

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020
CITY HALL HISTORY MUSEUM, 7:00 P.M.
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GA 30518**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING - by Mayor Steve Edwards. Present were Mayor Steve Edwards, 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 Creighton Lancaster.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Oath of Office, Council Members Cohen, Hembree & Mayor Pro Tem Walker – will be sworn in at the Council Meeting.

Appointment Municipal Court Judge and Associate Judge – this will be tabled until the February meeting.

Planning Commission Appointment, Post 5 – Director Awana reported that Phil Olson wants to continue to serve on the Commission. Nominations will be taken at the Council Meeting.

Downtown Development Authority Appointments – Council Member Anderson will handle the agenda item at the Council Meeting. Council Member Hembree Post #6 and Jack Wolfe Post #7 want to continue to serve on the board.

Development Authority Appointments – Staff will help develop a list of recommended candidates. It is important to have a board in place for future developments.

Rezoning RZ-19-004, 4359 Woodward Mill Rd. – Director Awana updated that the applicant is requesting to table this until the February meeting.

Resolution Amendment Zoning Map & Amend Conditions RZ-04-002 – Director Awana stated that this is a portion of Primrose and the exit to Hillcrest Rd. This will go back to Planning Commission and to the Council in March.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment Articles 3,4,9 & 10, Sale of Cannabidol, Tobacco & Vape Products (public hearing 1-13) – Director Awana reported some of the information that is currently being distributed regarding these products. There is vigorous debate out there to ban vape stores all together. Some jurisdictions handle it by banning all together and some by percentages. More research and input is needed on this ordinance. The public hearing should be opened at the Council Meeting to gather research.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment Articles 3,4,9 & 10, Short-Term Rentals (public hearing

1-13) – Director Awana explained that more research is needed and this is not ready for the public hearing at the Council Meeting. Table this item and bring back later.

Sports Commission, Sports Hall of Fame – Mayor Edwards wanted the Council to consider having a Sports Hall of Fame and a Sports Commission. The commission could consist of citizens who want to be engaged and help bring sporting events to Sugar Hill. The Sports Hall of Fame could be in the E Center gym and a new name could be added every year. Recreation Director Andy McQuagge is to research other programs and bring back ideas to the Council.

Ordinance Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Re-Styled Plan Adoption – City Clerk Jane Whittington explained that the **Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS)** is requesting that all member cities adopt the re-styled plan. The plan incorporates all requirements by the IRS.

Ordinance Amendment Historic Preservation Society – Council Member Hembree recommended tabling this until the February meeting.

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

Operations Update

Construction Update

Development Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL – Council Member Hembree motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk