

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Edwards. Also present were Mayor Pro Tem Susie Walker, Council Members Taylor Anderson, Marc Cohen, Brandon Hembree, Curtis Northrup, City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington, City Attorneys Frank Hartley and Lee Thompson.

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 Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council Meeting July 8, 2019; Work Session July 1, 2019, Special Called Meeting July 1, 2019, 8:00 a.m., Special Called Meeting July 1, 2019, 6:45 p.m. Council Member Anderson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Pro Tem Walker seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

North Gwinnett Girls Soccer Team 2018-2019 7A State Champions – Council Member Cohen recognized the players and coaches for this great accomplishment and read the proclamation. The Mayor and Council presented them with signed soccer balls and the proclamation.

Major Greg Adams and the North Precinct – Council Member Hembree read the proclamation thanking the North Precinct and Major Adams for the work that they do to protect the citizens of Sugar Hill.

REPORTS

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

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS –

Christie Mesa, the new Youth Council Mayor stated that they would be having interviews for new members starting August 28th.

Tom Lobonc, 809 Whitehead Road talked about the tax and millage rate item that was on last month's agenda. He expressed concerns about traffic congestion, bowl improvements and how fast things are being done in the city.

**CONSENT AGENDA
OLD BUSINESS**

NEW BUSINESS

Easement Request Gwinnett Department of Water Resources – Assistant City Manager Besseche explained that Gwinnett County is initiating upgrades to sewer system elements, decommissioning pump stations, reducing maintenance costs and concerns in the Level Creek sewershed. They requested a temporary easement and clarification for an existing easement line in the subdivision to accomplish the decommissioning. Staff will work with the county to provide restoration of the area once construction is complete. Staff recommends approval. Council Member Hembree motioned to approve the easement request and authorize the Mayor to sign the required easements in the Parkview Mine Subdivision for the purpose of decommissioning the pump station in the neighborhood. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Call for 2019 Municipal General Election, Set Qualifying Dates – the City Clerk and Election Superintendent Jane Whittington explained that the City of Sugar Hill will be holding a Municipal General Election on November 5, 2019 to fill the following seats:
City Council Post #1, currently held by Brandon Hembree
City Council Post #2, currently held by Marc Cohen
City Council Post #3, currently held by Susie Walker
The election will be held at the Sugar Hill Community Center, 1166 Church Street during the hours of 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Council Member Hembree motioned to set the qualifying dates for this election for Monday, August 19, 2019 until Wednesday, August 21, 2019 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The qualifying will take place in the office of the City Clerk and Election Superintendent at 5039 West Broad Street, Sugar Hill. Mayor Pro Tem Walker seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Bowl Improvements – the Assistant City Manager explained that construction plans and bid documents were prepared by Precision Planning for improvements in the venue. The design provided for a new concession kiosk between City Hall and the suites, upgraded seating options and surface materials in the bowl and permanent divider panels in the suites. Four bids were received and after reviewing the bids and verifying the calculations, staff determined the low bidder to be Barnsley Construction. Staff value engineered some of the options for consideration. Staff recommends awarding the contract to Barnsley Construction in the amount of \$1,079,109. Staff also recommends compressing the phased funding into this round of improvements in the next capital and SPLOST funding. Council Member Anderson motioned to award the contract to Barnsley Construction in the amount of \$1,079,109 for the 2019 Bowl Venue Improvements project and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Council Member Northrup seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk