

City of Sugar Hill Youth Council Session
Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
5039 West Broad Street, Sugar Hill, GA 30518

Members in Attendance: Spencer Grace Williams, Kaan Cubukcu, Ethan Shaw, Nida Merchant, Camryn Flores,
Laura Ann Acker, Bhaumi Shah

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm.

Guest Speaker Troy Besseche addressed council, answering questions about the budget and explaining the creation process.

- Focus is on day-to-day quality of life
- Many changes happened in 2017
 - The Bowl
 - Splash Pad
 - Plaza
- Exciting things coming in 2018
 - Greenway
- Managing Revenues
 - “Green Fees” let Sugar Hill residents play golf cheaper
 - Property tax does not fluctuate, but Gas *does* with the weather.
 - Gas is a major component of revenue
 - The city buys gas ahead of time at a fixed rate, so prediction is required
 - Development Fees
 - Taxes- Insurance Premiums are important
 - The money doesn’t appear all at once; it trickles in roughly evenly through the year and needs to be spent in the same way to prevent budget chaos
 - Left-over money is called a “Transfer”, and the philosophy goes it is better to have extra money left over and do more with it than to have too little and risk debt.
 - This entails a constant and continuous appraisal of incoming revenue and outgoing spending
 - In some places, the city must spend money to make money (e.g. Gas)
 - The focus is typically on the large sums of money like electricity, not pencils and staples.

At 7:02, Kaan motion to adjourn the meeting.