

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007  
7:30 PM CITY HALL ANNEX  
4988 WEST BROAD STREET**

CALL TO ORDER – By Mayor Pirkle at 7:40 p.m. Present were Mayor Gary Pirkle, Council Members Mike Sullivan, Clint Thompson and Nick Thompson. Mayor Pro Tem Steve Edwards and Council Member Marc Cohen were not present. Also present were City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Lee Thompson. City Manager Bob Hail was not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
INVOCATION – given by Mayor Pirkle

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member N. Thompson motioned to approve the Agenda as submitted. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The Minutes of June 11, 2007 were approved as submitted. Council Member N. Thompson motioned to approve the Minutes. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION – **Renya Eurek, Planning Commission**, Mayor Pirkle thanked Ms. Eurek for her service from September, 2003 until June, 2007. For two years she served as the Chairman of the Planning Commission. He presented her with a plaque of appreciation.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT – City Attorney Lee Thompson had no report.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Mike Sullivan reported that the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks was an absolute wonderful experience. Hats off to the recreation staff and everyone that was involved. Neighbors and citizens came up and told him what a great job they are doing. The mosquito spraying is having a positive effect. He had visitors and they were not bothered by mosquitos at dusk.

Council Member Nick Thompson and Council Member Clint Thompson had no report.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Gary Pirkle reported for Council Member Edwards that is attending his Father’s 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. He wanted to send thanks and appreciation to the staff and everyone that made the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July event possible. Mayor Pirkle thanked Council Member Edwards who was the inspiration behind this event. It was his brainchild and he works to add events to it every year. He thanked The Family Church for providing the volunteers as they always do, and for cleaning up afterwards.

CITY CLERK’S REPORT – Jane Whittington City Clerk had no report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - City Clerk Jane Whittington updated that there was an annexation case that will be coming forward at the July 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting and the August 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. It is AX-07-003, Suwanee Dam Rd. Partners requesting to annex and rezone 19.4 acres off of Suwanee Dam Rd. It is currently zoned R-100 modified in Gwinnett County and they are requesting RS-100 for a single family residential subdivision.

## CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. CDBG Resolution**
- 2. VAR-07-005, Charles Pruitt, Gravel Parking Lot – Table 8/13/07**
- 3. VAR-07-006, Mill Creek Investments LLC, Stream Buffer – Table 8/13/07**
- 4. Community Relations Director Position**

Mayor Pirkle explained the items on the consent agenda: The CDBG Resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign contracts for reimbursement of 2007 CDBG Funds from Gwinnett County CDBG totaling \$58,000 for street improvements on Craig Drive and Creek Lane. VAR-07-005 & VAR-07-006 are tabled until next month to allow time to receive updated information from the applicants. The Community Relations Director Position was approved by the Council and this will allow the City Manager to adjust the 2007 Budget Salary line item with an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member N. Thompson seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**2007 Election Superintendent Oath of Office** – Mayor Pirkle opened the floor for nominations for Election Superintendent for the 2007 City Election. Council Member Mike Sullivan nominated Jeanne Ferguson. No other nominations were made so the floor was closed and Ms. Ferguson was sworn in by Mayor Pirkle.

**PUBLIC HEARING, Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Article 13, Signs** – Awana read the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Signs. There was discussion from the Mayor and Council on clarification of the size of temporary signs that would be allowed. As it is submitted for approval tonight the total is 6 square feet per lot. This is total so if you have a 2' X 3' it could only be one sided.

The Public Hearing was opened and Allen Jorgensen asked if his "For Rent" sign would be restricted. Renya Eurek asked if this pertained to political signs. Mayor explained that it would because this covered all temporary signs such as real estate, yard sale and political signs. They would be exempt signs and not require a permit.

Director Awana suggested change on footnote of the chart, pages 1307 and 1308, instead of 30' it should be set back a distance equal to the sign's height.

The Public Hearing was closed and Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Amendment to Article 13, Signs, to include the change mentioned by the City Attorney; the change made by staff as indicated above regarding sign setback; and 1308, temporary signs, to

include the words “each side” at the end of the sentence to allow maximum square footage for each side of a single sign. Council Member N. Thompson seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING, Architectural & Design Standards Amendment** – Awana explained that this will exclude stucco on the rear of the large commercial or industrial buildings and allow concrete/block. Some high grade stucco/E.I.F.S. is allowed on the rest of the structures according to the chart/square footage. The Mayor explained that this will allow split face on the larger units with block in the rear instead of all brick.

The Public Hearing was opened and there were no comments from the public so the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Architectural & Design Standards Amendment, Article 6, Sec. 608A as presented. Council Member N. Thompson seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL:  
No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Sullivan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member N. Thompson. Approved 3-0.

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Gary Pirkle, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk