

City of Sugar Hill Council Meeting  
Monday August 13, 2001  
7:30 PM Community Center

The City of Sugar Hill held its regular Council Meeting on Monday August 13, 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Abbey, Council Members Meg Avery, Kim Hall and Gary Pirkle. Also present were City Attorney Lee Thompson, City Manager Bob Hail, and Assistant City Manager for Development Jim Osborn and City Clerk Shirley Gibbs. Absent was Council Member Michael Mosley.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Council Member Hall made a motion to amend the agenda to add Item E for a Resolution for CDBG Transfer. Mayor Pro-Tem Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote. 4-0

**APPROVAL OF 7-09-2001 MINUTES:**

Council Member Avery said there were two changes that needed to be made to the minutes. On page 4 Item J should be changed to reflect that the Poll Manager would be paid \$125.00 for Election Day only not for the months of July through December. Also on page 4, Item I should state that Gary Pirkle and Michael Mosley currently hold the two council seats that are up for election instead of Gary Pirkle and Michael Mosley currently hold the two council seats. Council Member Hall made the motion to approve the July 09, 2001 Minutes with changes. Council Member Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS**

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS:**

Comments from the citizens and guests included Valarie Phelps, Karen Lynn, Matt Jones, Michael Drozynski and other residents of Bent Creek Subdivision regarding drainage problems, the retention pond overflowing, water standing in their yards, flooding their yards, mud in the streets and alga forming in the streets. Jim Sands of Old Spring Way commented on the need to improve Spring Hill Drive. This project is in the works if the city can get the needed right of way. He also asked about SPLOST Funding for streets and what determines a wetland.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A: ACCEPT ANNEXATION APPLICATION AX-01-004: TY ROBINSON; TAX ID #7-347-014, 7-347-024, 7-347-050, SUWANEE DAM ROAD/RIVERSIDE ROAD 19.16 ACRES. ANNEX AND REZONE FROM R-100 TO RM:**

Planning Director Jim Osborn stated this was an application to annex into the city limits and to rezone from R-100 to RM to allow for town homes. Council Member Hall made the motion to accept Annexation Application AX-01-004. Council Member Avery made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote 4-0.

**B: ACCEPT ANNEXATION APPLICATION AX-01-005: D G JENKINS DEVELOPMENT CORP; TAX ID #7-305-012, HILLCREST DRIVE/ROAD 21.87 ACRES ANNEX AND REZONE FROM R-100 TO RM:**

Planning Director Jim Osborn stated this was also an application to annex into the city limits and to rezone from R-100 to RM to allow for town homes. Council Member Hall made the motion to accept Annexation Application AX-01-005. Council Member Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote 4-0.

**C: FINANCIAL POLICIES:**

City Manager Bob Hail explained that he and Finance Director Kelley Canady needed to be able to extinguish the inter-fund balances shown on the year-end budget report. Council Member Pirkle made the motion to authorize the City Manager and Finance Director be allowed to extinguish the inter-fund balances according to accepted governmental procedures. Mayor Pro-Tem Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote 4-0.

**D: DISCUSSION OF REDISTRICTING MAP FOR GWINNETT COUNTY:**

Council Member Pirkle stated this was to discuss the new redistricting map that the state was drawing up and the change it would have in Gwinnett County. One of the changes would create a six member Gwinnett County Commission instead of a four member Commission. He presented a Resolution in support of the six-member Gwinnett County Commission. Council Member Pirkle made the motion to approve the Resolution endorsing the six-member Gwinnett County Commission. Mayor Pro-Tem Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote 4-0.

**E: RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER CDBG FUNDS:**

**THIS ITEM WAS ADDED TO THE AGENDA:**

City Manager Hail explained this Resolution was necessary in order for CDBG Funds to be transferred to make improvements to city hall. Council Member Hall made the motion to approve the Resolution for the CDBG Transfer of Funds. Council Member Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote 4-0.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: NO REPORT**

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**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Pirkle wanted the street department to check drainage structures, particularly where creeks were passing under the structures. He had talked to Representative Bobby Reese, who had said he would be having a town hall meeting probably on a Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Sugar Hill. There would be an Inter-Governmental Meeting at the Buford City Hall on Tuesday August 14, 2001 at 7:30 PM.

Council Member Avery reported that she had received phone calls from residents of Frontier Forest regarding drainage problems. She felt that this council was working together better with the county and getting more accomplished. She thanked her fellow council members for a good and productive work session. The city will be having a fall festival on October 20, 2001 at E.E. Robinson Park; Dr. Debra Cirone is the festival director. She wanted to welcome two exchange students, one is living with her and going to North Gwinnett High School for five months, the other will be going to North Gwinnett High School for the full school year.

Council Member Hall wanted to remind the citizens that there would be an election on November 6, 2001. The Mayor and two council seats were up for election. Council Member Pirkle and Council Member Mosley currently hold the two council seats that are up for election. She urged the citizens to participate in their city government and if they are not registered to vote make sure that they do register.

Mayor Pro-Tem Abbey had no report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Crabb was sorry that the city was having so many drainage problems but she felt that Mr. Hail and Mr. Osborn would stay on top of this problem. She introduced a special guest, six-year-old Kirk Sands, who had come to the meeting with his father.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:** NO REPORT

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Hail reported that grinding and resurfacing was in progress on Whitehead and Old Cumming Road. They were going to stop at the city limits but they would now be going all the way to West Broad Street and Highway 20 as part of the same project but the city would be paying for their part. He had received bids on grinding and resurfacing of Kyle Circle, Windswept Trace, Altavista, Railroad Avenue, Old Suwanee Road, Spring View, Hidden Meadow and Garner Springs Lane. He wanted to reiterate what Council Member Avery had said about the Fall Festival. It will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> and it will be a family festival. The committee had met one time already and they were very excited, they need volunteers to work, organize and they need vendors. There will be an icon on the website page for updates on the festival and minutes. Jim will be selecting a new building inspector, gave a summary of the gas review that had been presented in June and July. The Mormon Church had a very successful community

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service day in the park on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Also in the park, the city had received the insurance payment for the playground equipment and he would be ordering new playground equipment, a six-foot wide concrete walking trail had been installed around the ball fields and connects back to the road.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL ISSUES, PERSONNEL AND REAL ESTATE:**

Council Member Avery made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Legal Issues, Personnel and Real Estate. Council Member Hall made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote 4-0.

Council Member Hall made the motion to return to regular session, Council Member Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote 4-0.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Hall made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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Date Approved

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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