

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017
5:30 PM

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: James Burnette, Mayor
Doug Ireland, Mayor Pro Tempore
Daniel Foster, Councilmember
Richard I. Goodman, Councilmember
Beth Hilscher, Councilmember
Linnea Miller, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Denise Brinson, Assistant City Manager
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

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DINNER SESSION – 5:30 PM
BIG SPLASH ROOM

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.

COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

B. Announcements

1. The City of Suwanee is thrilled to partner with the North Gwinnett Arts Association on our newest event: **Glow in the Park community lantern parade!** Inspired by the Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade, Suwanee's Glow in the Park will feature a strolling jazz band leading an illuminated pageant of light, music, and color through Old Town and down the Brushy Creek Trail, ending at a concert starring 80s cover band Electric Avenue at Town Center Park.

Join us for the next lantern building workshop at the NGAA in Town Center on April 4 from 5:00-6:30 pm for children and 7:00-8:30 pm for adults. Visit ngaa4arts.com to register for workshops, and we'll see you on April 15 at Glow in the Park!

2. **Food Truck Fridays** are kicking off for 2017 on April 7th. Food trucks open at 5:30 p.m. and run until 9:30 p.m. (or until the food runs out), with live music beginning at 7:00 p.m. Featured bands for the evening will include Capital Arms and God Bless Relative. The North Gwinnett Arts Association will also be hosting a lantern-making workshop for Glow in the Park. Check suwanee.com for the expected food truck line-up.
3. The **final Winter Farmers Market** will be held from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 8 at Town Center Park. Stop by and enjoy fresh local winter produce, such as lettuces, greens, potatoes, carrots, Brussels sprouts, baked goods, and a variety of other delicious, local flavors.
4. **Harvest Farm** community garden is the recipient of a \$1,500 grant from the Food Well Alliance of Atlanta. This grant will be used to help purchase orchard plants for White Street Park, Phase 2, currently under construction and scheduled for completion later this spring.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve removing "Item K" by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. February 9, 2017 Council Workshop
2. February 28, 2017 Council Meeting

Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

F. Council Recognition

1. 2016 Employee Award Winners

Mayor Burnette, Chief Jones and City Manager Marty Allen recognized staff who received awards at the annual employee recognition event.

G. Consider Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by Councilmember Foster to appoint Ray Brown to fill the unexpired term of Ryan Neilan, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

H. Audience Participation

- Richard Trice, 4021 McGinnis Ferry Road, Suwanee, GA. Former Mayor Trice extended an invitation to attend the Suwanee Business Alliance's annual fundraiser golf tournament on April 25th at Bears Best Golf Course. Proceeds to benefit local charities.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consider Amending the Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Ordinance

Staff recommends amending the City Code related to soil erosion, sedimentation, and pollution control to comply with the revised Georgia Code and retain our Local Issuing Authority.

Motion to adopt the Amendment by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

J. Consider Amending the Suwanee Gateway Sign Package

Parkway Capital, LLC has requested that the City approve a modification to the billboard located along I-85 at the Terraces at Suwanee Gateway.

Motion to approve the amendment in accordance with the letter dated 3/28/2017 by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

K. Consider Adopting Building Code, Chapter 1

The State through the Department of Community Affairs requires jurisdictions to adopt certain building codes. Those codes are automatically updated by the State every three years. However, local jurisdictions are empowered to adopt local amendments to these codes. Staff has developed Chapter 1 for these codes. This chapter addresses how the City administers the codes locally and would clarify code enforcement.

Removed from agenda.

L. Consider Amending Concept Plan for RZ-2015-001/RZ-2016-004

The developer for the project proposes to amend the concept plan for these two related rezoning cases. The changes are centered around the configuration of the road that serves the townhome portion of the project and the arrangement of the townhomes.

Motion to adopt the amendment using concept plan dated 2/28/2017 by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

M. Consider Authorizing Easements through White Street Park

There are some storm and sewer easements that are necessary through White Street Park for the adjoining development.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 6-0.

N. Consider Approving List for Surplus Sale

Staff has scheduled a surplus sale.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

O. Consider Ordinance Amendments Regarding Alcohol Consumption in Town Center

Proposed amendments to the City codes have been drafted to permit beer/wine consumption at Town Center Park and in the Town Center district.

Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tempore Ireland with time change from 11:30 pm to 11:00 pm, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

P. Executive Session: None

Q. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

Approved April 25, 2017