

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION – given by Mayor Pro Tem Walker.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council Meeting November 12, 2019; Work Session November 4, 2019; Special Called Meeting October 31, 2019; Mayor & Council Retreat November 14 – 16, 2019 – Council Member Anderson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 3-0

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations, North Gwinnett Cluster, Teachers of the Year – Council Member Cohen read the proclamation and introduced the teachers and their principals. The teachers from each school representing Teacher of the Year received their proclamation.

Certificate of Appreciation Taffeta Connery – Council Member Cohen read the certificate of appreciation for Taffeta Connery. She is the principal for Sugar Hill Elementary School and is moving to Rockbridge Elementary School. The Mayor and Council wish her well.

Arts Commission Presentation, Madison Connolly – Council Member Cohen tabled this since Madison was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Barry Palmer Art Donation – Council Member Cohen recognized Barry Palmer's donation of art to the city and the Arts Commission. This art is currently hanging in the Eagle Theatre.

REPORTS

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YOUTH COUNCIL**

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – there were no comments from citizens or guests.

**CONSENT AGENDA
OLD BUSINESS**

NEW BUSINESS

Art Commission re-appointment – Council Member Cohen requested that four members of the Arts Commission be re-appointed. Kerry Murphy, Kerry Mulligan, Joyce Cutchins and Terry Mulligan. Council Member Cohen motioned to re-appoint these four members. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Public Hearing #2, 2020 Proposed Budget– City Manager Paul Radford gave a summary of the proposed budget, the 2019 year in review and the proposed changes for 2020. The public hearing was opened and Mike Sullivan spoke in favor of the growth and positive changes coming to Sugar Hill.

Amber Chambers, 809 Whitehead Road, spoke regarding making the budget more accessible to the public. She stated that since it was introduced near the holidays, the Mayor and Council could have a third hearing to hear the issues or concerns the public might have. Allow more time between release of the budget and approval of the budget.

The public hearing was closed and Council Member Hembree motioned to approve the 2020 General Fund and Capital Improvement Budget as submitted. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 4-0

Public Hearing, DRB-TCO 19-01427 Buford Housing Authority seeking TCO design review approval for exterior improvements at 100-700 Hall Place – Director Awana explained that the Buford Housing Authority is requesting to improve the housing that it currently owns on Level Creek Rd. The plans include painting the buildings taupe, white and bronze. Eventually the chain link fence will be removed or replaced. The public hearing was opened and there were no comments so the hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve DRB-TCO 19-01427 for the Buford Housing Authority to make exterior improvements to 100-700 Hall Place. Council Member Northrup seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Recycling Program Rate Adjustment – Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche explained that the recycling program with Advanced Disposal is going to require a cost increase of \$2 per cart per quarter to help cover the cost of the recycling program. This will go into effect January 1st, 2020. Staff recommends approval of the rate increase as recommended. Council Member Hembree motioned to approve the recycling program rate increase effective January 1, 2020, as requested by our solid waste vendor to address increasing costs in the materials recovery process by the recycling industry. Council Member Northrup seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL – Council Member Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

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.

Susie Walker, Mayor Pro Tem

Jane Whittington, City Clerk