

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 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, Council Members Marc Cohen, Susie Gajewski and Mike Sullivan. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney’s Lee Thompson and Frank Hartley. 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 – March 9, 2009 – Council Member Gajewski motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mike Sullivan reported on Sugar Hill Helping Hands. The last meeting went very well and the next meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup> location to be determined. Visit the [sugarhillhelpinghands.com](http://sugarhillhelpinghands.com) website for more details.

Nick Thompson had no report.

Marc Cohen reported that he attended a flag ceremony with the Boy Scouts. Anyone who has torn or tattered American flags should donate them to the Boy Scouts. There is an actual ceremony where the flags are destroyed properly.

Susie Gajewski had no report.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Gary Pirkle reported that even though the last movie at Reels at Robinson was rained out, there is a whole series of movies in the coming months. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt went well this year. Visit the City website for more details. The City has filled out an application for the volunteer group World Changers to come to Sugar Hill over the summer. The application was approved and details should follow soon.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT – Jane Whittington, City Clerk reported the following, The City issued 26 new licenses in the month of March. Out of the 26, 10 were commercial based; and 16 were home based. The businesses include a consignment boutique, landscape companies, acupuncture clinic, taxi cab company and a utility grading company. Some of the upcoming events in the City include a city-wide clean-up day. The City's website can help you determine which day is your pick-up day. If you do not have access to the website call customer service and they will look it up for you. The south side of Highway 20 will be picked up May 20<sup>th</sup>; the north side of Highway 20 will be picked up May 13<sup>th</sup>. Level billing is being offered again this year for City gas customers. The sign-up period is during the months of May and June. The 2008 level billing customers will settle up during the May/June period. If you are on level billing you must sign a new contract every year. The renewal is not automatic. Your gas usage for the past 12 months will be averaged to determine your monthly rate. You must therefore have lived at that address for 12 continuous months. The customer service department will have the amount determined for renewal. Call or stop by and get your billing amount and turn your contract in for the 2009-2010 Level/Budget billing no later than June 4<sup>th</sup>. Any questions call 770-945-6716 or visit cityofsugarhill.com.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - Bob Hail, City Manager reported the following, See Exhibit A.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – There were no comments from Citizens or Guests.

### **PROCLAMATIONS: Legacy Academy & Silver Star**

Mayor Pirkle read the proclamations and explained what they were for. Legacy Academy is located here in Sugar Hill and they requested that the Mayor and Council do a proclamation for the Week of the Young Child. The focus is on early childhood education. The second proclamation is to honor the injured veterans and military with a program called Silver Star.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Resolution – CDBG Funds for Street Improvements**
- 2. Street Department Manpower**
- 3. Stormwater Collection Ordinance/IGA**

Mayor Pirkle explained the items on the Consent Agenda. The Resolution for CDBG is to allow the acceptance of Community Development Block Grant Funds for street improvements. The Street Department Manpower is to authorize the City Manager to staff one full time position with benefits in the street department. The Stormwater Collection Ordinance sets a fee structure for the collection of the stormwater fees and authorizes Gwinnett County to collect them in the property tax. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – AX-09-001, City of Sugar Hill, 617 Suwanee Dam Rd, 6 acres**

Director Awana explained the application and the staff recommendations. This property was purchased by the City of Sugar Hill and they want to rezone for recreational purposes. The staff and the Planning Commission recommended OI. The Mayor questioned why not rezone the property residential. The Public Hearing was opened and there were no comments from citizens

so the hearing was closed. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve AX-09-001. Council Member Thompson seconded for discussion. Council Member Sullivan amended the motion to annex the property and to rezone it RS-100. Council Member Thompson's second stands. Approved 4-0.

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

PUBLIC ACTION ON ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS:

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

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Gary Pirkle, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk