

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009  
7:30 PM CITY HALL ANNEX  
4988 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

**CALL TO ORDER** – by Mayor Pirkle at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Gary Pirkle and Council Members Marc Cohen, Steve Edwards, Susie Gajewski, Nick Thompson, and Mike Sullivan. 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 Mayor Pirkle.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – December 8, 2008 – Council Member Gajewski motioned to approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2008 Council Meeting as written. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**MAYOR PRO TEM APPOINTMENT** – Council Member Sullivan nominated Nick Thompson as Mayor Pro Tem for 2009. There were no other nominations so Nick Thompson was appointed as the Mayor Pro Tem.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – Frank Hartley had no report for the Regular Meeting.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Mike Sullivan would like to see the City get more involved in promoting volunteerism.

Council Member Nick Thompson reported that the DDA will meet Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Annex.

Council Member Marc Cohen congratulated City Attorney Lee Thompson on winning the election for State Representative of Lawrenceville. Mr. Thompson was sworn in today at the State Capitol. Condolences go out to County Commissioner Kevin Kenerly whose father passed away this weekend.

Council Member Susie Gajewski had no report.

Council Member Steve Edwards reported that there would be a lot of visible improvements in the City in 2009; West Broad Street, Gary Pirkle Park and E.E. Robinson Park.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – Mayor Gary Pirkle reminded everyone that a flyer just went out from the recreation department for registration of various classes and programs. This past month, the City purchased an additional 5.4 acres to go with Gary Pirkle Park. This property is off of Suwanee Dam Rd. and was formerly owned by the Garner family. The City is looking at the house to see if it can be renovated for use as a wedding or large gathering facility. This property offers a commanding view of what will be the fields of Gary Pirkle Park.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT – Jane Whittington City Clerk reminded businesses that license renewals are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions please call City Hall and talk to one of the Customer Service Representatives. City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – see Attachment #1.

CITY SECURITY UPDATE – Plaza Security updated everyone on their progress and gave the Mayor and Council a copy of their schedule. They have been visiting some of the businesses during the day and meeting with Homeowner Associations at night. They have been some residential burglaries and gang activity. They have been taking pictures and getting names and cooperating with Gwinnett County Police on all activity.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS** – Rosemary Walsh, 5355 Conner Miles Drive, asked how the neighborhoods without Homeowner's Associations could meet with Plaza Security. They informed her that she could just get as many of them as she could together and they would set up a meeting.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **Resolution Service Delivery Strategy**

##### **Qualification Fee Municipal Election**

##### **Development Regulations Amendment Site Lighting**

Mayor Pirkle explained the items on the Consent Agenda. The Resolution for the Service Delivery Strategy will be approved through May, 2009 to allow time for negotiations. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING – Resolution to adopt Comprehensive Plan** – Director Awana explained the process of the Comprehensive plan. Since 2007 there have been Public Hearings to allow public comments on the plan. This will be the final Public Hearing and the plan will be submitted to Atlanta Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs for adoption. The Public Hearing was opened and there were no comments from the public so the hearing was closed. Council Member Sullivan reminded the public that the complete plan is available on the City's website in the Planning and Development section. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Resolution to adopt the Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL:** Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. The meeting was reconvened and the following action was taken out of Executive Session. The City Attorney Frank Hartley explained that if the Council approves this legal settlement then the Council must vote to approve a settlement in a case between the City's insurance and the plaintiff in the case. The motion would be to approve the settlement as discussed in Executive Session and to authorize the Mayor to sign it. The Mayor further explained that he does not authorize the expenditure of any City funds except for the normal maintenance that the City normally provides. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the settlement agreement as outlined by the City Attorney and Mayor. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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Gary Pirkle, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk