

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006
7:30 PM CITY HALL ANNEX
4988 WEST BROAD STREET, SUGAR HILL**

Call to Order – Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Gary Pirkle, Mayor Pro Tem Nick Thompson, Council Members Marc Cohen, Steve Edwards, Mike Sullivan and Clint Thompson. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Lee Thompson.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the 911 victims and the heroes that help in this crisis and others.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Invocation – given by Mayor Pirkle.

Approval of Agenda - approved as submitted. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Agenda. Council Member Clint Thompson seconded the motion. Approved 4-0

Council Member Edwards entered the meeting at this time.

Approval of Minutes - Minutes Council Meeting August 14, 2006. The Minutes were approved as written. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the minutes. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

City Attorney's Report – City Attorney Lee Thompson had no report.

Council Reports

Council Member Mike Sullivan reported that the Mayor and Council requested that the City Attorney investigate whether Sawnee Electric should be passing the franchise fee on to the customers. The Council has received complaints from the citizens regarding a letter that Sawnee sent out notifying them that they would be assessed a 4% franchise fee on their bills. They were sent to certain neighborhoods. He also updated everyone that the Fall Festival is up to speed and everything is progressing according to plan. They have a lot of interest but nobody has signed up for the Chili Cook Off. If you are interested then please get your application into them within the next few weeks. This past Friday night was the first date night movie at E. E. Robinson Park. It was not as well attended as the family movies but this should improve.

Council Member Nick Thompson had no report

Council Member Marc Cohen reported that he was glad that the Mayor asked for a moment of silence. He threw out a few dates that were direct attacks on the United States: December 7, 1941, November 22, 1963, January 28, 1986, April 19, 1995 and December 11, 2001; Pearl Harbor, JFK

Assassination, Challenger Explosion, Oklahoma City Bombing, Attack on World Trade Center. People remembered exactly where they were on those occasions. He reflected on where he was on 9-11-01. If you see a firefighter, a police officer or any other heroic person that fights to protect us and our freedom, thank them

Council Member Steve Edwards arrived at this time and reported that the Sugar Hill Elementary School was having a golf tournament on September 15th at the Sugar Hill Golf Course. You can purchase the Mayor's garden services as one of the silent auction items. This is a fundraiser for the school so if you want to get involved please do so. The Fall Festival is coming along fine. He and Council Member Sullivan met with Andy McQuagge to iron out the details.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Gary Pirkle commented on the Sawnee Franchise letter that Council Member Sullivan was referring to. He explained what the franchise fees are. They are fees that the Cities charge the utilities to come on their right of way and place their lines there. This is used to pay for the cost of the street lights and other services. All cities have franchise fees and they are controlled by state law.

City Clerk's Report – City Clerk Jane Whittington had no report.

City Manager's Report - City Manager Bob Hail reported the following: See Attachment #1.

Consent Agenda

Ordinance – Floodplain Management/Flood Damage Prevention

Mayor Pirkle explained that this ordinance coincides with the new flood plain maps submitted by the Georgia EPD. This Ordinance will bring the City up to date on the floodplain regulations and maps. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Citizens and Guests Comments

Old Business:

PUBLIC HEARING, Ordinance – Architectural Design Standard – Kaipo Awana explained the ordinance and why the City is considering revising the Architectural Standards. The Public Hearing was opened and there were no comments from the public so the hearing was closed. Council Member Edwards motioned to approve the Ordinance. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING, Ordinance – Density Standard Amendment – Kaipo Awana explained the Density Ordinance and how it is broken down by zoning designation. The way this amendment reads the developer is clearer on the infrastructure and how it is counted in the density. The Public Hearing was opened and there were no comments from the public so the public hearing was closed. Council Member Edwards motioned to approve the Ordinance. Council Member C. Thompson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

New Business:

Sanitation Cost Increase – The City Manager explained the increase request of 5% by Robertson Sanitation. They have not instituted an increase to the residential citizens in 5 years. Last year there was an increase to the commercial dumpsters. The City Manager explained that they give exceptional service with very few complaints from the citizens. They also have a citywide clean up day every year where they haul off large items at no cost to the citizens. They have also started recycling corrugated cardboard. They go to the back door for citizens that are elderly or unable to haul the trash to the curb.

Council Member C. Thompson motioned to approve the 5% increase by Robertson Sanitation and direct the City Manager to execute the contract with the review and approval of the City Attorney. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 3-1-1 with Council Members C. Thompson, Sullivan and N. Thompson voting yea, Council Member Cohen voting nay and Council Member Edwards abstaining.

Executive Session: Legal, Real Estate and/or Personnel: No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Gary Pirkle, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk