

CITY OF SUGAR HILL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY MARCH 13, 2000  
7:30 PM COMMUNITY CENTER

The City of Sugar Hill held its regular monthly Council Meeting on Monday March 13, 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 posted on the board at Peachtree Industrial Blvd and Alton Tucker Blvd. The local news media was notified of the meeting.

Those present included Mayor Roberta Crabb, Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Pirkle, Council Members Michael Mosley, Chris Abbey, Meg Avery and Kim Hall. Also present were City Attorney Lee Thompson, City Manager Frank Ginn and City Clerk Shirley Gibbs.

**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. Council Member Mosley gave the Invocation.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Council Member Mosley made a motion to amend the agenda in order to change Executive Session. The Real Estate was for the purpose of selling property and had to be discussed in Open Session so it was made Item I on the Agenda. Executive Session was changed to discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel Issues. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2/14/2000 MINUTES:**

Council Member Hall made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2000 meeting. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS.**

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS:**

Hope Curtis of 1272 Sadie Court expressed her opinion on the rate increase that Robertson Sanitation was requesting. She was not in favor of the rate increase and suggested that they find another way to increase their revenue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A: USPS CONTRACT FOR CPU:**

David Disharoon of the Postal Service and Darrell Smith the new Postmaster for the Buford Post Office were present to discuss this item. In order to provide better service for the citizens and keep the post office in city hall, it was suggested that the boxes be moved to the outside, at the expense of the Postal Service, so they would be more accessible to the renters to retrieve their mail after 5:00 PM and on weekends. Another suggestion was for the city to either bid on the operation of the post office or have the postal service absorb some of the cost of running the postal unit located in city hall. Council Member Mosley made the motion to request the Postal Service to install outdoor Post Office Boxes, on an appropriate site as determined by the city and Postal Service, at the expense of the Postal Service with the exception of a canopy. Additionally give the Post Service notice of the intent to go to a contract Postal Unit. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Council Member Mosley amended the motion to include inquiring of the possibility of the Postal Service installing a canopy. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**B: RESOLUTION: MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY VOTING DELEGATE:**

City Manager Ginn stated this was a formality naming him the voting delegate at the Municipal Gas Authority's annual meeting representing the city. If he were unable to attend, Johnny Upchurch would be the alternate. Council Member Mosley made the motion to name Frank Ginn as the voting delegate with Johnny Upchurch as the alternate. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

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**C: RATIFICATION FOR FINAL PLATS: WILD TIMBER PHASE 3A, 52 LOTS:**

Consultant Don McFarland stated this was a procedure that was required once the final plats had been approved and maintenance bonds had posted. Both he and the city manager had approved the plats and they had been recorded. Council Member Mosley made the motion to approve Wild Timber Phase 3A, Final Plats consisting of 52 lots. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**D: RATIFICATION FOR FINAL PLATS: WILD TIMBER PHASE 4, 30 LOTS:**

Council Member Mosley made the motion to approve Wild Timber Phase 4, Final Plats consisting of 30 lots. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**E: AVON BREAST CANCER WALK: USE OF E.E. ROBINSON PARK:**

City Manager Ginn stated that on Friday September 22, the second annual 3 day Avon Breast Cancer Walk would take place. The group would leave Lake Lanier and walk to Atlanta. They would like to use the facilities at E.E. Robinson Park like they had last year as a stop over on their way to Atlanta. Council Member Mosley made the motion to allow the walkers to use E.E. Robinson Park as a stop over on their way to Atlanta. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**F: USE OF CITY PARK FIELDS:**

Council Member Avery wanted this item merely as an information item. She had found that an adult league was using the soccer field on Sunday and knew the city had a contract with the West Gwinnett Youth Soccer Association. Council Member Avery was concerned that this league would be using the field when someone had rented the pavilion. The city should have a schedule showing when this adult league and the youth league had games in order to inform anyone who wanted to rent the pavilion. Discussion was held on having a Park Director, use of the concession stands, putting up signs, use of the park for an air show (bicycles) on Saturday May 13, 2000 at the BMX track. No action was needed on this item.

**G: AWARD CONTRACT FOR ADA IMPROVEMENTS/CDBG GRANT:**

City Manager Ginn stated that a bid opening had been held on Friday March 3, 2000. The apparent low bidder was Franklin-Wright at \$64,321. This was to make improvements to city hall and the community center to meet ADA requirements. Council Member Abbey made the motion to award the contract to Franklin-Wright. Council Member Mosley made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**H: REQUEST FROM ROBERTSON/UNITED WASTE FOR A RATE INCREASE ON RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL COLLECTION:**

Gary Parker with Robertson Sanitation had come to request a rate increase; it was an annual CPI rate increase. City Manager Ginn explained that the contract with Robertson allows them to make a request for a rate increase but it also allows the city to deny the rate increase. Council Member Mosley made the motion to refuse the rate increase. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**I: REAL ESTATE SALE:**

**THIS ITEM WAS MOVED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA.**

City Manager Ginn stated that he had received a call from an organization requesting to purchase the cell tower locations. They were willing to pay twelve times the rental amount the city received from the rental of this property. Discussion was held on the two locations where the cell towers are located and options available to the city. The Council Members were more in favor of selling the one located at the wastewater treatment plant but not the one located at the golf course. The Council Members instructed City Manager Ginn to explore all the options on selling the cell tower location at the wastewater treatment plant. No action was needed on this item.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: NO REPORT**

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**COUNCIL MEMBER HALL: GLAD TO SEE COUNCIL MEMBER MOSLEY BACK.**

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**COUNCIL MEMBER ABBEY:** NO REPORT

**COUNCIL MEMBER MOSLEY:** HAPPY TO BE BACK. THERE HAD BEEN A LOT OF  
LOSES IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS, A FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE, THE HUSBAND OF A CITY  
EMPLOYEE. HE ASKED THAT EVERYONE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN THEIR THOUGHTS AND  
PRAYERS.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM PIRKLE:** HE WAS GLAD ALL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE BACK.  
HE WANTED TO STEAL AN IDEA FROM SNELLVILLE AND HAVE MORE VISABLE ZONING  
SIGNS. SNELLVILLE WAS GOING TO USE YELLOW AND BLACK SIGNS AND HE WOULD  
LIKE FOR SUGAR HILL'S TO BE LARGER AND MORE VISABLE.

**COUNCIL MEMBER AVERY:** NO REPORT

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**MAYOR CRABB** HAD NO REPORT.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:** NO REPORT.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** CITY MANAGER GINN REPORTED THAT JIM OSBORN, WHO  
CURRENTLY WORKS FOR MCFARLAND AND DYER, WOULD BE COMING TO WORK FOR  
THE CITY AS A PLANNING DIRECTOR. ALUMINUM PIPE THAT HAD BEEN PURCHASED FOR  
THE LAND APPLICATION AT THE GOLF COURSE BUT WAS NOT USED BECAUSE IT WAS  
CHANGED TO PLASTIC PIPE NEEDED TO BE DISPOSED OF. THERE WAS ALSO SOME OLD  
EQUIPMENT THAT COULD BE SOLD EITHER BY SEALED BID OR PUBLIC AUCTION. HE HAD  
BEEN TALKING TO THE GWINNETT COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT ABOUT USING THE HOUSE  
LOCATED AT THE MAINTENEANCE BARN AS A TRAINING SITE FOR THE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT. IF THEY COULD NOT USE IT WOULD BE DEMOLISHED AND TAKEN TO A  
LANDFILL. HE HAD SEEN THE COUNTY CONTRACTOR, WHO WAS CLEANING UP BRUSH  
AND LIMB DEBRIS FROM THE ICE STORMS, IN THE CITY LIMITS OF SUGAR HILL. COUNCIL  
MEMBER ABBEY ASKED MR. GINN TO FIND OUT AND REPORT NEXT MONTH IF THIS WAS  
THE YEAR TO UPDATE THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

COUNCIL MEMBER MOSLEY MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO  
DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL ISSUES. MAYOR PRO-TEM PIRKLE MADE  
THE SECOND. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0. TIME WAS 9:35 PM.

COUNCIL MEMBER MOSLEY MADE A MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION.  
MAYOR PRO-TEM PIRKLE MADE THE SECOND. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.  
MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:05 PM.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

COUNCIL MEMBER MOSLEY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MAYOR PRO-  
TEM PIRKLE MADE THE SECOND. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0. MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 10:10 PM.

**DATE APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAYOR**

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**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK**