

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 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 Member Marc Cohen, Steve Edwards, Susie Gajewski 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 amend the Agenda to table the proclamation for Principal Levent until the May meeting. She was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 8, 2010 – Council Member Edwards motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Council Member Sullivan 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 – There were no comments from citizens or guests.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation – Sandra Levent – Principal Sugar Hill Elementary - TABLED

Proclamation – Collin Scanlan Eagle Scout Mayor Pirkle read and presented the proclamation to Collin along with his parents Richard and Deveny Scanlan.

Proclamation – Recognition of Law Day - Mayor Pirkle read and presented the proclamation to City Attorney Frank Hartley.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Article 3, Article 13, & Article 14 – Awana

REQUEST TO TABLE UNTIL NEXT MEETING – Council Member Sullivan motioned to table this item until the May meeting. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinance to Amend Municipal Court Costs – Awana

GwMA SDS Assessment – Hail

The Mayor explained the items on the Consent Agenda. The Ordinance to amend the Municipal Court Costs will add \$10 to the current fee to make it a total of \$60 for the City’s fees. This \$10 will help defray the cost of the new court software. The GwMA SDS Assessment will fund the ongoing legal battle with Gwinnett County regarding Service Delivery Strategy. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING - Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Prohibited Uses – Director Awana explained the Ordinance amendment. This will allow current businesses in the Downtown Overlay District more flexibility to improve. If a business falls within the Prohibited Uses they cannot expand more than 10% in area. The Planning Commission recommended approval. The Public Hearing was opened and there were no comments from the public so the Public Hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Prohibited Uses. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

City Hall Architects – The Mayor explained that the City purchased property a few years back where the old Nuaire factory was on West Broad Street. The building was demolished and recently an RFP was sent out for Architects to design a new City Hall to be built there. There were twenty proposals submitted by different architect firms. The City Manager along with the Community Relations Director and the Planning Director interviewed nine firms out of the twenty. They narrowed those nine to five which made presentations to the Mayor and Council. There are two finalist to be considered tonight. The final firms are Precision Planning and Pieper, O'Brien, Herr. Pictures of the final design ideas were shown on the overhead as the Mayor explained the designs the two firms brought forward at the April Work Session. The Mayor and Council agreed that both firms did a really good job in their presentations and what they brought to the Mayor and Council. The drawings that were shown may not even be what the City Hall will look like. The final decision of which firm to go with will be based on the potential working relationship with that company and experience with working with the City. Council Member Edwards motioned to hire Precision Planning and a contract to design the new City Hall be worked out with the assistance of the City Manager and City Attorney. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL: Council Member Sullivan motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no public action taken out of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was reconvened at 8:40 p.m. Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Gary Pirkle, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk