

City of Sugar Hill Council Meeting
Monday December 11, 2000
7:30 PM Community Center

The City of Sugar Hill Council held its regular meeting on Monday December 11, 2000 at 7:30 PM in the Community Center.

Notice of the meeting was placed on the doors of city hall and the community center. Notice was placed on the board at Peachtree Industrial Blvd and Alton Tucker Blvd. Notice was sent to the local news media.

Those present at the meeting included Mayor Roberta Crabb, Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Pirkle, Council Members Chris Abbey, Meg Avery and Kim Hall. Also present were City Manager Frank Ginn, City Attorney Lee Thompson, Planning Director Jim Osborn and City Clerk Shirley Gibbs. Absent was Council Member Mike Mosley.

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Mayor Crabb called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Member Abbey made the motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0

APPROVAL OF 11/13/2000 MINUTES:

Council Member Hall made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2000 meeting. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0

OLD BUSINESS:

A: DISCUSS CLOSING OF PINECREST ROAD AT RAILROAD CROSSING:

Council Member Hall stated that due to opposition from the residents and Norfolk Southern was not willing to do any upgrades there would be no change in the status of this street. If they could get funding from SPLOST, maybe warning lights could be put up. No further action was taken.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS:

There were no comments from the citizens or guests.

NEW BUSINESS:

A: PUBLIC HEARING AX-00-005 Tax Parcel ID's 7255-069 & 7-255-068 Kevin Case and Robert Denyse Jr requesting to annex approximately 5.6 acres (two tracts of land) off Brogdon Road. These parcels are currently zoned M-1 in Gwinnett County and the applicants are requesting a zoning classification of HM-1(Light Industry District). Proposed uses for these tracts will be Case Engineered Lumber, Inc and Atlanta Sandblasting & Painting, Inc.

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Council Member Hall made the motion to enter into Public Hearing for AX-00-005. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0. Planning Director Jim Osborn gave background information on this annexation request with a zoning classification of HM-1 (Light Industry District) along with staff recommendations. The Planning Commission had recommended approval of the annexation request with a zoning classification of HM-1 (Light Industry District) with one condition: Install an eight foot high solid fence along the rear and side property lines.

There were no comments from the public. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to exit Public Hearing. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to accept Annexation AX-00-005 with the zoning classification of HM-1 (Light Industry District) and with the condition set by the Planning Commission. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0.

B: RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THE WETLANDS OF THE CITY OF SUGAR HILL AND WETLANDS MAP:

Planning Director Jim Osborn gave background information on this item. In order for the City to have the Qualified Local Government status, they must adopt this Resolution and Ordinance to protect the Wetlands in Sugar Hill. The Department of Community Affairs and Atlanta Regional Commission have given their approval on the Ordinance and Resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to approve the Resolution and the Ordinance to protect the Wetlands of the City of Sugar Hill and also approved the Wetlands Map. Council Member Hall made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0.

C: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL OF THE DRAFT SUGAR HILL SOLID WASTE PLAN UPDATE TO THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR REVIEW:

Planning Director Jim Osborn stated the Solid Waste Plan had to be reviewed every five years and update the short term plan, take items going to 2005 and put them in the new short term plan. Atlanta Regional Commission and Department of Community Affairs will review and send back to the council for adoption. The city will not have any new landfills, they will continue to contract out the garbage collection as stipulated in the Solid Waste Plan. Council Member Hall made the motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Transmittal of the Draft Sugar Hill Solid Waste Plan Update to the Atlanta Regional Commission. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0.

D: REPLACE OR RENEW MEMBERS ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND APPEALS BOARD:

Council Member Avery stated there were three positions becoming available on the Planning Commission. The Council wanted to number these positions in order to know which ones would be renewed or replaced. Also, the terms needed

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to be more staggered in order not to replace three positions at one time and then replace two positions the next time. On a motion made by Council Member Avery and a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle, Granville Betts was reappointed to Post Number 5 for a one-year term. Motion passed 4-0. On a motion made by Council Member Hall and a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle, Johnny Wilkins was reappointed to Post Number 2 for a three-year term. Motion passed 4-0. On a motion made by Council Member Avery and a second by Council Member Hall, Larry Hill was appointed to a three-year term for Post Number 1. Motion passed 4-0. Post numbers three and four will expire in 2002. On the Appeals Board only two positions were expiring. These positions were numbered as Post Positions also. On a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle and a second by Council Member Avery, Hope Curtis was appointed to Post 1 for a three-year term. Motion passed 4-0. On a motion made by Council Member Avery and a second made by Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle, Bill Parker was reappointed to a three-year term to Post 2. Motion passed 4-0. Post numbers 3, 4 and 5 will expire in 2002.

E: ADOPT 2001 BUDGET ORDINANCE:

Council Member Hall still had some questions regarding the budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made a motion to table this item until her questions could be resolved then have a called meeting to adopt the budget. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote 4-0.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: NO REPORT

COUNCIL REPORTS: Council Members Hall and Pirkle had no report. Council Member Abbey commented that at last month's meeting there had been a request for a rezoning which the council was hesitate to approve without a site plan. The petitioner had withdrawn his request but Council Member Abbey wanted to make some changes in the way rezoning requests were handled. He had talked with City Attorney Lee Thompson and someone at the City of Duluth. The city does have an ordinance that requires a site plan accompany a rezoning request but he would like to improve on this in order to prevent this situation from happening again. He passed out information for the council to study and it could be discussed at a future council meeting.

Council Member Avery reported that she had received a letter from the state regarding the city of ethics ordinance and this was being processed. She also wanted any input from the other council members regarding the newcomer's book she was working on.

MAYOR'S REPORT: NO REPORT

CITY CLERK'S REPORT: City Clerk Gibbs reported that there would be a State of the County address given by Wayne Hill on January 3, 2001 and anyone wishing to attend should let her know.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Ginn reported that in order for all the employees to participate in the Holiday Lunch, which is scheduled to be held on

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December 19, 2000, he would like to request that the council approve closing city hall for an hour. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to close city hall for one hour so the employees could have a holiday lunch. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0. He encouraged the Mayor and Council Members to attend the Mayor's Day Conference in January. He had a brochure on the GMA legislative forum if anyone was interested in that information. He was trying to schedule a meeting with Tom Coleman the new DOT Commissioner either on January 10 or 11. He encouraged the council members to attend if at all possible. He was going to contact Bobby Reese's office and Billy Ray's office to see if either one or both could also attend this meeting. The regulator station located at Price Road was going to have to be moved. The city does have a force account agreement with the county where they will pay for the cost of relocating the regulator station. On Friday, he, Jim Osborn and Lee Thompson had gone for a plane ride with Commission Chairman Wayne Hill. He mentioned that the weather was going to be cold in the next week and gas prices were up meaning that the gas bills would be higher.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL MATTERS:

Council Member Hall made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0. Time 8:35 PM. On a motion and a second the meeting reconvened.

Action taken out of Executive Session: Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made a motion to give City Manager Frank Ginn a year-end compensation adjustment of \$4, 500.00. Council Member Hall made the second. Motion passed with a vote of 3-1. Council Member Avery was opposed to the motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made a motion to increase City Manager Ginn's salary by ten percent beginning with the next pay period. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

DATE APPROVED _____

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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