

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020
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 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

Municipal Court Judge and Associate Judge Re-appointment – This was tabled from last month. Judge Margaret Washburn will present the yearly report to Mayor and Council.

Development Authority Appointment - this will need to be tabled to allow more time to research potential members.

Update of Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Sale of Cannabidiol, Tobacco & Vape Products – Director Awana updated that for vape products some jurisdictions have banned outright, and some have prohibited in certain areas or jurisdictions. We need to decide how restrictive the city wants to be. Cannabidiol potential to be prohibited in the Town Center and a Special Use Permit in other areas. Table this for February, re-advertise and put it on the March agenda.

Update of Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Short-Term Rentals – Director Awana explained that the complaints are mostly about transient people in residential areas. Planning to deal with complaints as they come in.

Ordinance Amendment Historic Preservation Society – Council Member Hembree stated they are requesting to increase the membership to thirteen and the two-year terms to four-year terms. They will also allow some non-residents as members.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation 2020 Census – the City Manager asked Mercy Montgomery, Economic Development Director to update the census information. She stated that the census will begin April 1st. In mid-March postcards will be mailed and the city will push it out to the schools and faith-based organizations. Council Member Cohen will read the proclamation at the Council meeting February 10th.

Rezoning RZ-19-004, 4359 Woodward Mill Rd., (public hearing 2-10) – Director Awana stated that the staff recommends approving the zoning. Some of the internal cul-de-sacs and alleys need re-working. The traffic calming plan for a roundabout on Woodward Mill will have to be reviewed by Gwinnett County.

Resolution, Annexation Fee Moratorium – Council Member Hembree stated that this came out of the Town Hall Meetings that were held. The city will waive the annexation for twelve months to allow people to annex their property in that are interested.

Use Agreement American Red Cross – the Assistant City Manager went over the agreement. The city has had an agreement with the Red Cross for years at the Community Center. The Community Center is leased out so the new location will be the E Center. They allow staff to take the training at no cost.

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

Operations Update

Construction Update

Development Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL – Council Member Cohen 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 – Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk