

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019, 7:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5039 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Steve Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Northrup, Council Members Taylor Anderson, Marc Cohen, Brandon Hembree and Susie Walker. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**INVOCATION** – was given by Mayor Edwards

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the agenda. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Council Meeting December 10, 2018; Work Session December 3, 2018; Council Member Walker motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**REPORTS**

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

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS** – Amber Rushing of Rushing Trading Company spoke regarding the opening of her restaurant. She thanked the city for their support and assistance. She and her daughter chose Sugar Hill over other locations and are really glad that they did.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2019 – 2020 Mayor Pro Tem Appointment** – Council Member Northrup nominated Susie Walker as Mayor Pro Tem. There were no other nominations to the Mayor administered the oath to Mayor Pro Tem Walker.

**Planning Commission Appointments** – Director Awana explained that Barbara Pugh, Post #2 does not want to commit for another term and Rosemary Walsh, Post #1 does want to serve another term. Council Member Hembree nominated Rosemary Walsh as Planning Commission Post #1. Council Member Cohen nominated Jason Jones as Planning Commission Post #2. There were no other nominations for either post so the oath of office will be coordinated.

**Historic Preservation Society Appointment** – Council Member Hembree explained that Aly Lopez will be leaving the Historic Preservation Commission. She will be attending school and will not be available. Council Member Hembree nominated Stephanie Isaacs as the new commissioner. Stephanie has done a lot as a volunteer such as research on the veterans and the cemetery. There were no other nominations so Stephanie Isaacs will be the new Historic Preservation Commission Member.

**Comprehensive Plan Update** – Planning Director Awana explained that the regional review has been completed and all of the procedural requirements have been met. He thanked ARC for their technical assistance. This will be on the February agenda for approval.

**Qualifying Fee November 5, 2019 General Election** – the City Clerk stated that Georgia law requires that the qualifying fee for municipal elections held within that year be set and advertised by February 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. The qualifying fee for 2019 would be \$108.00. Council Member Hembree motioned to set the qualifying fee for the November 5, 2019 general election at \$108.00. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**Alcohol Ordinance Amendment regarding Sunday Sales** – City Manager Paul Radford explained that the city can call for a special election for a referendum to consider allowing alcohol to be purchased by the drink on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The Georgia Legislature passed a bill known as the “brunch bill” last year allowing cities to call for the referendum to allow the voters to consider extending the hours of alcohol sales. Council Member Cohen motioned to adopt the amendment to the alcohol ordinance and to direct the City Clerk, Jane Whittington, as the Election Superintendent to call for a Special Election on March 19, 2019 to allow the voters to consider a referendum to extend the sales of alcohol by the drink on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL** – Mayor Pro Tem Walker motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Pro Tem Walker motioned to adjourn. Council Member Northrup seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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Steve Edwards, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk