

City of Sugar Hill
Agenda Item Summary Planning Staff Report

DATE: January 24, 2017
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Planning Director *KA*
SUBJECT: 2017 Planning Commission Appointments | Post 5



SUGGESTED ACTION

Consider Phil Olsen for appointment to Planning Commission Post 5.

DISCUSSION

The Planning Commission consists of five members appointed by the City Council. Terms are for three years and members shall serve until their successors are appointed. The term for Post 5 expired on December 31, 2016.

Mr. Barry Pullen was appointed to Post 5 and replaced Joe Millsaps on January 14, 2013. Barry has indicated that he does not wish to continue serving.

Mr. Phil Olsen has reached out in order to be considered for appointment to serve on the Planning Commission. He has owned a number of for-profit and non-profit businesses, including several construction businesses. His experience in construction and management should prove to be useful in carrying out the duties of Planning Commissioner.

Brief Personal Bio

Phil Olsen

Phil Olsen has been married to Janan for 28 years. They have two girls – Carina (20) and Christina “Christi” (17). Janan has taught for 20 years and presently teaches at Lanier Middle School. Carina is pursuing a nursing career, and Christi is a senior at Lanier HS.

Phil has owned and led a number of for-profit and non-profit businesses. In regard to planning and zoning, he has owned several construction business and has been a commercial project manager.

Educationally he has a BA and M.Div. with several focuses. Key among those are leadership and counseling. He graduated Magna Cum Laude at the undergraduate level and with equal honors for his graduate degree.

Phil has been a pastor for 28 years and is presently the president of Beyond Sunday, Inc. – a company that mentors business leaders inspiring them to move from belief to behavior. BSI mentors leaders on the power of living out their beliefs in the business and corporate arenas. These leaders vary from blue collar to CEO's of +20,000 people and are in businesses across the country including CA, OH, NC, and TN among others.

He has been a member and past president of the N. Gwinnett Kiwanis Club. He has served on their board for a number of years as well as the boards of other community organizations including the Buford Business Alliance.

He has coached various youth sports teams. For the past six years he has coached the N. Gwinnett high school air rifle team. Three of the last four years they have set and broken all-time records for the school.

Phil has lived in Sugar Hill since 2003.