

City of Sugar Hill Council Meeting
Monday January 8, 2001
7:30 PM Community Center

The City of Sugar Hill held its regular Council Meeting on Monday January 8, 2001 at 7:30 PM in the Community Center.

Notice of the meeting was placed on the doors of city hall and the community center. Notice was placed on the board at Alton Tucker Blvd and Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Notice was sent to the local news media.

Those present at the meeting included Mayor Roberta Crabb, Council Members Chris Abbey, Meg Avery, Kim Hall Michael Mosley, and Gary Pirkle. Also present were City Attorney Lee Thompson, City Manager Frank Ginn and City Clerk Shirley Gibbs.

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND
INVOCATION:

Mayor Roberta Crabb called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council Member Mosley gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Member Pirkle made the motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Hall made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL OF 12/11/2000 & 12/19/2000 MINUTES:

Council Member Pirkle made the motion to approve the December 11, 2000 minutes and the December 19, 2000 minutes. Council Member Avery made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS:

THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS AND GUESTS

NEW BUSINESS:

A: ELECT AND SWEAR IN MAYOR PRO-TEM:

Council Member Avery nominated Chris Abbey to be Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Pirkle made the second. Motion passed 4-0-1. Council Member Abbey abstained. Mayor Crabb swore Council Member Abbey in as Mayor Pro-Tem.

B: SWEAR IN PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS AND
APPEALS BOARD MEMBERS:

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Mayor Crabb swore in Planning Commission Members Larry Hill, Johnny Wilkins, and Granville Betts. Mayor Crabb swore in Appeals Board Member Hope Curtis. Appeals Board Member Bill Parker was not in attendance.

C: APPOINT MUNICIPAL JUDGE:

Council Member Mosley made the motion to appoint Margaret Washburn as the Municipal Judge. Council Member Avery made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Abbey made the motion to appoint William Coolidge as the Associate Judge. Council Member Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

D: ADOPT AMENDMENT TO SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ORDINANCE:

Planning Director Jim Osborn stated the city had been charged by the state to adopt the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance. The city has had a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance in place since June of 1998. Minor changes had to be made to the current ordinance; section 4 page 7 had some changes to the stream buffers, buffers for trout streams had been reduced from 100 feet to 50 feet but the city could keep the buffer at 100 feet. Other changes included no encroachment on trout streams during land disturbing activities but thinning of buffer is allowed providing it does not endanger the stream. Section 7 had to do with stop work orders, the city's current ordinance allows stop work orders to be issued at any time if there is an endangerment to Public Safety or the environment but the new ordinance gives the developer a first and second warning with five days to correct the action but on the third warning a stop work order will be issued. The city currently issues a written warning for a first time offender then starts issuing fines. If the fines do not get their attention, then a stop work order is issued. Penalties for a single-family dwelling are a minimum of \$250.00 a day and on commercial it is a minimum of \$1,000.00 a day. After some discussion, Council Member Pirkle made a motion to adopt the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance with the modification of keeping the 100 foot stream buffer and the more stringent stop work order that the city currently has in place. Council Member Hall made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

E: ACCEPT ANNEXATION & REZONING APPLICATION AX-00-006
319 LEVEL CREEK ROAD/335 LEVEL CREEK ROAD:

Mr. Osborn explained that this is a annexation application for 2.26 acres located at 319 Level Creek Road. It consists of two houses and they are requesting that it be rezoned to BG in order to put in a day care. Mayor Pro-Tem Abbey made the motion to accept the annexation application. Council Member Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

F: FINAL PLAT RATIFICATION-LAUREL PARK PHASE IIA:

Council Member Hall made the motion to accept the final plat for Laurel Park Phase IIA. Council Member Avery made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: NO REPORT

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COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Hall had no report.

Mayor Pro-Tem Abbey congratulated Mayor Crabb on being elected Vice President of the Gwinnett Municipal Association.

Council Member Mosley stated that while he was unable to attend the meeting in December, he was disappointed in the events that happened, namely the pay adjustment given the city manager when he knew he had already applied for a new job. He felt this was unfair to the citizens.

Council Member Pirkle stated he is the municipal representative for transportation on the SPLOST committee. Their next meeting would be on Friday January 12, 2001 at 9:00 at the Gwinnett County Public School Annex on Hi-Hope Road. Those meeting will continue every two weeks until April to get it ready for the commissioners to adopt.

Council Member Avery wanted to know if the city attorney had heard anything from the ABA on the BMX contract. He stated he had not heard from them, the city would have to decide what they wanted to do and then take action. She wanted to make the residents aware that there was now a choice in the garbage collection, they could choose to have the roll out carts or use the bags. Some of the residents were unaware that they had a choice and she felt they should be notified about this. Mr. Ginn stated that the garbage company was working on the new brochure but they had asked that they be allowed to test the waters on the cart program before it was announced to the public. He felt they had sufficient time and asked that the members of the press that were in the audience to report on this item.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Crabb said she was happy to be serving as the Vice-President of the Gwinnett Municipal Association as well as Mayor of Sugar Hill.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT: NO REPORT

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Ginn reported that he had a meeting with Tom Coleman of DOT on Wednesday January 10, 2001 at 2:30 downtown. This was to discuss the LARP funding and he would like for some of the council members to attend the meeting with him. He had talked to Bobby Reese and Billy Ray both of them had said they would be happy to meet him at the DOT office. The city was going to offer a defensive driving class not only for the employees who had not been able to participate last year but open it up to the public. This class would be on January 30, 2001 and there would be a \$15.00 charge. It would be a six hour classroom course and the participates could save on their insurance. The new manager of Charter Communications was having a reception for the 1,000,000th customer and it would be an opportunity to get to know the new manager. The Gwinnett Chamber was having its annual meeting on Friday February 2, 2001 and he felt the city should have some representation. The holidays had interfered with the work sessions and he was proposing that they be scheduled for two Thursdays before the meeting. The council members felt it was better to leave it at the Thursday before the council meeting. A work session was scheduled for Thursday February 8, 2001.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION AND
PERSONNEL:

Council Member Avery made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel. Council Member Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Council Member Mosley made the motion to return to regular session. Council Member Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Council Member Mosley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Date Approved _____

Mayor Roberta Crabb

Attest:

City Clerk