

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7:00 P.M.  
5039 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GA 30518**

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING** – Attendees included Mayor Steve Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Susie Walker, Council Members Taylor Anderson, Marc Cohen, Brandon Hembree, City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington, City Attorney Frank Hartley.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**Proclamation Dr. Audrey Arona** – Council Member Hembree explained that Dr. Audry Arona, the Director of the Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Departments has done an extraordinary job during the COVID19 pandemic. She will be at the Council Meeting to accept this proclamation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Administrative Hearing (8/10/20) for Appeal of Condemnation 4839 East Broad St.** – this matter was tabled at the July 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. The applicant requested that it be rescheduled because his attorney was out of town and wanted to be present for the hearing. The hearing will be held at the August 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting where evidence will be presented by the city and the appellant. The City Council will vote to make a decision at the conclusion of the hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Election Update** – the City Clerk serves as the Election Superintendent and is requesting that the Council call for a Special Election to fill the unexpired term of City Council Post #4. Curtis Northrup who held the post for over ten years resigned on July 30, 2020 because he moved out of the city. The election will be held November 3, 2020 at City Hall, 5039 West Broad Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The Council will also set the qualifying dates and the qualifying fee for this election.

**Approve Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application - 2021**

**Roadway Repair & Resurfacing** – Assistant City Manager Besseche explained that the resurfacing program focuses on roads identified in the 2016 conditions assessment. Since 2016, we have completed repairs to nearly ten miles of pavement on thirty streets in Sugar Hill. Staff will be requesting to complete work on eleven streets for the 2021 program and add them to the 2020 street list.

Resolution presented by the Youth Council at the July Council Meeting requesting that the City Council pass this resolution jointly to recognize Juneteenth as a city holiday. Council Member Hembree motioned to take the resolution off the table and put it on the August 10, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES**

**ZOA 20-01 Update Residential Zoning Categories** – Planning Director Awana explained that this Zoning Ordinance change in zoning categories comes out of a housing study the city had

regarding the residential market. Bleakley performed a housing study and found some void in the market in Sugar Hill regarding the middle price homes. They are looking at cottage courts, duplexes, triplexes and townhomes. This will go the Planning Commission this month and come back to the Council at the September meeting.

**Operations Update**

**Construction Update**

**Events**

**Development Update**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL** – Council Member Hembree motioned to enter Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Walker 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 4-0.

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Steve Edwards, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk