

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7:00 P.M.  
5039 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GA 30518**

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING** – Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order. Attendees included Mayor Steve Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Susie Walker, Council Members Taylor Anderson, Marc Cohen, Nic Greene, Brandon Hembree, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Creighton Lancaster. City Manager Paul Radford and City Attorney Frank Hartley was not present.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**Proclamation, Suwanee Creek Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution** – Council Member Hembree stated that the city will present them with a proclamation at next Monday's meeting and they will present the city with a check.

**All in Futbol Club U18 Girls State Champions** – Mark McCain will be at the Council Meeting with the team members. The city will congratulate them and present them with a signed soccer ball.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Appointment Mayor Pro Tem** – Council will need to select a new Mayor Pro Tem for a two-year term.

**Appointment Municipal Court Judge and Associate Judge** – the Judge and Associate Judge will need to be re-appointed for the 2021 year. No changes anticipated.

**Downtown Development Authority Appointments (Posts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5)** – These posts will need appointments since the terms expire 1/31/2021. Council Member Hembree is recommending Rebecca Buckingham for Post #2.

**SUP-20-001, Special Use Permit, 1400 Buford Hwy, Suite H1** – Planning Director Awana updated the Council on the application. Julie Austin is moving her day spa business to the Magnolia Office Park. A special use permit is required for the massage portion of the business. A public hearing will be held at the Council meeting next Monday.

**Qualifying Fee November 2, 2021 General Election** – the City Clerk explained that per State Election Code the qualifying fee for 2021 elections needs to be set by February 1. The city will be holding an election on November 2<sup>nd</sup> for City Council Post #4, City Council Post #5 and Mayor.

**CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES**

**Operations Update** – Recreation Director Andy McQuagge reported that the golf course had a record year. December was one of the best ever with 37,000 + in revenue. The revenue was 1.16 million for the year with 29,000 rounds of golf played. The restroom is currently under

renovation. The turf work at Gary Pirkle Park has begun. The ice rink is very popular this year. There have been over 11,000 skaters.

**Construction Update** – The museum and art gallery at the Broadstone is coming along nicely. We should take possession soon. The portion of the greenway through the old E.E. Robinson up near the driveway will begin soon.

Planning Director Awana reported that the Aqua Blue Car Wash has opened. The American Legion is almost ready to open. The Storage Unit on Highway 20 is under construction. The project that is not in the city at Woodward Mill Rd and Buford Highway has not closed yet.

**Events** – Council Member Cohen requested that the Council get a weekly report of who is renting the city facilities for private events.

**Development Update**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL** – Council Member Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Walker seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There was no public action taken out of Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Council Member Anderson motioned to adjourn. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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Steve Edwards, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk