

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 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 Steve Edwards, Susie Gajewski 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 – the invocation was given by Mayor Pirkle.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 9, 2009, Council Member Thompson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT – City Attorney Frank Hartley reported that an Executive Session will be necessary tonight. The items discussed will require public action out of Executive Session.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Mike Sullivan reported that the Girl Scouts will be collecting tennis shoes to grind into playground mulch. Collection bins are located at City Hall and the Recreation Center. The DDA will meet March 31st at 6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Helping Hands will meet Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. at The Family Church.

Council Member Nick Thompson had no report.

Council Member Marc Cohen supports volunteerism and is involved in the Boy Scouts, Red Cross and the North Gwinnett Co-op. He also is involved with the North Gwinnett DECA Club. They were recently named the 2009 Outstanding Georgia Chapter. The President Brian Gyle, who came before the Council in the past to speak about Toys for Tots, won a scholarship for outstanding achievement. Last week he represented the City in “Georgia Rides to the Capitol”. This was a bike ride to the capitol from as far away as Roswell. The event was sponsored by the Georgia Municipal Association and the Georgia Metro Mayors Association to raise awareness for the improved conditions for cycling, including the development of regional systems on both on-road cycling facilities and multi-use trails. He also participated in Gwinnett Chamber Day at the Capitol. This was receptions and meetings with the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce and the

General Assembly. On a sadder note he paid condolences to Senator Renee Untermann and her family on the death of her 25 year old son Zach last month.

Council Member Susie Gajewski had no report.

Council Member Steve Edwards wished Mayor's I-9 football team good luck. He was at the park this past weekend and watched them. He coached the past few years and it was very rewarding.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Gary Pirkle thanked Council Member Edwards for helping him out. He was shorthanded a coach and Council Member Edwards filled in. He thanked I-9 Sports for the great job that they do in the City Park. This program is not as high impact. You practice for an hour on Sunday and then you play for an hour. That is it for the week. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 4th at E.E. Robinson Park. There will be an egg hunt, pictures with the Easter Bunny and some inflatable rides and games. On March 27th the first Movie of the season will be shown Madagascar II.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Accept Annexation Application AX-09-001, See Exhibit A

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS

Tommy Brightwell, Allison Dr., Sugar Hill, reported that he is glad to see Plaza Security in the City. He is President of the Wakefield Forest Homeowners Association.

CONSENT AGENDA

Development Regulation Amendment: Exemptions, Required Public Improvements, Sidewalks & Procedures – Council Member Edwards motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – Zoning Ordinance Amendment – 2009 Zoning Map Adoption – replace and supersede the current Official Zoning Map – The Mayor explained that this is the new Official Zoning Map with all of the changes incorporated over the past year. The Public Hearing was opened and there were no comments so the hearing was closed. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Ordinance adopting the new Official Zoning Map for 2009. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Global Sports Contract Extension – The Mayor explained that the City of Sugar Hill and Global Sports signed a 50 year lease on November 13, 2007. The lease required that Global Sports must have the facility and gym built within three years. They are requesting that the City extend this period for two more years allowing them more time to get the financial backing that is necessary. The Mayor requested that the contract clarify that the City has timber rights when the land is cleared for development. Council Member Edwards motioned to approve the Global Sports Contract Extension as requested and specified tonight. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL: Council Member Sullivan motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

PUBLIC ACTION ON ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS: The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 p.m. There were two items out of Executive Session that required public action.

Service Deliver Strategy Resolution – This Resolution appoints and authorizes special general counsel to represent the City in the case between Gwinnett County and all the Gwinnett cities regarding the Service Delivery Agreement. This counsel will work through the GwMA. The Mayor explained the history behind the Service Delivery Agreement and how the need for special counsel came about. Council Member Edwards motioned to approve the Resolution as modified by the City Attorney. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

The second item out of Executive Session requires approval by the Council for a **Resolution authorizing the City to negotiate a land swap**. The Mayor explained that in negotiations to acquire the land necessary for the second downtown detention area, a land swap of 7,000 square feet was agreed upon. The owner of the property will swap this land for an equal 7,000 square feet the city owns. The necessary advertisements and legal requirements have been met including appraisal and legal ads. The Mayor and Council must pass a resolution to allow this to occur. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Resolution to Exchange Real Property as just described by the Mayor. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Gary Pirkle, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk