

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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, Council Members Marc Cohen, Curtis Northrup and Mike Sullivan. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney's Frank Hartley and Lee Thompson.

Mayor Pirkle explained the Qualifying that was held last week. Council Member Edwards resigned to qualify for Mayor. Council Member Curtis Northrup and Mike Sullivan also qualified as incumbents in their current posts. They all were unopposed so the Municipal General Election will be canceled.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RZ 13-003, JW Trucks, Rezone to HM-1 and remove the parcels from Town Center Overlay** – the applicant or representatives were not present at the meeting. The staff recommendation is to update the Zoning Ordinance to allow auto sales under HSB zoning classification. Rezone the property to HSB with conditions and refer the overlay provisions to the City Attorney

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Charter Amendment Elections Sections 2.11 and 5.10** – this would be the second adoption of the change to the City Charter regarding elections.

**Call for Special Election** – This call is for a Special Election to fill the unexpired term of Steve Edwards who resigned to run for Mayor. The Qualifying will be held on September 9, 10 and 11, 2013. The hours will be from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at City Hall 5039 West Broad St., Sugar Hill.

**SUP-13-001, 1498 Buford Hwy, Ste. C, Inland Group, LLC requesting Special Use Permit for Title Pawn Business** – First American Title Lending or Georgia requests a special use permit for a title loan business at 1498 Buford Highway. The applicant strictly conducts the business for automobile title loans and no other type of loans. The repossessed vehicles would be stored off site and not at this location. No vehicle billboards would be allowed.

**Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Article 4, Zoning Districts, Article 10 Overlay Zoning Districts** – For the Council meeting move this item up on the agenda above item #4.

**VAR-13-006, 603 Glencora Close, Fence in Corner Lot** – Director Awana explained that the applicant went to the Homeowners Association and they told them to get a permit from Gwinnett County not the City. Staff to advise them that the permits come from the City.

**Petition for Road Abandonment, Whitehead Dr.** – Director Awana is to find out should get the land. The process will be to abandon the road and then to quit claim to the parties that should receive it. This will be a public hearing at the Council meeting.

**Proclamation Benton House** – Mayor Pirkle explained that the proclamation actually is for National Assisted Living Week. He will present it to the Benton House.

**Updates by City Manager – Hail**

Recreation Updates – Working on proposals for the playground at E.E. Robinson Park

Project List Updates – Adopt a plan going forward regarding sidewalk construction. Do not build any of them level with the street, make sure there is a separation. If we cannot build them this way then don't build them. Also look at minimum width of the sidewalk.

**Work Session Discussion Issues**

**Roads within Townhome Communities** – Council Member Sullivan explained that the concern is that the private roads in some of these townhome communities will fail at some point. Will the Homeowners Association be able to afford to repair or repave them? A detailed assessment of the cost is needed to determine whether a fee would work.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update** – Council Member Cohen updated the Council on the status of the committee. They will be meeting this Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss more details and the logo contest. The items for consideration are a big band seniors dance, time capsule, essay contest at the schools, etc. The logos will be judged by the public, professional judges, the committee and Mayor and Council. It was agreed to grade them 25% from each of those four categories.

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

**Adjournment** – Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Gary Pirkle, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk