

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 11, 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 Council Members Marc Cohen, Susie Gajewski and Mike Sullivan. Council Members Nick Thompson and Steve Edwards were not present. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
INVOCATION – given by Mayor Pirkle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Table Agenda item #2 until staff has time to research the flow of the stormwater through the easement. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Agenda as modified. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 13, 2009 – Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT – City Attorney Frank Hartley had no report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Sullivan reported that the next meeting of Sugar Hill Helping Hands would be Thursday, May 14th at the Sugar Hill United Methodist Church.

Council Member Cohen congratulated North Gwinnett Baseball who made it through the first round of the playoffs. Congratulation to North Gwinnett DECA for a really great showing at the International DECA competition. Congratulation also to cameraman Mark for two years of marriage. He had a chance to volunteer for Boy Scout Troop Pack 608 Rain Gutter Regatta. Special congratulations to the first place winner in the Tiger rank Seth Cohen. Next week Pack 608 has their Crossover Ceremony, which is moving on from one rank to the next. Congratulations to Ms. Melanie’s Pre-K class at Sugar Hill First Baptist. They are graduating tomorrow and his daughter Jamie Cohen is in that class. May is the time when children are finishing the school year. Take extra time to watch out for them especially when driving.

Council Member Susie Gajewski also asked that everyone watch for the children on the roads or in our subdivisions.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Gary Pirkle reported that the City has purchased another home on Level Creek Rd., 855. This will expand E.E. Robinson Park and was purchased by the City Attorney at the Gwinnett County Courthouse foreclosure sale for \$107,000. This was significantly less than the other homes on Level Creek were purchased for (approximately \$150,000). The Reels at Robinson movie series continues Friday night at dark with the movie Transformers. The Service Delivery Strategy meetings between the GwMA cities and Gwinnett County are ongoing. They are participating in mediation and no resolution has been made to date.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - City Clerk Jane Whittington reported the following: The City of Sugar Hill will be holding a municipal election this year on Tuesday, November 3rd. The election will be for two Council seats and the Mayor. There is appointment of an Election Superintendent on tonight's agenda. Qualification of candidates will be the week of August 31st – September 4th. October 5th is the last day to register to vote in this election. Level billing is being offered to city gas customers through June 4th. You must sign up to be involved in the program. Renewals are not automatic. The customer service department will have the amount determined for sign-up/renewal. Call or stop by and get your billing amount and turn your contract in for the 2009-2010 Level/Budget billing. City Hall and all City offices will be closed Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day holiday.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - City Manager Bob Hail showed a layout plan of where the new City Hall would be placed if the Mayor and Council approved the proposed plan of the retention/detention pond and amenity located adjacent to it. Pond and Company presented the retention/detention drawings and plan at the May Work Session. This plan, if approved, would take some of the proposed City Hall land and would require that it be placed in the corner next to Temple Drive. The drawing presented tonight showed a green area around City Hall with a parking garage on the front side of the property. The parking garage would have to be constructed with the next SPLOST. Everyone should bring three ideas of what they would want City Hall to look like to the June Work Session. The ideas would be on display at the July 3rd Celebration. The City Manager also presented the following report: See Exhibit A.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – There were no comments from citizens or guests.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution – Service of Legal Documents

The Mayor explained the resolution was needed so when legal documents were served to the Mayor and Council there would be a designee to accept service of these documents. The City Manager and City Clerk were named as the designee. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Gazebo Located in Drainage Easement, 1188 Pine Acre Dr. - TABLED

3. Election Superintendent Appointment/Oath, Jeanne Ferguson – The Mayor opened the floor for nominations for Election Superintendent for the November 3, 2009 City Election. Council Member Sullivan nominated Jeanne Ferguson. There were no other nominations so Mayor Pirkle administered the oath of office to Ms. Ferguson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL: There were no items for Executive Session.

PUBLIC ACTION ON ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS:

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

Gary Pirkle, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk