

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Edwards. Present were Mayor Steve Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Northrup, Council Members Marc Cohen, Brandon Hembree, Susie Gajewski and Mike Sullivan. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Lee Thompson. City Attorney Frank Hartley was not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Boy Scout Troop 513 led the pledge.

INVOCATION – given by Mayor Edwards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mayor Pro Tem Northrup motioned to table Agenda item #1 under Old Business Zoning Ordinance Amendment Article 4, 9, & 10 and approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council Meeting October 9, 2017; Work Session October 2, 2017 – Council Member Hembree motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations – Teachers of the Year, North Gwinnett Cluster Council Member Cohen read the proclamation and recognized each teacher and school. The teachers were each presented a proclamation and the Mayor and entire Council congratulated them for their commitment and award.

REPORTS

**CITY ATTORNEY
COUNCIL
MAYOR
CITY CLERK
CITY MANAGER**

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – Herman Carrara, resident at 1480 Railroad Avenue complained about the speeding on Railroad Avenue. He is a police officer with Duluth and asked for help from the city to stop the high speeds on this road.

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing, Zoning Ordinance Amendment Article 4, 9 & 10 – TABLED.

NEW BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Society Ordinance Amendment – Council Member Hembree explained the ordinance changes. One of the changes adds a Treasurer which may be a non-member. Council Member Hembree motioned to approve this ordinance as amended. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Historic Preservation Society Appointments – Council Member Hembree nominated three new members to the Historic Preservation Society. The nominees are Ryckie Fernandez, Darrell Pruitt, and Tiffany Hale Carter. There were no other nominations so they will serve as members of the Society.

Arts Commission Appointment – Council Member Cohen nominated Donna McKinney to serve as Post #7. There were no other nominations so she will serve on the commission.

Public Hearing, 2018 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget– the City Manager read the summary and went over the 2017 review and the highlights for 2018 Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Budget. The public hearing was opened and there were no comments so the hearing was closed. This was the first public hearing. The second one will be at the December 11th Council Meeting at which time the budget will be approved by the Mayor and Council.

2017 Municipal Election Results – the City Clerk and Election Superintendent Jane Whittington went over the November 7, 2017 Municipal General Election results and requested that the Mayor and Council vote to certify these results. Mayor Edwards and Mayor Pro Tem Northup will serve another term. Council Member Sullivan did not seek re-election so Taylor Anderson will serve in Post #5. Council Member Cohen motioned to certify the 2017 Election as presented by the Election Superintendent. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL – Council Member Sullivan motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Sullivan motioned to adjourn. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk