

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2005  
7:30 PM CITY HALL ANNEX  
4988 WEST BROAD STREET, SUGAR HILL**

**Call to Order** – Mayor Pirkle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Gary Pirkle, Council Members Marc Cohen, Steve Edwards, Ron Johnson, Clint Thompson and Nick Thompson. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Attorney Lee Thompson and City Clerk Jane Whittington.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Invocation** – Mayor Pirkle gave the invocation.

**Approval of Agenda** – Council Member Johnson motioned to amend the agenda by moving item #2 under New Business, Proclamation Sandra Levent, to #1 on the Consent Agenda; also table items #3 and #4 under New Business. These two have to be reviewed by the Atlanta Regional Commission and will take around 60 days to complete. Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**Approval of Minutes** - Minutes of Council Meeting March 14, 2005 – Council Member Edwards motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Council Member C. Thompson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**City Attorney's Report** – City Attorney Lee Thompson had no report for Regular Session.

**Council Reports**

**Council Member Clint Thompson** had no report.

**Council Member Marc Cohen** thanked everyone for their contributions to the American Red Cross Heroes campaign. Last year they raised \$1,000 for the City of Sugar Hill and this year they raised over \$2,500. The end of this month is Georgia's Cities Week and cities across Georgia are encouraged to celebrate. The theme this year is Georgia Cities Live, Work, and Play. It gives cities an opportunity to share with their citizens things that are going on. It is important because he spent a day at the park in Suwanee and a day in the park at E.E. Robinson this past weekend. His kids had a great time. He is glad that the city is working on recreational master plans, recreational plans and more green space, playgrounds and recreational facilities in the city. They will be a great asset. From a Planning and Zoning perspective, they issued 41 permits, 128 inspections, 7 erosion control inspections and 3 annexation requests. We also have both the Town Center Plan and the Land Use Plan under review.

**Council Member Nick Thompson** reported that the April Downtown Development Authority meeting was canceled due to Spring break. The May DDA meeting will be the first Tuesday of the month.

**Council Member Steve Edwards** reported that Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> the Sugar Hill Golf Course will reopen for the 2005 season. It is ready to host the annual PGA Golf Tournament. There have been a lot of improvements out there such as course improvements and drainage, parking lot repaved, curbing, steps, new carpet throughout the clubhouse, painting, etc. Kudos to the folks involved. Rockets over Robinson will be held July 3<sup>rd</sup> at E.E. Robinson Park. There will be fireworks and a concert with the Swinging Medallions and Shrek 2 the Movie.

**Council Member Ron Johnson** congratulated Sandra Levent for her award and thanked the PTA Leaders for nominating her. Sugar Hill Elementary PTA put together a cookbook to raise money for the PTA. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sugar Hill Golf Tournament will be August 21<sup>st</sup> to raise money for the school. Council Member Edwards and Council Member Johnson are working with the PTA to organize it. They need golfers; it is \$80 to sign up. Last year they raised \$6,000 for computers. A tournament sponsor is \$100, a team sponsorship is \$500, and an Eagle sponsorship is \$800 and includes various things. The dealership he works for, Colonial Pontiac, has agreed to sponsor the hole in one again this year like they did last year. He has agreed to be an Eagle Sponsor. They also need donations for the auction. Last year they auctioned a guitar and various items such as oil changes. The 2005 Great American Clean Up and Gwinnett Challenge, through the Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful project, will be in May. He has gotten together with Council Member Cohen and Confetti Celebrations Leslie Cameron and Sharon Akock and they are going to do something in the park where the flag pole was taken out. Something like a sugar maple with flowers around it, bulbs that come back every year. There is actually a contest with a prize of \$2,000 going to charity. Confetti Celebrations would be that charity. May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> he will be in Savannah at the Republican convention. He and his wife have been chosen as voting delegates. In 2004 the Georgia Force Football Team was formed. The team is comprised of young men who are being educated at home and Christian schools that lack a football program. They will also have cheerleaders this year. The league consists of 10 teams in the metro Atlanta area. Dr. Joe Clarino joined him in becoming a business sponsor and assistant coaches on the junior varsity team.

**Mayor's Report – Mayor Pirkle** had no report.

**City Clerk's Report** – The City Clerk Jane Whittington reported that they issued 24 new Businesses Licenses in the month of March. Out of the 24, 16 were home occupations and 8 were zoned for business use. The renewal process is almost complete. Late notices went out and most businesses have complied. The revenue year to date in Occupation Tax is \$235,000 and \$10,000 in the month of March. There is \$26,780 still uncollected.

**City Manager's Report – City Manager Bob Hail reported the following:** See Attachment #1.

**1. Annexations to go to Planning Commission 4/18/05 & City Council 5/9/05.**

- a. AX-05-002, Summerall Development Group, LLC, 36.36 acres, R-100 in Gwinnett County proposed in City RS-100/PRD to build 122 single family homes.
- b. AX-05-003, Bowen Family Homes, 2.86 acres, Suwanee Dam Rd., R-100 in Gwinnett County proposed in City RS-100/PRD to build 11 single family homes.
- c. AX-05-004, Bowen Family Homes 10.01 acres, Kendrix Rd., R-100 in Gwinnett County proposed in City RS-100/PRD to build 23 single family homes.

## Consent Agenda

**Mayor Pirkle read and presented the Proclamation to Sugar Hill Elementary Principal Sandra Levent.** She was recently awarded 2005 Outstanding Principal of the year by the Georgia PTA.

- 1. Resolution Municipal Gas Authority Voting Delegate** – This assigns the City’s voting delegate on the Municipal Gas Authority to Bob Hail City Manager with Ron Mann as the alternate voting delegate.
- 2. Appoint Election Superintendent, Training** – Appoints Jeanne Ferguson as Election Superintendent and approves training for her and the poll workers. Increases pay to be more in line with Gwinnett County.

The Mayor explained the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Johnson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

## Unfinished Business

- 1. Ordinance Zoning Amendment – Parking on Grass** – Council Member Johnson motioned to approve the Ordinance as amended at the Work Session. Council Member C. Thompson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.
- 2. Ordinance Charter Amendment Grounds for Removal** – This ordinance amends the Charter so it has to be voted on at two consecutive meetings. Council Member Cohen motioned to table this until he could get information back from the state legislature. The Ethics legislation encompasses conflict of interest and acceptance of gratuity. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion denied 2-3 with Council Members Edwards, C. Thompson and N. Thompson voting nay.

Council Member N. Thompson stated that the language is to do the right thing and be honest. We will conform with all state laws. Council Member Johnson concerned that no one can add anything to this ordinance. Mayor Pirkle explained that the changes must be in writing and he has not received text of changes. Council Member Johnson asked if this would have to come to two more meeting if changed. The City Attorney explained that it would because this is the process to change the charter. Also conflict of interest is in the current ordinances. The Mayor stated that if anyone has changes they can submit in writing and they can go through the same process to vote on them.

Council Member C. Thompson stated that he does not see what could be added to improve the ordinance and motioned to approve it as written. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Approved 4-1 with Council Member Cohen voting nay.

**Citizens and Guests Comments** – no citizen comments.

## New Business:

- 1. Veto by Mayor – Ordinance Board Appts. by Post** – Council Member Cohen stated that he would let the veto ride and down the line he hopes it will be looked at again. There was not a motion to override so the veto stands.

2. **Proclamation Sandra Levent, Sugar Hill Elementary, Principal of the Year** – moved up in agenda.

3. **PUBLIC HARING - AX-05-001**, Tax Parcel Id's 7-307-011, 7-307-010, 7-306-034, GA Ventures 20 Downtown, LLC, requesting to annex 23.47 acres off Georgia Hwy 20, currently zoned R-100 in Gwinnett County proposed for City RS-100 PRD for Single Family Residential/ Planned Residential Development – **TABLED**

**RZ-05-002**, Tax Parcels 7-306-017, 7-306-032, 7-306-029, 7-306-003, 7-306-005, 7-306-006, 7-306-033, 7-306-129, 7-306-031, 7-306-009, 7-306-004, 7-306-133, GA 20 Ventures Downtown, LLC s requesting to rezone 41.496 acres off Nelson Brogdon Blvd. backing up to Whitehead Rd., current zoning AF, RS-150, RM, BG & LM to RS-100/PRD for Single Family Residential Planned Residential Development – **TABLED**

4. **PUBLIC HEARING - RZ-05-001**, Tax Parcels 7-306-027B, 7-306-133, 7-306-029, 7-306-009, 7-306-089, 7-306-090, 7-306-025, 7-306-031, 7-306-032, 7-306-005, 7-306-006, 7-306-017, 7-306-026, GA Ventures 20 Downtown, LLC is requesting to rezone 39.619 acres off Nelson Brogdon Blvd. near West Broad St. from the current zoning of OI, MH, AF, RM, RS-150, BG & LM to HSB for Commercial use – **TABLED**

**Executive Session: Legal, Real Estate and/or Personnel:** No Executive Session was held.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Gary Pirkle, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk