

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SUGAR HILL
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021, 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER - Present were Mayor Steve Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor Anderson, Council Members Marc Cohen, Nic Greene, Mason Roszel, Jenn Thatcher, City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

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

INVOCATION – given by Mayor Edwards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Cohen motioned to amend the agenda by moving the Tripp Atkinson proclamation ahead of the Lanier Cluster’s proclamation. He has a banquet at Lanier High School he needs to attend. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council Meeting & Executive Session November 8, 2021; Work Session & Executive Session November 1, 2021; Special Called Meeting October 4, 2021 – Council Member Greene motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation, Tripp Atkinson – Mayor Edwards congratulated Tripp on his new opportunity. He stated that Tripp has been heavily involved and a great contribution with the Lanier Cluster and the Sugar Hill Church. He read the proclamation and presented it.

Proclamation Lanier Cluster Teachers of the Year 2021-2022 – Council Member Cohen read the proclamation and presented each one to the Teacher of the Year and Principal for each school in the cluster.

REPORTS

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

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing, RZ 21-001 – RSJIT Properties, LLC rezoning 27.68 acres on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard rezoning from general business (BG) to medium density mixed residential (R36) multi-family residential development – Planning Director Awana explained

that this was tabled to allow more time for the applicant to review the details. Staff recommends approval with nine conditions. The public hearing was opened and Judy Sellars spoke for the applicant. She explained that the parcel is split by easements which make it challenging for any other type of development. The project is for apartments with a dog park, open space, trails, community lawns and a greenway connection. The amenities would be top notch. They are in agreement with the staff conditions and also would contribute \$50,000 for intersection improvements and \$50,000 for greenway trail connection. Rick Braswell a adjoining property owner at 292 Price Rd. spoke in favor of the development stating would fit the property well. There were no other comments so the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson motioned to deny RZ-21-001. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. Motion to deny approved 4-1 with Council Member Cohen voting nay.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing, RZ 21-008 – BCC Investment Group, Inc. rezoning 1439, 1471, & 1484 Hillcrest Drive, 11.256 acres from medium density single family residential (RS-100) and Agriculture Forest (AF) to medium density single family residential (RS72) for townhome subdivision – Planning Director explained that the city received an application from BBC Investment Group, LLC requesting to change the zoning of this property from existing Agricultural Forest and medium density single-family residential to medium density single-family residential (RS72) for 63 fee-simple single family attached townhomes. The Planning Commission and Planning staff recommend approval with five conditions. The public hearing was opened and Michael Phelps spoke for applicant. There were no other comments so the hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve RZ-21-008 rezoning the property to RS72 with the five staff conditions. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson seconded for discussion. There was discussion from the council regarding traffic on Hillcrest Rd. and the traffic study. The Council considered tabling to review traffic study on Hillcrest Rd. Council Member Cohen’s motion and Mayor Pro Tem Anderson’s motion stands. Approved 4-1 with Council Member Roszel voting nay.

Public Hearing, 2022 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget – City Manager Paul Radford explained the Operating Budget and changes in detail. He read the 2022 Budget Overview. This budget will include staffing additions of one new deputy, one new recreation maintenance and part time employee for the E Center and one new custodian. Assistant City Manager Besseche explained the Capital Improvement Budget with the pedestrian bridge moved up on the priority list as requested in the Work Session. There is also a change in the Youth Council budget from \$5,000 to \$15,000 as requested in the Work Session. The public hearing was opened and Mike Sullivan, 5401 Sweetgale Ct., congratulated the Council on how wonderful they’re doing with the city. Staff did an excellent job with the budget, the graphs help explain some of the detail. There were no other comments so the hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the 2022 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget. Council Member Thatcher seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Accept Guaranteed Maximum Price E Center Event and Conference Space, Project 21-012 – Assistant City Manager Besseche explained that this is for the second phase of the E Center project. The funds are within the capital improvement budget within the 2022 Budget. Staff is recommending acceptance of the Guaranteed Maximum price for construction of the space at \$1,487,730 from Barnsley Construction. Council Member Greene motioned to accept the guaranteed maximum price for the E Center Event and Conference Space construction as presented by Barnsley Construction in the amount of \$1,487,730. 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. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mayor Edwards explained that it is time for the review and compensation increase for the City Clerk and the City Manager. Council Member Cohen motioned to increase the salary by 4% and an additional 5% contribution into the city’s Nationwide retirement account for the City Manager Paul Radford and the City Clerk Jane Whittington. Council Member Roszel seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Thatcher seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk