

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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. Present were Mayor Gary Pirkle, Mayor Pro Tem Marc Cohen, Council Members Steve Edwards, Curtis Northrup and Mike Sullivan. Council Member Susie Gajewski was 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 – Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Agenda as submitted. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 14, 2011 – Council Member Northrup motioned to approve the Minutes with a correction in the Agenda approval section. The second and vote was omitted from this section. City Clerk to correct this portion of the Minutes. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion with the amendment. Approved 4-0.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Drainage Easement 1030 Secret Cove

City Hall Contract, Van Winkle

Global Sports Contract Extension

The Mayor explained the three items on the Consent Agenda. The City Manager explained that the Global Sports Contract was updated from the Work Session to include that the land disturbance permits were to be issued in a way to prevent clear cutting of the trees, the City would benefit from the timber that was cut, the City could enter into contract to place up to two towers on the property, and the facilities built would have natural gas supplied from the City. Council Member Edwards motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING, The River Preserve MRPA Certificate – The Planning Director explained that this project was recently before the Council for updates. The project is all residential. The Planning Commission recommended approval. The Public Hearing was opened and Jimmy Garrison, the project's engineer, spoke in favor of approving the MRPA Certificate. There were no other comments in favor or against so the Public Hearing was closed. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Resolution issuing the MRPA Certificate for the River Preserve. Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING, 2012 Proposed Budget – The City Manager explained the highlights of the 2012 Budget. This budget is 27 million + because of the capital improvements and projects to be completed in 2012. The budget for 2013 should be back in the 12 to 14 million range. This is the third Public Hearing on the Budget to allow public comments. The Public Hearing was opened and there were no comments from the public so the hearing was closed. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the 2012 Budget as presented. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING, Downtown Sugar Hill Zoning Overlays – The Planning Director explained that the ordinance amendments are to coincide with the downtown development currently underway. The Planning Commission and the staff recommended approval with attachments. The Public Hearing was opened and there were no comments so the hearing was closed. All of the changes from the Work Session held on December 5th are incorporated into the originals provided to the City Clerk for signatures. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Ordinance amendments. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Re-appoint Municipal Court Judges – Chief Judge Margaret Washburn and Associate Judges Charles Barrett and Kathryn Schrader have expressed an interest in re-appointment for 2012. Council Member Cohen motioned to re-appoint the Municipal Judges as presented for 2012. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL
Annual Appraisals – Council Member Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: The meeting was reconvened at 8:45 p.m. Council Member Cohen motioned to increase the salary of the City Manager and the City Clerk by 3% for 2012. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Gary Pirkle, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk