

City of Sugar Hill Council Meeting

July 10, 2000

7:30 PM Community Center

The City of Sugar Hill held its regular Council Meeting on Monday July 10, 2000 at 7:30 PM in the Community Center.

Notice of the meeting was placed on the doors of the community center and city hall.

Notice was placed on the board at Peachtree Industrial Blvd and Alton Tucker Blvd.

Notice of the meeting was sent to the local news media.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made a motion to amend the Agenda to add an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and to add workshop minutes of June 8, 2000 for approval. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE 6/12/2000 AND 6/26/2000 MINUTES:**

**June 8, 2000 WORKSHOP MINUTES:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to approve the minutes for the June 8, 2000 workshop, June 12, 2000 regular council meeting and June 26, 2000 called meeting. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A: APPOINT MEMBERS TO ALCOHOL REVIEW BOARD:**

Mayor Crabb recommended the following people be appointed to the Alcohol Review Board: John Cheek, Charles Brack, Kenneth Allen, Ed Esther, and Michelle Sniegowski. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to accept the recommendation and appoint those people to the Alcohol Review Board. Council Member Hall made the second. Motion passed 4-0.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS:**

The following people spoke on keeping Spring Hill Drive a one way street permanently instead of having it one way temporarily: Penny Free of 4967 Spring Hill Drive, Ed Schoeck of 5027 Spring Hill Drive and Steve Brown of 4971 Spring Hill Drive. Some of their concerns included safety for the children, excessive speed, and people ignoring stop signs.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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**A: PUBLIC HEARING AX-00-001: TAX PARCEL ID: 7-319-001 & 7-340-010. JAMES T. ROBINSON IS REQUESTING TO ANNEX 30.47 ACRES OFF SUWANEE DAM ROAD. THE PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED R-100 IN GWINNETT COUNTY AND THE REQUESTED ZONING FOR THIS PROPERTY IS BG, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to enter into Public Hearing for AX-00-001. Council Member Hall made the second. Motion passed 4-0.

Don McFarland had presented the council with a letter expressing two options his client would like to take which included either tabling the item for sixty days or withdrawing the request with a caveat. If this were granted, his client would not have to resubmit the annexation application or pay the annexation fee but would pay for the legal advertisements once they found out what the DOT planned to do with the roadway.

Gloria Locke who lives in the Lenox Park Subdivision made public comments against this commercial development. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made a motion to exist Public Hearing and return to regular session. Second made by Council Member Hall. Motion passed 4-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made a motion to grant the applicants request to withdraw his annexation and rezoning request and waive the fee if they resubmit within one year and they would pay for the legal advertisements. Motion died for lack of a second. Council Member Abbey made a motion to grant the applicants request to withdraw his annexation and rezoning request and waive the fee if they resubmit by December 31, 2000 and they would pay for the legal advertisements. Council Member Avery made the second. Motion passed 4-0.

**B: ACCEPT ANNEXATION APPLICATION AX-00-002:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made a motion to accept annexation application AX-00-002. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed 4-0.

**C: ACCEPT ANNEXATION APPLICATION AX-00-003:**

Council Member Hall made a motion to accept annexation application AX-00-003. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed 4-0.

**D: RATIFICATION OF FINAL PLAT FOR RIVERSIDE WALK  
UNIT III PHASE 1:**

Council Member Abbey made a motion to ratify the final plat for Riverside Walk Unit III, Phase 1. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed 4-0.

**E: RESOLUTION REGARDING READOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE:**

City Attorney Thompson explained this was a Resolution to readopt the zoning ordinance. There would be some changes made regarding cell towers and other issues that would have an effect on the city. The Planning Commission was having a special meeting on July 31, 2000 to hold a Public Hearing on the changes. He recommended that the council have a called meeting as soon as possible after the Planning Commission meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made a motion to direct Mr. Osborn, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Ginn to prepare a new zoning ordinance with the Planning Commission holding a Public Hearing on July 31, 2000 at 7:00 PM and the Council will have a Called Meeting

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on August 1, 2000 at 7:00 PM to adopt the new zoning ordinance. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed 4-0.

**F: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENFORCEMENT OF GWINNETT COUNTY ORDINANCES WITHIN SUGAR HILL CITY LIMITS:**

City Attorney Thompson explained this was an ordinance giving Gwinnett County Police Department the authority to enforce county ordinances within the city limits of Sugar Hill. Any tickets issued when enforcing those ordinances would then go to the Recorder's Court in Gwinnett County. Council Member Hall made the motion to table this item until the August 14, 2000 Council Meeting. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed 4-0.

**G: CHANGE DATE OF THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING:**

Council Member Hall stated that the date for the October Council Meeting fell on Yom Kippur and she felt there might be some citizens who could not attend the meeting due to this religious holiday. She made a motion to change the date of the October meeting from Monday October 9 to Tuesday October 10, 2000 at 7:30 PM. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed 4-0.

**H: SPRING HILL DRIVE:**

City Manager Ginn had a resolution making Spring Hill Drive one-way beginning on August 1, 2000. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made a motion to adopt the resolution making Spring Hill Drive one-way from Whitehead Road to Level Creek Road. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed 4-0.

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

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** Council Member Abbey reminded every one to vote on Tuesday July 18, 2000.

Council Member Hall reported that she was still trying to get in touch with the railroad company about closing that portion of Pinecrest Road from the railroad track to Price Road but she has not had much luck.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle had no report.

Council Member Avery reported there was a new location for the recycling containers for telephone books, newspapers and magazines. These are located at the Circle K store on Highway 20, thanks to Jennifer Dodd and Jack Hamilton. So far, they have not found a location for the cardboard recycling container.

**MAYOR'S REPORT: NO REPORT**

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** City Manager Ginn reported he had been working with the garbage company to put an addendum on the contract that would allow residents who were not happy using the bags to have a poly cart. The garbage company would direct bill the residents who wanted the poly carts. At the present time, the cost of the poly carts would be \$19.00 but he was trying to get that lowered. It would not change anything with the bag system of the contract. The auditor had finished with the audit and it had been sent to the Department of Audits. The Sugar Hill Housing Authority might be

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able to assist the city in getting some recreational items for the park making it a safer playground. Work on the Community Center and City Hall was nearing completion, he was getting positive feedback. Tony Lowe with CDBG had said there might be additional money available to refurbish the rest of city hall. Gil Montoya, the architect, was going to draft some plans in order to get some pricing on a change order. He had talked with Clayton John of the ABA and they are still interested in redoing the BMX track. He had talked with a representative of the Postal Service about the city's proposal for the CPU and would the city offer any latitude on the price submitted by the city. Council Member Hall asked Mr. Ginn to get some kind of response or development plan from Clayton Johns or the BMX by the next council meeting.

Council Member Hall made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel Issues. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed 4-0. Time 8:55 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council Member Hall made the motion to return to regular session. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed 4-0.  
No action was taken out of Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Hall made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

**Date Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk