

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 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, 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 – led by Boy Scout Pack 608, Den 1.
INVOCATION – given by Mayor Pirkle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Agenda as submitted. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 14, 2011, Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

PROCLAMATION – Jeanne & Bill Ferguson; Stephen Ginn T-Ball Field

Mayor Pirkle explained the proclamation for Jeanne and Bill Ferguson and how they have volunteered and devoted their time for over eleven years. He read the proclamation and presented it to the Fergusons.

The Mayor explained the history of Frank Ginn as a former City Manager and of his son Stephen who was tragically lost at a young age in a farming accident. He read the proclamation and presented it to Frank Ginn his wife and daughter. The t-ball field #2 at E.E. Robinson will be named for Stephen Ginn.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – There were no comments from citizens or guests.

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

Rezoning, RZ-10-001, Tax Parcel 7-346-016, Sugar Hill Holdings LLC, Rezone 12.64 acres on GA Hwy 20 from OI to RS-150 for Low Density Single Family – The Planning Director explained the application and the history of this development. This was tabled from the February

meeting to allow more time for the details. The applicant has since agreed to stick with the original conditions. There is twenty acres of open green space. The GA DOT and the developer will have to work out access to this property from Highway 20. Any current approval of rezoning will cancel out the previous approval from ARC and it will initiate re-negotiation. Staff recommends approval with ten conditions. The Public Hearing was opened and Jimmy Garrison spoke for the applicant. He presented four exhibits that showed the conservation area and the OI area. There were no other comments so the public hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve RZ-10-001 with the ten staff conditions and attach the Exhibit documents to the Ordinance for reference. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Election Superintendent Appointment & Oath – The Mayor opened the floor for nominations for an election superintendent for the 2011 Municipal Election. Council Member Cohen nominated Jeanne Ferguson. There were no other nominations so the floor was closed and the Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Jeanne Ferguson.

Ordinance, Alcohol Drive Thru – The Mayor explained that there was an applicant at last month's meeting for a convenience store with drive thru alcohol sales. There was nothing in the ordinance to prohibit or approve this type of license. The Mayor stated that this is probably not a good idea because it could lead to drinking and driving. Council Member Edwards motioned to approve the Ordinance prohibiting drive thru alcohol sales. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Ordinance, Alcohol Special Event – There was considerable discussion regarding this ordinance. The ordinance was proposed because North Gwinnett Athletic Club set up an event at Gold's Gym in the City of Sugar Hill. This event would have casino activities and serve alcoholic beverages. The current City Ordinance does not have a provision for Temporary or Special Event Licenses. The Mayor stated that he thought it was a bad idea to change the alcohol ordinance to hold a school fundraiser with activities which could land the students in jail. The Mayor and Council were provided with copies of the Special Event Ordinance sections from Grayson, Snellville, Lawrenceville, Duluth and Gwinnett County. The Mayor and Council agreed on the following additions to the current ordinance draft. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Ordinance Alcohol Special Event version #2 where the \$250.00 fee is set in item Q. with the following additions to add from Lawrenceville f, i, j; from Grayson #5 the Planning and Development Director must approve the crowd control and traffic plan prior to license being issued; from Snellville the size limits of the drink served can be no larger than 16 ounces; change item (e) to reflect that no more than two alcoholic beverages can be served to one customer at a time. Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL –
No executive session was held.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Gary Pirkle, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk