

City of Sugar Hill Special Called Council Meeting

Monday May 6, 2002

Community Center 7:30 PM

The City of Sugar Hill City Council held a Special Called Council Meeting on Monday May 6, 2002 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 also placed on the board at Peachtree Industrial Blvd and Alton Tucker Blvd. Notice was sent to the local newspapers.

Those present at the meeting included Mayor Gary Pirkle, Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Hall, Council Member Meg Avery, Ron Johnson and Thomas Rhodes. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, Assistant City Manager for Development Jim Osborn and City Clerk Shirley Gibbs. Absent were Council Member Chris Abbey and City Attorney Lee Thompson.

Prior to the Special Called Council Meeting, a Town Hall Meeting was held at 7:00 PM for residents of Laurel Park and the developer of Laurel Park. The purpose of this meeting was for the residents to cast their vote regarding the change in conditions requested by the developer.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A: RZ-02-001 Ashton Atlanta Residential, LLC Map #7-365-003  
74.57 Acres: Change in Conditions for Laurel Park Phase 4:**

Mayor Pirkle explained that two Public Hearings had already been held and it was difficult to understand exactly what the residents wanted. At the last council meeting, the developer had been asked to send out a letter to each home to let them know what they were proposing to do. At one point there had been a petition circulated by the homeowners indicating the wanted something different from what the developer was proposing. The letter had been sent out by the developer stating what he was proposing to do and asking the homeowners to indicate by a yes or no vote how they felt about the proposed changes. City Manager Bob Hail had counted the votes that had been returned by the homeowners. The results were as follows: 30 NO votes, 24 Yes votes and 40 NO VOTE AT ALL. Based on information she had, e-mail she had received and the two Public Hearings, Council Member Avery made a motion to grant the developer his request with conditions for RZ-02-001 Ashton Atlanta Residential LLC change in conditions for Laurel Park Phase 4 as follows: 12 additional acres of undisturbed open space adjacent to Phases 4 and 3B, the open space deed shall have associated restrictive covenants that stipulate that the 12 acres can not be developed; development of Phases 4

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and 3B can not exceed that approved density of 1.53 units per acre or 324 units for Laurel Park ; the dwelling size for Phase 4 shall be a minimum of 2,000 square feet heated space, current conditions have a 1600 square feet minimum; install a small tot lot adjacent to the existing clubhouse; the exterior façade of the homes shall not include either vinyl siding or aluminum siding and currently there are no restrictions on the façade; landscape the steep slope on the south side of the entrance to the subdivision which is in the right of way and would be subject to the approval of the Gwinnett County DOT and Sugar Hill; construct either an additional tennis court or basketball court in the rear amenities area to be determined by the applicant and its sole discretion after a review of market studies. Motion died for lack of a second. Council Member Rhodes made a motion to deny the request for a change in conditions for RZ-02-001. Mayor Pro-Tem Hall made the second. Motion passed on a vote of 2-1. Council Member Avery was opposed. Council Member Johnson had abstained from the discussion or the vote because he lives in the Laurel Park Subdivision.

**B: PARK IMPROVEMENTS:**

Mayor Pirkle had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda in order to go over things relative to the park to make sure everyone got to express their concerns and opinions on the park design. Discussion was held on having brick on the columns, on the bottom half the columns or have the entire column made of brick, the town clock and whether it should play music, the warranty and service on the clock, the size of the stage at the Amphitheater. It was decided to do the columns with brick on the bottom half. The clock will have the chimes, play music and be programmable from city hall. City Manager Hail had to discuss the stage that was to be built at the Amphitheater and if the council wanted angled edges or beveled edges, the availability of electric power. City Manager Hail stated that American Construction Management would be the contractor and they had people waiting to start working on Monday May 13, 2002. They wanted to do engraved bricks for the Town Green and would be going with the marble brick instead of the red brick. No vote was needed on this item.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hall made the motion to adjourn the Special Called Council Meeting. Council Member Rhodes made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

A Work Session was to follow the Special Called Council Meeting.

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

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MAYOR

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK