

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012
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 Curtis Northrup, Council Members Marc Cohen, Susie Gajewski and Mike Sullivan. Council Member Steve Edwards 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 Northrup motioned to approve the Agenda as submitted. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council Meeting November 13, 2012; Work Session November 5, 2012 – Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - **AX-12-004**, Accept Annexation Application, Suwanee Dam Rd.

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – the new Gwinnett County North Precinct Commander Major Strickland was introduced and welcomed.

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING - SUP-12-002, James Bailey, 6000 Eagle Close Ln., Tax Parcel 7-348-038, Storage Building in side yard with ten foot (10') setback – Director Awana explained the application. This is in the Links subdivision and backs up to the Benton House. Staff recommends approval of the Special Use Permit but denial of the setback. Planning Commission recommends approval of both. No objections were received from adjacent neighbors. The Public Hearing was opened and the applicant Mr. Bailey spoke regarding his application. No one else spoke in favor or in opposition of the Special Use Permit so the hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve SUP-12-002 storage building and reduction in setback with staff conditions. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING - AX-12-003 Richard Jenkins, 1205 Buford Hwy., Tax Parcel 7-258- 027, 0.43 Acres, currently zoned (C-1) Neighborhood Business District in County requesting (BG) General Business District – Director Awana explained the application. This property is a corridor on future land use plan. Some of the houses in this area have been converted to offices and some are still residential. The staff recommends approval to annex and rezone with two conditions. The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions. The applicant Richard Jenkins will lease the property for office use. The Public Hearing was opened and Mr. Jenkins asked if the property would be accepted as is. The City Manager stated that it still had to be inspected for safety. No one else spoke in favor or opposition of the application so the hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen asked Mr. Jenkins if he had a problem with the condition of the enhanced buffer and he stated that he did not. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve AX-12-003 and to rezone to BG with the two staff conditions. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING - RZ-12-003, City of Sugar Hill, requesting to rezone Tax Parcels 7-306-024, 7-306-080, 7-306-273, 7-306-123, 7-306-082, 7-291-062 to (BG) Downtown Business District – Director Awana explained that these are properties owned by the City and located on West Broad St. The City is requesting to rezone them for commercial in the Downtown Business District. The Public Hearing was opened and there were no comments for or against the rezoning so the hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve RZ-12-003. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING FY2013 Budget – The City Manager summarized the FY2013 Budget. The 2012 Budget will be lower than 2012 because the City Hall and Amenity pond will be finished. The final payment for City Hall which is around \$1,500,000 will be in January. The Public Hearing was opened and there were no comments from the public so the hearing was closed. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve with 2013 budget as submitted. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Re-appoint Municipal Court Judges – Associate Judge Kathryn Schrader won the election for State Court Judge so she cannot serve. Judge Washburn and Charles Barrett are still interested. The Mayor and Council will appoint Margaret Washburn as Chief Municipal Court Judge and Charles Barrett as Associate Judge and leave the other Associate Judge position vacant. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve and Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

City Hall Briefing – Mayor Pirkle updated the progress on the new City Hall. The Grand Opening Ceremony will be January 13th from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL – Council Member Sullivan motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – the meeting was reconvened at 9:52 p.m. and Council Member Sullivan motioned to give the City Clerk a salary adjustment of 3.5% and the City Manager a salary increase of 3.5%. Council Member Cohen 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