

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 7, 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, Steve Edwards, Susie Gajewski and Mike Sullivan. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

The Mayor changed the order of the Agenda because of the amount of people here for each agenda item.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**Spencer Wallace, Eagle Scout** – Council Member Cohen will present the revised proclamation at Spencer's Court of Honor on May 19<sup>th</sup> and then the proclamation can come to the Council Meeting on June 11, 2012 for presentation.

**Jim Samford, Housing Authority** – Mr. Samford resigned as the Chairman of the Sugar Hill Housing Authority. The proclamation will be presented to him at the May 14, 2012 Council Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Appeal of Demolition, 1305 Hidden Circle, Swain Stewart** – Mr. Stewart left the meeting due to a medical emergency. The Mayor and Council rescheduled his appeal hearing to May 14, 2012 at the Council Meeting. Mr. Stewart is to be notified by the City Clerk of the change.

**Alcohol Ordinance Revision, Wine Tasting** – the Kroger representative Thomas Friedheim explained how the process would work. They passed an ordinance in Dalton where the wine tasting was rolled out. The wine tasting is usually quarterly and held upstairs in a conference room. They have food and possible guest speakers and are usually put on as a program. The City Attorney is to look at the ordinances of Duluth and Grayson and also the state ordinances. He will draft an ordinance to be presented at the June meetings.

**6738 Pierless Avenue Drainage Easement for Fence** – Director Awana explained that the City received a request to construct a fence which will encroach into a joint sanitary sewer and drainage easement. The easement contains a 30' corrugated metal pipe and an 8" sanitary sewer line. The applicant wants a modification from the standard agreement. They would like to reduce the standard access path from 5' to 2-1/2'.

**Municipal Code Amendment Commercial Window Visibility** – Director Awana explained that this ordinance was introduced to promote safety within the businesses. They can choose where to put the signage in the windows as long as you can clearly see the cashier. The Council requested that Planning Department employees go out to the businesses and look at what impact it would have. The businesses should be notified that this is coming up for a vote. Table this item until next month.

**RZ-12-001, Fred Napier, 725 Brogdon Rd., LM to HM1 for Truck Terminal** – Director Awana explained the rezoning request. Mr. Napier owns the property and is requesting for a zoning change from LM or light manufacturing to HM1 or heavy manufacturing to allow a truck terminal. The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions as outlined by staff. The property is being leased for this truck terminal. There would be 4 or 5 trucks overnight and at the most about 15 trucks at a time. They would do repair work on the trucks. The property was previously used as a grading company but the economy caused them to be closed. The Mayor asked Mr. Napier why they wanted to be allowed to use gravel instead of paving the parking lot. He said that is was cost prohibitive and the trucks would cause extreme wear and tear. Director Awana explained that condition #1 of the staff conditions required the property to be maintained at all times including the amount of gravel.

**GMA Convention Voting Delegate** – the City Clerk explained that the City usually has a voting delegate to represent the voting matters at the GMA Convention held in Savannah in June. Council Member Cohen stated that he would be available to be the voting delegate again this year.

#### **Updates by City Manager** – Hail

Recreation Updates – Recreation Director Andy McQuagge updated the Mayor and Council on the recent recreation events.

City Hall Updates – the City Manager showed pictures of the City Hall construction.

Project List Updates – the City Manager read the project list with status of all City projects.

#### **Work Session Discussion Issues**

**Primrose Creek Advisory Board** – Mayor Pirkle received emails from the Primrose Creek Advisory Board regarding the streets within their subdivision. Phil Collins, a member of the Homeowners Advisory Board spoke regarding the deteriorating streets. The base coat is deteriorating and pot holes are forming. The Mayor explained that usually the developer puts down a base coat and when the subdivision is built out the road is finished. The City repaired the storm drain but the cost to put the top coat on the streets is over \$200,000. The City Attorney stated that once the City takes over the streets then they are responsible for them. If another developer comes in to finish the lots and tears the streets up then the City could have to repair them again. The bonds that are currently in place are not enough to repair the streets and finish them. There are options where liens could be placed on the lots that are not developed. The Mayor stated that the City should look into the matter further before anything is decided.

**Lori Sturgess – Sustainable Art** – She presented drawings and proposals that were discussed at the last meeting. The wagon was upside down with 3 wheels showing the fourth would be half

buried. The spilled sugar could be made of fiberglass. The logo could be placed on the back side of the wagon. Ms. Sturgess also presented sketches of different trolls. One was sleeping, one peering out of the bridge and one with a club in hand. They could be made of fiberglass but attached to concrete so they could not be moved. The wagon could be constructed for \$25,000 to \$50,000 and the trolls \$5,000 to \$8,000 per figure. There could be a series of them to tell a story. The wagon could be constructed of wood to save cost or of a more weather resistant material at a higher cost. The Council agreed it did not want LED lights but rather lights to make the sugar look sparkly. Also they did not want sponsorship on the wagon but rather something like Sugar Hill Est. 1939. To address vandalism concerns the trolls could be heavy and weighted down. The City will look at the proposals and decide where to go from there.

**Global Sports Extension of Contract** – John Tamburo stated that he is meeting with potential developers that are interested in the medical portion of the project. The first building would be a 40,000 square ft. medical building with sports components. Global is asking for another six month extension of their contract.

**Open Records Discussion of New Law** – Council Member Northrup requested that the City Attorney Frank Hartley update the Mayor and Council on the new law.

**Executive Session – Legal, Real Estate, and Personnel** – Council Member Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session at 9:12 p.m. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**Adjournment** – Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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Gary Pirkle, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk