

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

The City of Sugar Hill held its regular council meeting on Monday September 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 Alton Tucker Blvd and Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Notice was also sent to the local newspapers.

Those present included Mayor Roberta Crabb, Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Pirkle, Council Members Chris Abbey, Meg Avery and Kim Hall. Also present were City Attorney Lee Thompson, City Manager Frank Ginn, 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 THE AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE 8/01/2000 AND 8/14/2000 MINUTES:**

Council Member Avery made the motion to approve the 8/01/2000 and the 8/14/2000 minutes. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0

**COMMISSIONER ELECT MARCIA NEATON**

Gwinnett County Commissioner Elect Marcia Neaton stated she was honored to be at the meeting. She looked forward to working with the council and the City of Sugar Hill. She also thanked the council for the tree they had sent when she won the election.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

City Attorney Thompson explained this ordinance would allow the Gwinnett County Police Department to enforce certain Gwinnett County Ordinances within the city limits of Sugar Hill. Mr. Hill, a resident, asked about a business that had a permit that would exempt them from the noise ordinance. He was told there were no exemptions from noise levels. Discussion was held. Mayor Pro-Tem

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Pirkle felt the fines listed in the Parks and Recreation section of the ordinance were a little excessive and would like to exempt those. These were for littering, parking over the line and running a concession stand without the approval of the board of commissioners. There was no other discussion. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to approve the ordinance with the exception of Section 78-31, 78-40 and 78-42. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0

## **CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS**

**THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS OR GUESTS**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A: PUBLIC HEARING: AX-00-004 TAX ID R7-319-031**

Council Member Hall made the motion to enter into Public Hearing for AX-00-004. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed 4-0. Planning Director Jim Osborn stated this property is located on 10.73 acres off Whitehead Road. Atlanta Bethany United Methodist Church wants it annexed into the city with an OI (Office & Institutional District) classification. Staff recommendations and Planning Commission recommendations were to approve the annexation with a RS-100 zoning with a Special Use Permit to allow a church building. The Planning Commission also recommended the following conditions: 1. Approved site Plan be brought back before the Planning Commission for them to see where the actual flood plain is shown. 2. All erosion control measures are to be in place prior to construction. There were no comments from the public. Council Member Hall made the motion to return to regular session. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed 4-0. Council Member Hall made the motion to approve the annexation with the zoning classification of RS-100 with a Special Use Permit and the recommendations made by the Planning Commission. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0.

#### **B: RATIFICATION OF FINAL PLAT: SUMMER GROVE:**

Planning Director Jim Osborn stated this was to ratify the final plat for the Summer Grove Subdivision. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to ratify the final plat for the Summer Grove Subdivision. Council Member Hall made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0.

#### **C: RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN GREENSPACE PROGRAM:**

Planning Director gave a brief background on this program. Gwinnett County will be receiving 3.2 million and Sugar Hill would receive around \$62,500. This would be money to purchase land for greenspace and it would have to remain in

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an undeveloped state, only walking trails would be allowed. Council Member Hall made the motion to adopt the resolution to participate in the greenspace program. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0.

**D: RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY:**

Ms. Margaret Rafferty with the Gwinnett County Public Library was on hand to accept the resolution. Mr. Ginn congratulated the library system and stated it was a world-class system. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to adopt the resolution to congratulate the Gwinnett County Public Library System. Council Member Avery made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0

**E: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PERMIT OF THE NORTH ADVANCED WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY:**

City Manager Ginn explained this resolution. Council Member Hall made the motion to adopt the Resolution to Support Permit of the North Advanced Water Reclamation Facility. Council Member Avery made the second. Motion passed with a vote of 2-1-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle opposed the motion and Council Member Abbey abstained.

**F: ABANDONMENT OF CITY STREET:**

City Attorney Thompson explained this was a resolution to abandon a small portion of Roosevelt Circle at the request of the property owner. When Peachtree Industrial Blvd had been widened, it realigned Hannah Street and Roosevelt Street, leaving a small portion unusable. This resolution would allow the property to revert to the property owner. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to adopt the Resolution to abandon that portion of Roosevelt Circle. Council Member Avery made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0

**G: ADOPTION OF GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH VECTOR CONTROL ORDINANCE:**

Council Member Avery gave background information on this item and the need for the city to adopt this ordinance. Council Member Avery made the motion to adopt the Gwinnett County Board of Health Vector Control Ordinance. Council Member Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0

**H: CUSTOMER SERVICE ISSUES:**

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City Manager Ginn explained these were some items that hopefully would make the city a little more customer friendly. He would like to do away with the \$150 deposit that was now required for all new residents. If a new resident could provide a letter of credit from either two utility companies or one utility company and a bank showing eighteen months of good payment history, the deposit would be waived. If they could not provide this information, they would have to pay the \$150 deposit. Also, he wanted to start letting people use credit cards to make payments. This would not be done over the phone and the city would not start drafting people's bank accounts. If someone wanted to pay by credit card, they would have to come to city hall and present ID. Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to allow the use of letters of credit and credit cards. 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 Member Abbey reported that John Linder was having a town hall meeting on Saturday September 16, 2000 from 1:00-2:30 PM at the Buford Sugar Hill Public Library.

Council Member Hall reported that she had been working on having the railroad crossing at Pinecrest and Price Road closed. It was her feeling that this was a dangerous crossing and Norfolk Southern agreed with her. She wanted to have this on the October agenda and hold a Public Hearing to get citizen input.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle thanked Commissioner Elect Marcia Neaton for attending our meeting and he looked forward to working with her in the future.

Council Member Avery had no report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT: NO REPORT**

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: NO REPORT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS PENDING LEGAL MATTERS**

Council Member Avery made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending legal matters. Council Member Hall made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0 Time 8:15 PM

Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to return to regular session. Council Member Hall made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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Mayor Pro-Tem Pirkle made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Hall made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

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

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK