

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

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

OLD BUSINESS

RZ 13-003, JW Trucks, Rezone to HM-1 and remove the parcels from Town Center Overlay – Planning Director Awana explained the application. Luther Beck Attorney for the applicant spoke regarding the application. He explained that his client JW Trucks was attempting to work out something regarding the Highway 20 widening and the value of his property. The plan for widening will take away about 30% of their current display area for their trucks. The grade, once the road has been widened, will be 6 to 8 feet higher than it is now. The current design shows a 15 to 20 feet buffer in areas especially around the City's water amenity. There is a double wall with 2 rows of plantings. The Mayor asked where the water from the site was going and the engineer explained that the detention will be underground. There is a basin to control the sediment at the back of the City's pond. The current pipe goes toward the road. There was a letter from the Downtown Development Authority that was entered into the record.

NEW BUSINESS

VAR-13-003, Fences in Front Yards – Planning Director Awana explained that these are corner lots and do not distract visibility. The City Attorney stated that they would need to be 6 separate public hearings with a separate vote on each one.

PUBLIC HEARING, 2013 Millage Rate – the City Manager explained that the millage rate was put in the budget at a proposed 3.8 mills. He is recommending to keep the millage rate at 3.8. The public hearing was opened and there were no comments from the public so the hearing was closed. The final public hearing will be next week along with the vote on the millage rate.

Resolution Relocate Early/Absentee Voting – the City Clerk explained that this is necessary because of the re-location of City Hall to 5039 West Broad Street. The necessary postings and ads will be placed as required.

75th Anniversary Committee Members – Council Member Cohen explained that a resolution needs to be passed to replace some of the committee members. Some of them cannot continue to serve because of other commitments. The new resolution will need to allow the committee to replace its members when necessary. The Mayor wanted the language to say replace not remove committee members.

Proclamations - Eagle Scouts Michael Mawson, Michael Frere – Council Member Cohen will present at the Council Meeting.

Proclamation – Eagle Scout Timothy Eric Hoell – will attend at the August meeting.

Updates by City Manager – Hail

Recreation Updates

City Hall Updates

Project List Updates

Work Session Discussion Issues

Wireless Remotely Read Gas Meters – the City Manager explained that the City is looking into purchasing the wireless remotely read meters. Mike Kavouklis of Consolidated Pipe & Supply and Brandon Foster with Master Meter were present to show the system and answer any questions that the Mayor and Council had.

Solicitation Ordinance – the Mayor suggested that the City either adopt the Gwinnett County Ordinance regarding solicitation or that a separate City ordinance be passed to regulate solicitation. There is currently nothing in place for solicitation for the Gwinnett Police to use to help control it. The Council is to vote at the Council Meeting on adopting the Gwinnett County Ordinance by reference.

American Kennel Club Education Program – Council Member Northrup is to work with Recreation Director Andy McQuagge on getting the contacts for this program.

Charter Amendment regarding Discrepancy – Council Member Northrup found a discrepancy in the Charter regarding Elections Sec. 2.11 and Sec. 5.10. The two sections are not consistent. The City Attorney to draft the amendment and it will have to be advertised and adopted at two consecutive Council Meetings. The names should be corrected to the current Council Members since the amendment is being made.

Executive Session – Legal, Real Estate, and Personnel, There was no Executive Session held.

Adjournment

Gary Pirkle, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk