

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011
RESCHEDULED THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011
7:30 PM CITY HALL ANNEX
4988 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pirkle at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was rescheduled from Monday, January 10 to Thursday January 13 because of inclement weather. Present were Mayor Gary Pirkle, and Council Members Marc Cohen, Steve Edwards, Susie Gajewski, Curtis Northrup, and Mike Sullivan. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Lee Thompson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
INVOCATION**

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 – December 13, 2010, Council Member Gajewski motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

MAYOR PRO TEM APPOINTMENT – Oath of Office, Council Member Edwards nominated Marc Cohen as Mayor Pro Tem. There were no other nominations so the Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Marc Cohen.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT
COUNCIL REPORTS
MAYOR’S REPORT
CITY CLERK’S REPORT
CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – Updates and welcome to the new Commander of the North Precinct Major Mindy Bayreuther.

CONSENT AGENDA

Qualifying Fees 2011 Election – City Clerk

Ordinance Amendment, Nuisances – Planning Director

Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

VAR-10-002, Architectural Design Standard, McDonalds Restaurant – The Planning Director explained the application. The staff did not find compelling issues to approve the application, so they are recommending denial. The Public Hearing was opened and Gary Chapman represented McDonalds and the owner/operator Bob Sedowski. No one spoke in opposition so the hearing was closed. Council Member Edwards motioned to approve VAR-10-002 with the conditions that the windows be accented with stone around them on the Highway 20 side, with possible awnings and enhanced landscaping. Council Member Sullivan seconded with comment. There was some

discussion regarding the awnings, windows and making the building more aesthetically pleasing and less like a warehouse look on the Highway 20 side. Council Member Sullivan withdrew his second. Council Member Edwards motioned to approve VAR-10-002 with stack stone accents with any minor aesthetically pleasing items to match the development side with approval of the Planning Director and the City Manager. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

VAR-10-003, Sign Regulations, McDonalds Restaurant – The Planning Director explained the application. The applicant agreed to screen the menu boards which take them out of the sign square footage. The monument sign is two times the standard for Sugar Hill. Since it is a significant deviation from the sign ordinance, the staff recommends denial. The public hearing was opened and Wayne Hogan the civil engineer on the project spoke regarding the plat and the landscaping. No one spoke in opposition so the hearing was closed. The swoop or arch on the building is considered accents and not counted in the signage. The monument sign is staying the same size as it is at its current location. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve VAR-10-003 with the following conditions, the landscaping meet the approval of the Planning and Zoning Director to shield the menu boards include Exhibit #1 site plan; submit drawing as Exhibit #2 to show raised wall; approve ground sign proposal as shown in drawing Exhibit #3; the fourth issue also being dealt with in Exhibit #3. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – The meeting was reconvened at 8:50 p.m. There was no public action taken.

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

Gary Pirkle, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk