

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 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, Council Members Marc Cohen, Steve Edwards, Susie Gajewski and Mike Sullivan. Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Northrup was not present. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney’s Frank Hartley and Lee Thompson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – led by Boy Scouts Spencer Wallace of Troup 608 and Jacob Wiggins from Troup 513.

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Pirkle.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Council Member Cohen requested that the Agenda be amended to table item #2 Municipal Code Amendment Commercial Window Visibility. Council Member Edwards motioned to approve the amended agenda. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Council Meeting May 7, 2012; Work Session May 14, 2012, Council Member Gajewski motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR’S REPORT

CITY CLERK’S REPORT

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT - Accept Annexation AX-12-002 – City Manager Bob Hail explained that the City has received an annexation request from North Point Ministries, Inc. It will be heard at the June Planning Commission and back to the City Council for consideration at the July meeting.

**PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

**Senator Unterman, GMA – a Champion of Georgia Cities Award** – Ashley Meggitt of the Georgia Municipal Association presented the award to Senator Unterman and thanked her for her efforts on behalf of Georgia Cities. Mayor Pirkle personally thanked Senator Unterman for her support of Sugar Hill and the Gwinnett Cities. She has helped with bills that protect the City and the citizens.

**GA Army National Guard Brigadier General Kenneth McDaniel** – Mayor Pirkle read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. McDaniel’s family.

**Spencer Wallace, Eagle Scout** – Council Member Cohen attended Spencer’s Court of Honor. He read the proclamation and presented it to Spencer.

**Mary Kay Murphy – Gwinnett County Public Schools Strategic Priorities through 2020** – Gwinnett County School Board Member Mary Kay Murphy updated the Council on the three priorities for the next five to ten years. The school board performed surveys from the various school groups and identified what is expected from the public school system. (1) Leadership Academy for Principals and Aspiring Principals, (2) E-class digital learning system, (3) Common core of standards for math.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS** – There were no comments from Citizens or Guests.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Alcohol Ordinance Revision, Wine Tasting** – The Mayor explained that the ordinance contained language limiting the times that the tastings are held, the total ounces served and ounces per serving and that the bottles of wine cannot be removed from the premises once opened. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Wine Tasting Ordinance as submitted. Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**Municipal Code Amendment Commercial Window Visibility** – TABLED

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Fenski Automotive Waiver of Development Regulations** – Director Awana explained that Fenski Automotive is requesting to waive the Development Regulations regarding the sidewalks and waive the Buffer, Landscaping and Tree Ordinance regarding landscaping requirements (tree density, landscape strip) for 1010 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Staff recommended that this waiver be approved with the following conditions: 1) approve waiver for Buffer, Landscape and Tree Ordinance; 2) defer construction of the sidewalk for five years or until sidewalks are installed to either side of the subject property’s frontage. The Mayor stated that there are no sidewalks to either side of the subject property and there is landscaping in place. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the waiver with the staff conditions as presented. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion with comment. The five year sidewalk requirement leaves Fenski having to install the sidewalk even though there may not be sidewalks adjoining the property. It would seem better to say when the sidewalks are installed on either side of the property. Council Member Cohen amended the motion for condition #2 to say defer construction of the sidewalk requirement until such time sidewalk is constructed to either side of the subject property’s frontage on Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Council Member Sullivan seconded. Approved 4-0.

**VAR-12-003, William Mahaffey, 4225 Jenkins Ct.**- Director Awana explained that the City received an application from William Mahaffey, CRM Investments LLC requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance to eliminate the side and rear setbacks as well as screening requirements for an outdoor storage yard. The staff is recommending five feet side and rear

setbacks and screening on the front and no screening on the side and rear. The staff recommends approval of the variance with six conditions. The Public Hearing was opened and Brad Dunn, Branch Manager spoke for the applicant in favor of the variance. No one spoke in opposition so the hearing was closed. Council Member Edwards motioned to approve VAR-12-003 with the six staff conditions. Council Member Sullivan seconded with questions. Council Member Sullivan showed the conditions to Mr. Dunn and asked if these were acceptable and would they be able to comply with all the conditions. Mr. Dunn stated that they would. Council Member Sullivan's second stands. Approved 4-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL –  
There was no Executive Session held.

**PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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Gary Pirkle, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk