

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
5039 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020, 7:30 P.M.**

**CALL 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 and Creighton Lancaster.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
INVOCATION** – given by Mayor Edwards.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Council Meeting September 14, 2020; Work Session September 8, 2020, Special Called Meeting September 8, 2020 – Mayor Pro Tem Walker motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**Proclamation Community Planning Month** – Council Member Anderson explained that this proclamation is to recognize the planning departments throughout the US for their dedication and involvement in the updates needed to maintain the proper regulations. Council Member Anderson read the proclamation.

**Proclamation Breast Cancer Awareness Month** – Council Member Cohen read the proclamation regarding October as awareness of breast cancer in this country. He requested that everyone wear pink in support.

**Proclamation Zoe Simmons** – Council Member Hembree explained that Stephanie Scott is an outstanding art teacher at Sugar Hill Christian Academy. She told him about a talented artist and current 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at the school, Zoe Simmons. All of the students in Ms. Scott’s art class submitted symbolic artwork which captures what we are all feeling and have been over the last months. Council Member Hembree read the proclamation and recognized Zoe Simmons for her creative and outstanding art.

**REPORTS**

**CITY ATTORNEY  
COUNCIL  
MAYOR  
CITY CLERK  
CITY MANAGER  
YOUTH COUNCIL**

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS** – there were no comments from citizens or guests.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing, VAR-20-004, 6409 Grand Loop Road** – Planning Director Awana explained that this variance request is for a 19’ setback in the front yard to install a garage addition with a 6’ breezeway connecting to the house at 6409 Grand Loop Road. The applicant has met with the neighbors and the Homeowners Association and they are attempting to come to a mutually agreeable solution. Staff is requesting to continue with the public hearing since the variance request to avoid readvertisement. Council could table the decision until next month. The public hearing was opened and Andy Ponzio, the homeowner, spoke regarding the application. He has met with the Homeowners Association and they have agreed to 16’ and he requested they consider 19’. They will meet again and decide. There were no other comments so the hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen motioned to table VAR-20-004 until the November Council Meeting. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**Public Hearing, ZOA 20-01, Update Residential Zoning Categories** – Planning Director Awana explained that staff is recommending approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Categories, Article 4 and Article 9. The planning staff has conducted a review of the RM zoning district and related requirements and is recommending a better title with reasonable use and development standards. The RM zoning classification will become R36 Medium Density Mixed Residential. The public hearing was opened and there were no other comments so the hearing was closed. Council Member Anderson stated that these zoning changes help represent the missing middle. Council Member Anderson motioned to approve ZOA-20-01, Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Residential Zoning Categories as presented by staff. Council Member Cohen seconded. Approved 4-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL** – Council Member Cohen 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 Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

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Steve Edwards, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk