

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 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.

#9 North Gwinnett Co-op added to the Agenda

**Dr. Joe Clarino** spoke regarding his unique situation for a temporary sign at his new location on Highway 20. The City Council may want to consider changing the ordinance to allow for a project sign of this type.

**Kim Hall** discussed art work in the new City Hall. It consisted of an art contest in the schools. The City Clerk is to work with the principals at the schools on this project.

**PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

**Ian Galler, Eagle Scout** - Council Member Cohen

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Development Regulation Amendment, DRA-12-001, Plat Acceptance** – Director Awana went over changes to the Development Regulations regarding plat acceptance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**UPDATES BY CITY MANAGER**

Recreation Updates  
City Hall Updates  
Project List Updates

**WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ISSUES**

**Earl Griffith Discussion of Amphitheatre** – discussed options of how the amphitheater would be set up for concerts. How the equipment would be transported was also discussed.

**City Flag Options** – options were narrowed down for the Mayor and Council selection. Option #2 was selected, white flag with the logo on it and The Recreation City.

**Discussion of Land Use** – City Manager discussed options for the property adjacent to the car wash on Highway 20.

**City Natural Gas Vehicles** – City Manager discussed transitioning a portion of the city’s fleet to natural gas. The plan is to look for a vehicle for meter readers and one for code enforcement.

**City Hall Opening & Holiday Celebration** – City Manager stated that the Holiday Celebration is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>. City Hall will not be ready at that time.

**DDA Incentive Package for Developers** – Taylor Anderson, Secretary for the DDA asked the Council if there were any fees or incentives that could be negotiable to help lure businesses into the downtown area. The City Attorney stated that as a government the City could not treat people or businesses differently. There is a state gratuity clause and an Equal Protection Clause. They could create an Opportunity Zone where the fees etc. might be set differently.

**Discussion of Committee for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – Possible participants include Dawn Gober, Heather Thompson, Denise Wilcox, Mr. Beck and Council Member Cohen.

**North Gwinnett Co-op** - Council Member Northrup serves on the Board for the Co-op. They requested that the City put the logo and a link on its website for the can do can drive. They also wanted to have a booth at the Fall Festival to sell hot dogs. Recreation Director Andy McQuagge stated that the Boy Scouts sell hot dogs and they try not to duplicate vendors.

**Weather siren** information to go out in the newsletter and to the HOA Boards.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Legal, Real Estate, and Personnel** – Council Member Northrup motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was reconvened and Council Member Sullivan motioned to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Council Member Northrup seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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Gary Pirkle, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk