

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
CITY HALL HISTORY MUSEUM, 7:00 P.M.
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GA 30518**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING – Called to order by Mayor Edwards. Present were Mayor Steve Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Northrup, Council Members Brandon Hembree and Marc Cohen. Council Members Susie Gajewski and Mike Sullivan were not present. 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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Highway 20 Corridor Study – Planning Director Awana explained the purpose of the study and that the draft executive summary will be reviewed tonight with the final public presentation in the near future. The city has been working on a comprehensive study of the Highway 20 corridor in an effort to understand the dynamic issues influencing area development. The Mayor and Council want to promote favorable development patterns with well-designed, highly connected neighborhoods and commercial nodes to provide a strategic variety of housing, shopping and services. The market research was conducted by the Bleakly Advisory Group. They reviewed the draft materials and explained the nodes involved in the research.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment Articles 4, 9, & 10, Updated Zoning Districts, Dimensional Standards and Overlays – the Planning Director explained that the staff is recommending that the public hearing be held at the Council Meeting and then this should be tabled until October to allow more consideration.

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

E Center Update – September 25, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. is the topping off of the beam event at City Hall. There will be beams in City Hall for citizens, staff and elected officials to sign.

Downtown Development Projects – staff will be meeting this Thursday with the Solomon Group to discuss the Dogwood renderings. They should have renderings of the Holbrook by the end of the week for the cottages. Macauley should close on the Broad Street project property by the end of the year or January.

Bowl/Concert Series – at the retreat the Council will discuss the concerts for next year to possibly allow a free series including Thursday at the Hill concerts.

Sugar Hill Greenway – the Friends of the Greenway will meet October 5th where they will consider committees to handle the different aspects of the greenway. Staff designed a FAQ for use in explaining the greenway.

22 Acre Passive Park / Gold Mine Park

City-wide Construction - the Peachtree Industrial Blvd. sidewalk project will be getting started this week and finish by the end of the year. The landscaping around the Peachtree Industrial Blvd. and Alton Tucker Blvd. gateway sign should be completed soon as well.

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

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mayor Pro Tem Northrup motioned to approve a car allowance of \$600 per month for the Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk