

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Sullivan, Council Members Marc Cohen, Susie Gajewski, Steve Edwards and Curtis Northrup. 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 Council Member Edwards motioned to approve the Agenda as submitted. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 8, 2010 – Council Member Gajewski motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR’S REPORT

CITY CLERK’S REPORT

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS

Gary Underwood – state that he moved here four years ago and the traffic has increased dramatically. He has four children and he is concerned with the high speeds on Whitehead Rd. He called the Gwinnett Police and they told him that it was the city’s responsibility to slow people down. He asked if stop signs could be put in place to slow people down. The Mayor stated that Whitehead is a Gwinnett County maintained road. He would need to contact Gwinnett County DOT for requests such as stop signs. The City will request additional enforcement. The speed radar cart can be moved there to show people how fast they are going.

Meg Avery – stated that there was a nice article in the newspaper this past weekend regarding Gary Pirkle Park. She shares in the excitement of the opening. With the improvements to E.E. Robinson the City is closer to the goal of becoming “The Recreation City” She also wanted to let the Council know that she is a part of the American for Suicide Prevention, North Gwinnett Chapter. They are hosting an Out of the Darkness Walk. It is a sunrise to sunset walk to promote suicide prevention. The event is May 8th at 9:00 a.m. Donations are not mandatory.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Article 3, Article 13, & Article 14 – Director Awana requested that the Council table this until the next meeting to allow time to review new information provided by the City Attorney. Council Member Edwards motioned to table this Ordinance until the next Council meeting. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Mike Morgan Recreation Program – Council Member Gajewski stated that The Georgia Soccer Association application has been completed. Previously the Council discussed beginning a Sugar Hill Soccer Program headed by Mike Morgan. This would include summer camps with the soccer program beginning in Fall. There was some discussion regarding the number of children that would sign up and whether they would have enough teams to play without considerable travel. Council Member Gajewski motioned to approve a Sugar Hill Soccer Program headed by Mike Morgan for the age group eight and under. The space and fields would be shared with Atlanta Fire also allowing field space for camps and tournaments. Council Member Northrup seconded for discussion. If Atlanta Fire disagreed with this age group arrangement, then the Council would have to come back to discuss alternatives. There was also discussion about tournaments being part of the motion. Council Member Cohen requested that there be a time frame to re-evaluate the program. Council Member Northrup withdrew his second. Council Member Gajewski made a substitute motion to implement an independent Mike Morgan Soccer Recreation Program for eight and under, without exclusive field use, to be re-evaluated in two year intervals. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 4-1 with Council Member Edwards voting nay.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary Pirkle Park Policy & Procedures – The Recreation Director Andy McQuagge submitted proposed policies and fee schedule for Gary Pirkle Park. The Mayor requested that #10 be changed to include any event that charges fees not just tournaments. Council Member Cohen asked if the larger events had public safety components. City Manager Bob Hail said that the individual rental agreements would address these issues. This form deals with the park policies. Council Member Edwards motioned to approve the proposed Gary Pirkle Park policies with the amendment to #10. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion.

Subscribed Regulatory Compliance Service – The City Manager explained that up until now the manuals and policies have been completed in house. We no longer have the expertise to keep up with the complex changes. Municipal Gas Authority has four people full time to keep the cities in compliance. There are two contracts; one for the previous years that the program has been in existence and one that is current. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Subscribed Regulatory Compliance Service Contracts and approve the funding to bring us to date and in compliance. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL:
There was not an executive session held.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Gary Pirkle, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk