

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL ANNEX
4988 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

Work Session Issues for Council Meeting – Present were Mayor Gary Pirkle, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Northrup, Council Members Marc Cohen, and Mike Sullivan. Council Members Edwards and Gajewski were not present. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

AX-12-001, David Horne, 492 Riverside Rd., .56 Acres, R-100 to BG – Dir. Awana explained the variance request. The applicant is requesting a BG zoning and wants a variance on the sidewalks both on Riverside Rd. and Suwanee Dam Rd.

VAR-12-001, Amerigas, 4823 Lanier Ave. – Dir. Awana explained the application. The Amerigas facility is located within the Town Center Overlay. The City Attorney stated that they have a nonconforming use and would have to rezone the property to expand. The current zoning HM1 and would need to be HM2. Charles Sims spoke for the applicant. They are planning to move their Regional Marketing Manager to this facility and expand the offices to accommodate this move. This would be 24' X 24' and would house the Local Manager, Marketing Manager and a large conference room. They are requesting a variance on the curb and gutter to allow heavy trucks to be in the facility. Their main concern was the cost of the sidewalk. The Mayor explained that they would need to apply for a rezoning and include their requested variances in it.

CBD – Design Review Board, Bridgett Jorgensen, 4955 Alton Tucker Blvd. –

Dir. Awana explained that the Jorgensen's are requesting to renovate their property at 4955 Alton Tucker Blvd. This includes above the windows, doors and a monument sign. All the work is cosmetic and would include keystone above the windows.

Resolution 2010 CDBG, Pass Ct. & Hessie Ln. – The City Manager explained that this resolution completes the documentation with Gwinnett County regarding the sidewalks and drainage for Pass Court and Hessie Lane. Mayor and Council requested that this be put on the Consent Agenda.

GEMA Agreement – The City Manager explained that this is an update to an agreement that has been in place since he has been with the City. It is a joint agreement with Gwinnett County for Emergency Management.

Updates by City Manager –

Recreation Updates – Andy McQuagge, Recreation Director explained upcoming events and what is current in recreation.

City Hall Updates
Project List Updates

Work Session Discussion Issues

Citizen Surveys – Council Member Cohen explained that he emailed the Mayor and Council some samples of survey questions. Council Member Sullivan and Edwards emailed some also. Mayor and Council agreed to start with a few questions and build the surveys into a more extensive one. Over the summer a benchmark survey would be put in the newsletter and on the website.

Alcohol Review Board – Council Member Cohen stated that after Ben Roberts obtained an easement agreement for his fence at the Council Meeting last month, he expressed an interest in serving on the Alcohol Review Board. He heard at that meeting that members were needed.

Executive Session – Legal, Real Estate, and Personnel – Council Member Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

Adjournment – Council Member Sullivan motioned to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

Gary Pirkle, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk