

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018, 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, Council Members Marc Cohen, Brandon Hembree and Taylor Anderson. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley. Council Member Susie Gajewski-Walker and Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Northrup were not present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**INVOCATION** – given by Mayor Edwards.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Council Member Hembree motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Council Meeting and Executive Session November 13, 2018; Work Session and Executive Session November 5, 2018 – Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**Proclamations Teacher of the Year Lanier Cluster** – Council Member Cohen read the proclamation. The Lanier Cluster Teachers of the Year and their Principals came forward for the presentation by Mayor and Council.

**Sweet Life Photo Contest Winners** – Council Member Cohen read the details of the contest winners and presented them with awards. Their photos were on view in the Council room and will go back downstairs for the feature art this month.

**REPORTS**

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

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS** – Mike Sullivan spoke regarding development of the downtown. It looks very different from 10 years ago. He congratulated the Council and staff on a job well done. The Youth Council will hold a meeting this week where City Manager Paul Radford will explain the budget. At their January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting Senator Renee Unterman will be the speaker.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing, Central Business District Design Review, Prestwick Development Company, Mixed-Use Development** – Planning Director Awana explained that the city received an application from Prestwick Development Company requesting design review board approval for a mixed-use project at the corner of Hillcrest and Highway 20. Director Awana explained the difference in the site plan from their previously approved one. They have re-oriented the buildings and parking. The project entrance from Hillcrest was re-designed and pushed more towards Highway 20. The public hearing was opened and there were no comments so the hearing was closed. Council Member Hembree motioned to approve Central Business Design Review 18-00615-2 with approval of the site plan and buildings in material and architectural detail with the four conditions as presented tonight. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**Public Hearing, 2019 Proposed Operations & Capital Improvement Budget** – the City Manager reviewed 2018 and the details of the 2019 Budget. In accordance with state law and the city's code of ordinances the City Manager presents to the Mayor and Council the 2019 proposed operating budget as well as a proposed capital improvement budget with recommendations as to the means of financing the proposed improvements in the ensuing fiscal year. The Mayor opened the public hearing and there were no comments so the hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the 2019 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets as presented by the City Manager. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**Public Hearing, Comprehensive Plan Update** – Planning Director Awana explained that local governments in Georgia are required to develop and maintain a long range comprehensive plan in order to remain eligible for various state administered funding, permitting and incentive programs. Planners from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) worked with staff to prepare the update to the long range plan. The steering committee made up of a strong group of community leaders helped guide the plan. The last public meeting was held in October. The plan will be transmitted to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) before February 29, 2019. The public hearing was opened and there were no comments so the hearing was closed. The city will adopt the final version in January 2019. Council Member Hembree motioned to initiate regional review and open final public comment period for the Comprehensive Plan Update. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**Alcohol Ordinance Amendment Brewpubs Brewery** – the City Clerk explained that this amendment would bring the city in compliance with the new state law regarding brewpubs and breweries. The amendment also allows a partially consumed bottle of wine to be removed from the restaurant where it was purchased. Council Member Anderson motioned to approve the Alcohol Ordinance Amendment as presented by staff. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**2018/2019 Resurfacing Program Contract Award** – Assistant City Manager Besseche explained that the bid documents for the project were drafted in-house with assistance from our project management team and advertised in February. Six bids were received on September 11<sup>th</sup>. After reviewing the bids staff determined that Sunbelt Asphalt was the low bidder at \$1,393,427.50 and is recommending awarding the contract to them. Council Member Hembree motioned to award the contract for 2018-2019 Roadway Resurfacing Contract to Sunbelt Asphalt for \$1,393,427.50 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL** - Council Member Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session for personnel. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** - the meeting was reconvened and Council Member Hembree motioned to approve a 10% increase in the current compensation of the City Manager and a 5% increase in the current compensation of the City Clerk both to be effective payroll today. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

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Steve Edwards, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk