

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SUGAR HILL
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021, 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order. Present were Mayor Steve Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor Anderson, Council Member Nic Greene and Council Member Marc Cohen. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley. Council Members Mason Roszel and Jenn Thatcher joined the Council after the Oath of Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – led by Mayor Edwards.

INVOCATION – given by Mayor Edwards

Oath of Office – Council Member Mason Roszel, Council Member Jenn Thatcher – Mayor Edwards administered the Oath of Office.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the agenda as written. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council Meeting & Executive Session October 11, 2021; Work Session & Executive Session October 4, 2021, Mayor Pro Tem Anderson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation, Andrew Jason Thiel – Mayor Edwards read the proclamation and presented it to Andy Thiel and declared November 8, 2021 as “Andy Day” in Sugar Hill.

Proclamation North Gwinnett Cluster Teachers of the Year 2021-2022 – Council Member Cohen read the proclamation and presented it to the North Gwinnett Teachers of the Year accompanied by their Principals.

Arts Commission Recognition Eleanor Jones – Council Member Cohen presented the copy print and a check from the Arts Commission to Eleanor Jones the poster winner for Sugar Rush 2021.

Presentation All in Futbol Club – Mayor Edwards presented a signed soccer ball to the All In Futbol Club 15U Girls Soccer team.

REPORTS

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CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – Denise Hoell spoke regarding the COVID requirements that were administered at the Pat Benatar concert.

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing, VAR-21-001, Sign location, The Sign Brothers, 5135 West Broad Street, Sign Setback 3' instead of 5' – Planning Director explained that this sign is at the Hollbrook. The staff recommends approval with 2 conditions. The public hearing was opened and there were no comments so the hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve VAR-21-001 with the two conditions as recommended by staff. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing SUP-21-003, Special Use Permit Massage establishment, 5885 Cumming Highway, Suite 405 & 406– Planning Director explained that the state regulates the requirements for massage establishments. The public hearing was opened and the franchise owner for LaVida Massage spoke regarding the business. There were no other comments so the hearing was closed. Council Member Greene motioned to approve SUP-21-003 for a massage establishment. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Right of Way Acceptance Deed, Westoak Subdivision – Planning Director Awana explained that Lennar Georgia, Inc. has requested that the city accept the roads in Westoak subdivision into the city road system. Council Member Jenn Thatcher motioned to approve the Right of Way and Acceptance Deed for all streets and associated public improvements within the right of way for Westoak Subdivision. Council Member Roszel seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Contract Award Project 21-016R, Greenway Signage Program – Assistant City Manager Besseche explained that these projects funds are from the 2017 SPLOST through the CIP budget for the greenway project. IMG was selected as the best bid for the project in the amount of \$137,533. Council Member Cohen inquired how many signs this was for and Assistant City Manager Besseche replied a little less than 100. Council Member Thatcher asked if there would be safety call boxes on the greenway. Assistant Manager Besseche replied that there would be cell coverage but they will review the call boxes. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson motioned to award the greenway signage contract to IMG to develop and design the signage for Phase 1 of the greenway project in the amount of \$137,533. Council Member Roszel seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

LMIG Roadway Resurfacing list for GDOT submittal – Assistant City Manager Besseche explained that this resurfacing program is an annual project and identified the streets for 2022. Council Member Thatcher motioned to approve the 2022 GDOT LMIG program for improvements to the proposed list provided in the staff memo and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Solis Sugar Hill, Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding with DDA – Assistant City Manager Besseche explained that the project and associated transactions will return \$5,000,000 to the city from the sale of the property and allow the Sugar Hill DDA to complete the closing on all parcels necessary for its development. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson motioned to approve the attached addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Sugar Hill DDA for the project known as Solis Sugar Hill and authorize the Mayor to sign it. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Temporary Parking Lot Lease New South Construction – Assistant City Manager Besseche explained that this lease is to for two-year term to lease a portion of the parking lot at the

property formerly known as the Atlas property to New South Construction for \$1,800 per year. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the two-year lease with New South Construction for the property at 5042 Nelson Brogdon Blvd. and authorize the Mayor to sign it. Council Member Roszel seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL

– Council Member Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Thatcher seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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 Roszel seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk