

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017
CITY HALL HISTORY MUSEUM, 7:00 P.M.
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GA 30518**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING - Present were Mayor Steve Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Northrup, Council Members Susie Gajewski and Brandon Hembree. Council Member Marc Cohen and Council Member Mike Sullivan were not in attendance. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation Debi West, Southeastern Secondary Art Educator of the Year – Ms. West will be present at the Council Meeting for the presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

Final Plat Ratification, The Preserve @ Addison Woods – Director Awana explained that the city is ready to move forward with ratification of this plat.

Final Plat Ratification, Primrose Creek Unit 2B – Director Awana explained that the city is ready to move forward with this.

RZ-16-005, 1148 Old Atlanta Rd., BG to HM-1(Public Hearing 4-10-17) - Director Awana explained that the applicant has scaled back the request and it will include a contractor's office that no longer has outdoor storage.

RZ-16-008, Property Solutions Group, LLC, Buford Hwy 23, re-zone from HM-1 to RS-100/PRD (Public Hearing 4/10/17) – Director Awana explained that this is across from Roberts Elementary School. Property Solutions Group has requested several variances which would allow this development to move forward. Tracy Mason, attorney for the applicant, requested that this be placed at the end of the agenda because she has a conflict.

Design Review Board, Town Center Overlay 17-00267, Dr. Hamryka Sugar Hill Animal Hospital approval for building addition (Public Hearing held 3/13/17) – Director Awana explained that the architect for the applicant has found alternate materials. They will put stucco over concrete block and extend the siding. The public hearing was already held last month.

NEW BUSINESS

VAR-17-001, Property Solutions Group LLC, Thomas Concrete, reduce rear buffer to 0' (Public Hearing 4/10/17) – Director Awana explained that Property Solutions Group filed this on behalf of Thomas Concrete to allow a zero buffer so their project could move forward.

VAR-17-002, Property Solutions Group, LLC, for ADE 725 LLC, reduce rear buffer to 0' (Public Hearing 4/10/17) – Director Awana explained that this is the same type of situation that this zero buffer is needed to allow RZ-16-008 to move forward.

VAR-17-003, Linda and Robert Johnson, 1080 J. Dorothy Place, Allow metal siding on

12 X 16 storage building (Public Hearing 4/10/17) – Director Awana explained that the homeowner installed a green metal storage shed. Staff recommends denial because it exceeds the metal sizing threshold. Council Member Hembree recommended that this be tabled if a solution could not be found before Monday’s Council Meeting.

Budget Amendment Land Acquisitions – the City Manager explained that this is for land we already purchased this year.

Historic Preservation Society Appointment – Council Member Hembree stated that they needed a new replacement member and they are recommending Margaret Neal.

Historic Preservation Society Annual Update by Chairman Chris Walker – the annual update is required in the by-laws.

Public Hearing Process – Mayor Pro Tem Northrup went over some of the etiquette for public hearings during the Council Meeting. He suggested some alternatives to when the public hearings are to be held.

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

Public Workshops Update – Highway 20 Corridor, 22 Acre Passive Park – there was a public meeting held on March 15th. It was well attended and there was feedback regarding the proposed park. Most of the attendees wanted a passive park. They wanted buffers between the neighborhoods and the park.

E Center Update – the slabs of concrete in the theater are being poured and the back walls of the parking garage are being constructed.

Downtown Development Project Update – the meeting with the Nexus partners will be April 12th.

Sugar Loop Greenway – preliminary work being performed on right-of-way, property owners, etc.

Construction Update – the tent will be removed this week. Work continues on the SPLASH pad repair. Lighting at First Avenue and Peachtree Industrial Blvd. is under review. The gateway sign at Alton Tucker and Peachtree Industrial Blvd. is under construction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL – Mayor Pro Tem Northrup motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – there was no action taken out of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk

