

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order. 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.

2019 Budget Amendment – City Manager Paul Radford explained that this budget amendment was to increase the General Fund Administration Budget to increase it by \$1,765,000 to reflect transfer out to the Golf Fund and the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Fund. In the original 2019 Budget, we planned to Transfer to Golf to be budgeted in the Recreation Department as the golf course is considered a city park. The auditor recommended that transfer be changed to come out of the Administration department. We must show a budget amendment for transfers made to the CIP Fund for various project expenses on a pay-as-you-go general funds rather than SPLOST funds. Revenue funding for these expenditures will come from higher than anticipated General Fund revenues.

Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the proposed reconciling budget amendment for 2019. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

2019 Audit Presentation and Approval – City Manager Paul Radford explained that the city’s auditor Wayne Tuck will present the 2019 Audit. Mr. Tuck thanked Cindy Pugh and the entire Finance Department team for their efforts during the audit. The city once again received an unqualified opinion and the financial position of the city is strong. Council Member Hembree motioned to approve and accept the 2019 Audit as presented. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

IFB 20-020, Downtown Property Sale, Rejection of Bids – the City Manager explained that the city received two bids for the sale of property Hillcrest parcels, and after review the staff recommends that all bids be rejected. Mayor Pro Tem Walker motioned to reject all bids for IFB 20-020. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Resolution, Landfill Expense Reimbursement – Assistant City Manager Besseche explained that the Appling Rd. landfill was closed in 1999 with a state-issued permit which requires on-going monitoring and closure procedures. The city has been monitoring conditions at the landfill since that time. Some of the expenses qualify for reimbursement under the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund. Staff recommends approval of the resolution and execution of the agreement to seek reimbursement of these funds. Council Member Anderson motioned to approve the reimbursement resolution under our existing agreement governing expenditures for State & Local Costs. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LEGAL, REAL ESATE, 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 – Council Member Hembree motioned to approve the purchase of approximately .91 acres at 5132 West Broad Street (Parcel 7306 020) from Ms. Berma Tate for the price of \$350,000 and to further authorize the City Manager to execute all documents on behalf of the city. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk