Mr. Watkins received numerous accolades and gifts from former and present Mayors and Councilmembers. At the end of the presentations, Mr. Watkins thanked the Council, city staff and attendees for their support during his tenure.

7. Audience Participation – None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. AN-2007-001 - Applicant: Evergreen Presbyterian Church. Owner: Byungho Kim. Requests annexation and rezoning from R-100 (Gwinnett County) to R-100 (City of Suwanee) to allow for a church and related facilities. Site is located in Land Lot 212 of the 7th District on Smithtown Road between White Sands Way and Suwanee Creek Court and contains approximately 12.65 acres. ACTION: Consider the annexation request.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette to table AN-2007-001 to the May Council Meeting, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 5-0.

- B. RZ-2007-001 - Applicant: Evergreen Presbyterian Church. Owner: Byungho Kim. Requests annexation and rezoning from R-100 (Gwinnett County) to R-100 (City of Suwanee) to allow for a church and related facilities. Site is located in Land Lot 212 of

the 7th District on Smithtown Road between White Sands Way and Suwanee Creek Court and contains approximately 12.65 acres. ACTION: Consider the rezoning.

Due to the table of Item A, no action was taken on Item B.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. RZ-2007-002 – Applicant: Broward Real Estate Investment. Owner: Broward Real Estate Investment. Requests rezoning from C-2 (General Commercial District) to C-2A (Special Commercial District – Alcoholic Beverage Sales) to allow for an office/retail facility including restaurants with alcohol sales. Site is located in Land Lot 251 of the 7th District on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard between Suwanee Dam Road and Silver Peak Parkway and contains approximately 3.0 acres. ACTION: Consider the rezoning.

Motion by Councilmember Rispin to approve RZ-2007-002, second by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette and so carried 5-0.

- B. SUP-2007-002 – Applicant: Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Owner: Wal-Mart. Requests a special use permit to allow for an automobile rental facility. Site is located in Land Lots 169 and 170 of the 7th District at the intersection of Satellite Boulevard and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and contains approximately 23.30 acres. ACTION: Consider the special use permit.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette to approve SUP-2007-002, second by Councilmember Rispin and so carried 5-0.

- C. Consideration of Issuance of an Alcohol License, Change in Licensee: Acuaris Bar and Grill. Applicant: Yaritza Dominguez-Saenz.

Acuaris Bar and Grill has requested a change in licensee for beer, wine and distilled spirits to be consumed on the premises. Location: 2955 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road. Applicant: Yaritza Dominguez-Saenz. Ms. Dominguez-Saenz's fingerprint reports have been returned from GBI and the FBI showing no violations on file. The Finance Department is recommending approval. ACTION: Consider issuing the alcohol license.

Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve Issuance of an Alcohol License, Change in Licensee: Acuaris Bar and Grill. Applicant: Yaritza Dominguez-Saenz, second by Councilmembr Rispin and so carried 5-0.

- D. Consideration of a Homestead Tax Deferral Policy

At the City Council Retreat, Council requested staff research options for providing a tax deferment for senior citizens owning homes in Suwanee. The Finance Department has conducted the research and drafted a policy along with the required forms. Amie Sakmar, Finance Director stated this program would allow senior residents, age 65 and over, to defer tax payments up to 85% of the assessed value not to exceed \$200,000.

Criteria for participation in this program include an annual income of \$20,000. Partial payments can be made at any time to off-set the deferral. This policy will be effective with the 2008 tax billing cycle. ACTION: Consider approval of the policy.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette to approve a Homestead Tax Deferral Policy, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 5-0.

E. Consideration of a Budget Adjustment for the Swim Atlanta Contract

Staff is entering into contract with Swim Atlanta to provide Splash Guards at the interactive fountain on the weekends until school is out and then full-time throughout the summer. The contract amount is slightly below \$25,000, allowing the City Manager to sign the document. However, a budget adjustment is needed to provide the funding through June 30, 2007 and to cover invoices that were recently submitted by Swim Atlanta for these services last summer. ACTION: Consider the budget adjustment.

Motion by Councilmember Brooks to approve a Budget Adjustment for the Swim Atlanta Contract, second by Councilmember Rispin and so carried 5-0.

F. Consideration of Gateway/Welcome to Suwanee Signage Plan

A preliminary map and sign package were presented and discussed at the April Workshop. Council gave positive feedback on the sign package. Additional analysis needs to be done before exact sign locations can be determined. Staff will continue to work with Sky Design to evaluate sign location options. Once Council has approved funding for signs (as part of the budget process) staff will bring specific sign location options back to Council for review. ACTION: Consider the plan.

Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve the sign styles for future use by the City as depicted in the City of Suwanee Sign package provided to Council by staff, second by Councilmember Brooks and so carried 5-0.

G. Consideration of Issuance of a Temporary Alcohol Permit to Wild Wing Café for the June 30th Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Concert and the August 18th Sister Hazel Concert

The City is sponsoring the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra on June 30th and a large concert event on August 18th. Sister Hazel has been secured for the large concert. Staff is recommending Wild Wing Café as the alcohol license holder. City Council has to approve the license for alcohol to be sold at events. ACTION: Consider issuing the temporary alcohol permit.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette to approve Issuance of a Temporary Alcohol Permit to Wild Wing Café for the June 30th Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Concert and the August 18th Sister Hazel Concert, second by Councilmember Rispin and so carried 5-0.

H. Consideration of Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Agreement with Contractor for the Suwanee Creek Greenway Pedestrian Bridge Project

Heery is leading this effort on behalf of the City. The request for proposals has been issued for the pedestrian bridge project. The pre-bid conference was held on April 2nd and bids are due on April 23rd. Staff will be prepared to make a recommendation prior to the Council Meeting on the 24th. ACTION: Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with selected contractor for the Suwanee Creek Greenway Pedestrian Bridge Project.

Motion by Councilmember Foster to approve an Agreement with the staff selected qualified low bidder for the Suwanee Creek Greenway Pedestrian Bridge Project, second by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette and so carried 5-0.

I. Consideration of Employment Agreement with Interim City Manager

City Attorney, Gregory Jay, has drafted the employment agreement with Kristi McCarley to serve as Interim City Manager. ACTION: Consider the employment agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Brooks to approve an Employment Agreement with Kristi McCarley to serve as Interim City Manager, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 5-0.

10. CONSENT AGENDA – None.

11. City Manager's Report – None.

12. Special Presentation: BRPH – New City Hall Design Development

Scott Gordon, BRPH, and representatives of Teknion made a short presentation of the highlights from the design development phase of the New City Hall and furniture samples.

13. Executive Session: Legal and Personnel Issues

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette to ENTER Executive Session to discuss Legal and Personnel Issues, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 5-0. Time: 8:45 PM

Note: Councilmember Rispin had to leave during Executive Session.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette to EXIT Executive Session to discuss Legal and Personnel Issues, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 4-0. Time 10:50 PM

14. Adjournment – Time: 10:50 PM

Motion by Councilmember Brooks to Adjourn, second by Mayor Pro Tem Burnette and so carried 5-0.

Approved 5/22/2007