

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Edwards at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Steve Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Marc Cohen, Council Members Susie Gajewski, Brandon Hembree, Curtis Northrup and Mike Sullivan. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Clerk Jane Whittington, In-coming City Manager Paul Radford and City Attorney Lee Thompson.

Mayor Edwards introduced Mary Kay Murphy from the Gwinnett School Board and State Representative Brooks Coleman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – The Sugar Hill Chess Club led the pledge. Council Member Sullivan introduced the tournament team. There are about sixty members in the club. He also introduced Mike Sheldon who volunteers to help with the club. Mayor Edwards commended Council Member Sullivan for being a good steward of the community.

INVOCATION – given by Mayor Edwards.

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS

Wanda Law Principal of the Year State of Georgia – Mayor Pro Tem Cohen read the proclamation and presented it to Wanda Law.

75th Anniversary Essay Contest Winners – were not present, moved to the May meeting.

MTI Baths – Sugar Hill Business Award – Mayor Edwards presented the Sugar Hill Business Award to CEO Kathy Adams.

Lanier High School TagIt – Mayor Edwards asked In-coming City Manager Paul Radford to read the proclamation for the Tag-it Team. The members Michael Jonathan, Joshua Chatelain, Benjamin Rosenthal, Andrew Esteves and Devin VanDewark, along with faculty Naomi Kirchner, Mike Reilly and Principal Dr. Rueben Gresham were presented with the proclamations.

Sugar Hill Chess Club

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Agenda as submitted. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council Meeting March 10, 2014, Work Session March 3, 2014 – Council Member Hembree motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT
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MAYOR'S REPORT
CITY CLERK'S REPORT
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – Diane King, Director of Lanier Softball thanked the Mayor and Council for the improvements to E.E. Robinson Park.

Garland Hitchcock, President of Suwanee Creek Homeowners Association which covers 300 + homes voiced concerns regarding the Roberts Rd. development. They are pleased that it is a senior community and have no objections only regarding traffic. There is no red light at Buford Hwy and Westbrook and there is a slight hill which impedes view when you have to turn onto Buford Hwy. He asked if the city could help regarding placing a red light there.

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Shannon Candler & Matthew Elder Gwinnett County Dept. Financial Services – Survey County Funding Priorities – Council Member Hembree introduced Shannon Candler and Matthew Elder of the Gwinnett County Community Development Department. They are reaching out to the various cities to assess the community and housing needs. They shared the link to a survey for this assessment.

RZ-14-001, PARCEL ID: 7-255-015, 13.02 Acres, Westbrook Rd. – Applicant Requested to Table. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen motioned to table for a two month period. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

VAR-14-002, Westbrook Rd. & Buford Hwy. – Applicant Requested to Table. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen motioned to table for a two month period. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

DDA Intergovernmental Agreements – Council Member Hembree stated that these are two agreements regarding the DDA. The first agreement is to define the city's and the DDA's obligations regarding funding. The agreement shall be effective upon adoption and continue through January 15, 2015. It will automatically renew unless either party gives a thirty day notice. The DDA will be given funds of \$50,000 to budget for the fiscal year 2014. The agreement outlines expenditure of these funds. The DDA will also assist in applying and the start-up of the Main Street program for the city.

The second agreement is for the lease of the old city hall property, it outlines the agreements, maintenance and use of the property. Council Member Hembree motioned to approve the two Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Sugar Hill Downtown Development Authority, and to approve the signature of the Mayor to execute such agreements. Item F. in the lease agreement shall be 20%. Council Member Northrup seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Pro Tem Cohen motioned to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk