

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019
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 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.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan Update – Planning Director Awana explained that staff has been working with ARC and their staff to go through the regional review. The Comprehensive Plan will be adopted by resolution at the February meeting.

2019 – 2020 Mayor Pro Tem Appointment – Mayor Edwards reminded Council of the process to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem for the two year cycle. The oath will be administered at the Council Meeting.

Planning Commission Appointments – Director Awana explained that Barbara Pugh did not want to serve after this year. Rosemary Walsh does want to seek another term. Council is to make a nomination at the Council Meeting.

Historic Preservation Society Appointment – Council Member Hembree stated that they needed one member to serve with the departure of Ally Lopez. The Commission is recommending Stephanie Isaacs. Stephanie has been volunteering to assist with research such as cemetery veterans and plots.

Qualifying Fee November 5, 2019 General Election – the City Clerk explained that state law requires that the qualifying fee for the November election be set and published by February 1 of the year of the election.

Referendum regarding Sunday Sales for on-site Consumption – the City Manager explained that the Mayor and Council will consider the adoption of the Ordinance to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance to change the hours of sale by the drink on Sunday. This is what is known as the brunch bill that was passed by the legislature last year. The restaurants with alcohol licenses will be able to serve starting at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. Once the ordinance is adopted the Election Superintendent can call for an election on March 19th to consider the referendum.

Ordinance Small Cell Facilities and ROW Management – the City Manager explained that the city will need an ordinance for small cell facilities and right-of-way management. The Assistant City Manager is working with the City Attorney to develop one.

Local Restrictions for Fireworks – the City Manager explained that the city can adopt an ordinance through the noise ordinance to help regulate local control over fireworks. The city would need to advertise and hold a public hearing.

Hotel/Motel Excise Tax Legislation – the City Manager would like to review and adopt a hotel motel excise tax before we have any facilities in place. The percentage of the tax would be used for tourism and also for the operating budget.

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

E Center Update – the gym opening has been a complete success and leasing is going well for the mixed use portion.

Downtown Development Projects - 360 residential is working on their development but the sidewalk condition has caused some delay. Solomon is working on the joint equity partner and should close by April.

Bowl/Concert Series – the city is planning 4 or 5 concerts this year. One act has been signed so far.

Sugar Hill Greenway City-wide Construction

Economic Development Update - the city is looking at legislative annexation. They are initiating talks with Gwinnett County to make sure they are informed about the process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL – there was no Executive Session held.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk