

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Nick Thompson and Council Members Marc Cohen, Susie Gajewski, and Mike Sullivan. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Attorney Lee Thompson and Frank Hartley, and City Clerk Jane Whittington. Council Member Steve Edwards was not present.

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 Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 9, 2009 Council Meeting, Council Member Thompson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

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CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – Meg Avery, 4575 Forest Green Drive, stated that Sugar Hill has a lot to be proud of. They have added many new services and have not increased property taxes to do it. Gwinnett County could watch Sugar Hill and learn from their example.

CONSENT AGENDA

Personnel Policy Amendment – Technology Policy – Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING – 2010 Proposed Budget – The Mayor asked the City Manager to give a summary of the proposed budget. The public hearing was opened and Meg Avery asked about the police funds. The City Manager explained that there is 600 extra hours of security coverage in the 2010 Budget. Plaza Security gave the city a better rate so they increased the hours of coverage. There were no other comments so the public hearing was closed. This was the third and final public hearing. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the 2010 Proposed Budget as presented. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Planning Commission Appointments – Mayor Pirkle explained that two of the Planning Commission member’s terms (Jeanne Ferguson and Rosemary Walsh) expire on December 31st. They have both expressed an interest in continuing to serve another term. The terms are for three years. The Mayor opened the floor for nominations for the post currently held by Jeanne Ferguson. Council Member Cohen nominated Ms. Ferguson. There were no other nominations so Ms. Ferguson will serve another term. The Mayor opened the floor for nominations for the Post currently held by Rosemary Walsh. Council Member Sullivan nominated Ms. Walsh. There were no other nominations so Ms. Walsh will serve another term.

Ordinance Charter Amendment – Vacancy/Resignation of Office – Mayor Pirkle explained that when the municipal code was undergoing the recodification process the language was removed requiring that an elected official to resign if they qualify to run for another office other than the one they currently hold. The boards are still set up that way. Since this is a charter amendment, it must be advertised once a week for four weeks before adoption, and it must be adopted at two consecutive meetings. Council Member Thompson motioned to approve the ordinance. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Council Member Thompson and Gajewski voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Cohen and Sullivan voted against the ordinance. The Mayor broke the tie with a vote in favor. The Ordinance will be on January’s Agenda for the second consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL: Council Member Sullivan motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

PUBLIC ACTION ON ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS: The meeting was reconvened at 9:55 p.m. There was action taken out of Executive Session. Council Member Thompson motioned to implement a salary increase of 2.5% for the City Manager and 2.5% for the City Clerk. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Gary Pirkle, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk