

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010
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, Council Members Marc Cohen, Steve Edwards, Susie Gajewski, Curtis Northrup and Mike Sullivan. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Attorney Lee Thompson and City Clerk Jane Whittington.

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

OATH OF OFFICE – Gary Pirkle, Mayor – Administered by City Attorney Lee Thompson
Curtis Northrup, Council Member – Administered by Superior Court Judge Tom Davis
Mike Sullivan, Council Member – Administered by Mayor Gary Pirkle

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – the Agenda was amended to add Oath of Office to Planning Commission member Rosemary Walsh. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the amended Agenda. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 14, 2009 – Council Member Gajewski motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

MAYOR PRO TEM APPOINTMENT – Council Member Northrup nominated Council Member Cohen as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Gajewski nominated Council Member Sullivan. The vote was 2 for Cohen and 3 for Sullivan. Mayor Pirkle administered the Oath of Office to Mike Sullivan as Mayor Pro Tem.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT
COUNCIL REPORTS
MAYOR'S REPORT
CITY CLERK'S REPORT
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS

Oath of Office – Planning Commission Member Rosemary Walsh – Mayor Pirkle administered the Oath to Rosemary Walsh.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance, Charter Amendment - Resignation of Office – Final Adoption – Council Member Edwards motioned to approve; Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 3-2 with Council Members Northrup and Sullivan voting against.

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Chief Judge & Associate Judge Appointments – Council Member Cohen nominated to reappoint Margaret Washburn as Chief Municipal Judge and Charles Barrett and Kathryn Schrader as Associate Municipal Judges. There were no other nominations so the Judges will be sworn in at the next Municipal Court Session.

DDA Appointments – There are two openings on the DDA. The Mayor explained the composition of the authority and which seats were open. The floor was opened for nominations. Council Member Edwards nominated Nick Thompson to fill the seat Nick currently holds. There were no other nominations so He will be sworn in momentarily. The floor was opened for the seat currently held by Bridgett Jorgensen. Council Member Cohen nominated Allen Jorgensen. There were no other nominations so Nick Thompson and Allen Jorgensen were sworn in by Mayor Pirkle with President of the DDA Dawn Gober in attendance.

Public Hearing, Zoning Map Adoption 2010 – Mayor Pirkle explained that this map includes all the zoning updates and changes approved in 2009. The public hearing was opened and there were no comments from the public. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the 2010 Zoning Map. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Public Hearing, Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Article 3, Article 13, & Article 14 – Planning & Development Director Awana explained the changes included in the ordinance amendment. There were considerable questions and discussion from the Mayor and council. Council Member Cohen motioned to table this ordinance until the next meeting to allow for review and clarification. Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Public Hearing, VAR-09-006, Dr. Hamryka, Eliminate Zoning Condition for Chain Link Fence – Director Awana explained the variance request from Sugar Hill Animal Hospital for a dog walk area. The staff is recommending approval with conditions. The public hearing was opened and Dr. Hamryka spoke regarding the application. They are adding on a 30 X 20 building on the opposite side of the building from the dog walk area. This addition is for a doggie hotel. They will try and not remove many trees for the dog walk. They will remove pines and try and leave the hardwoods. No one spoke in opposition so the public hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve VAR-09-006 with the 3 staff conditions, adding to number 3 to read chain link fence to be black vinyl coated and no higher than 6 feet. Also add a 4th condition to read leaving all hardwood trees if at all possible. Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Gary Pirkle, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk