

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008  
7:30 PM CITY HALL ANNEX**

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pirkle at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Gary Pirkle, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Sullivan, Council Members Steve Edwards, Susie Gajewski, and Nick Thompson. Council Member Marc Cohen was not present. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Attorney Frank Hartley and City Clerk Jane Whittington.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

INVOCATION – Given by Pastor Phil Olsen of the Cross Connection Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Steve Edwards motioned to approve the Agenda with the following additions: add award during City Clerk report; and add #11 City Manager discussion of Gary Pirkle Park Bridges. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 8, 2008 Council Meeting – Council Member Gajewski motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

**CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS**

Paul Phillips, 513 Glen Level Circle spoke regarding the Contract for Security within the City. He expressed concerns that they would not be POST certified and have jurisdiction. Mayor Pirkle explained the process of how the City got to this point regarding police and security.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Sanitation Contract**
- 2. Ordinance – Identity Theft Prevention Program**
- 3. Ordinance – Administrative Provisions**

Mayor Pirkle explained the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING - RZ-08-005 REZONING** Tax Parcel ID: 7-292-032 .84 Acres, Parkway Warehouse, LLC requesting to rezone .84 acre at 4830 Wages Way, Sugar Hill, Georgia; currently zoned LM (Light Manufacturing District) applicant is requesting an HM-1 (Light Industry District) zoning classification to allow the existing building to accommodate an automotive business use – Director Awana explained the staff and Planning Commission both recommend denial for this application. They felt that it did not meet the future land use and the area is residential and mixed use. The Public Hearing was opened and the applicant did not speak. Ron Taylor, 1324 Hidden Circle spoke saying that the

proposed zoning did not meet the neighborhood. Council Member Edwards motioned to deny RZ-08-005. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion to deny was approved 4-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING - VAR-08-003 VARIANCE REQUEST** Victor Delerme, Pacific Recycling, LLC, 5181 Nelson Brogdon Road, request to allow parking areas, internal drives and storage areas to remain graveled for proposed recycling facility – Director Awana explained the variance request. The staff recommends approval with conditions. This is a non-conforming use. The Public Hearing was opened and Victor Delerme, Pacific Recycling explained why they requested the variance. They currently have gravel at the location and feel that it would be best for the trucks that are at the location daily. They purchase metals from different clients and resell it outside of the city. The business will provide 8 – 10 new jobs. No one else spoke in favor or in opposition so the Public Hearing was closed. Council Member Edwards motioned to deny VAR-08-003. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**Change Order** – Gary Pirkle Park – The City Manager is requesting approval of a change order for the crushing of rock at the park. They will drill, blast and move the rock and crush it for crush and run. This was an unforeseen issue but the City will be able to use this crush and run in development of the park. This change order approves up to one and one-half million dollars. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Change order. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**Synthetic Fields** - Gary Pirkle Park – Council Member Edwards explained the reasons the City is considering synthetic fields. The initial cost is more but over the life of the fields the maintenance costs will average out. Council Member Edwards motioned to approve the staff recommendation lowest bid for synthetic fields at Gary Pirkle Park. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**City Security** – Mayor Pirkle explained the history of how the City has handled extra security for the citizens. The City employed off duty Gwinnett County officers until the County wanted the City to sign a contract earlier this year. Gwinnett County Police Department would have control over scheduling and where the officers would patrol, and the City would have to pay \$45 an hour to the County. The City then explored a contract with the Gwinnett County Sheriff’s Department. The County Commission voted this proposal down. This leads the City to where they are now. They are now exploring the option of Marshalls that would be employed by the City. Council Member Nick Thompson motioned to authorize the City Attorney and the City Manager to prepare and sign a service contract for security patrols. This contract will be on a test basis while other options are researched. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**Cemetery Fence** – The Council has explored different options for the fence surrounding the cemetery on West Broad Street. The City Manager explained that the design and the brick have been approved and the next step is the rod iron. He displayed two types of rod iron. The Council approved the solid steel one. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the construction of the fence with the solid steel, fleur-de-lys style. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. Approved 3-1 with Council Member Gajewski voting nay.

**West Broad Street Closing Authority** - The City Manager wanted approval from the Mayor and Council to allow the City Clerk to sign the documents for the West Broad Street closings if he is out of town. He could possibly be called out for a family emergency. Council Member Sullivan motioned to allow the City Clerk to sign the appropriate closing documents. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**Gary Pirkle Park Bridges** – The city is proposing six bridges at Gary Pirkle Park. They are as follows: one heavy duty 65’ bridge, four pedestrian bridges and one covered bridge. The heavy duty bridge is critical to construction of the park. They will need to use it for access to other portions of the park. The side rails, etc. can be selected later. The engineer from Signature Bridge was present at the meeting and explained the wood used and construction of the bridges. The wood will have a three year warranty. He explained that the start of construction would be four to five weeks from authorization to implementation and three to four weeks to completion. Council Member Sullivan motioned for the City Manager to proceed and enter into contract with Signature Bridges for the six bridges at Gary Pirkle Park. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

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

**ADJOURNMENT** – Council Member Sullivan motioned to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

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Gary Pirkle, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk