

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

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

Lanier Athletic Association members were present at the meeting to discuss concerns of the upcoming season for baseball and softball. Recreation Director Andy McQuagge explained that the board for Lanier is new this year and they are willing to work with the City to assist in the improvements at the Park. Mayor Edwards stated that it is not just ownership but relationship. Mayor and Council agreed to skin the grass off the infield of three of the fields at E.E. Robinson Park. They will evaluate how this works and consider more fields for next year.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamations – At the Council Meeting Council Member Cohen will call the teachers down one by one in front of the podium where the whole Mayor and Council will be. There will be photo opportunities at that point. There will also be a proclamation for Karen Wing, Past Principal of Lanier High School and for Dawn Gober DDA Member.

Alcohol Ord. Amendment, Special Events – Council to consider reducing the distance requirement for business within the Downtown Overlay from where it is currently 75' to 0'. The other consideration is the ability to hold festival or events where beer and/or wine can be served. There are considerations within the ordinance to consider. Do they want it to be a fenced area, who will be allowed to obtain the permit, what is the approval process, etc. Is Council to be the appeal process? The City Attorney asked if they wanted to include growlers because they had also been discussed. Council agreed to consider growlers and allowing events or festivals that served beer and wine at other City owned properties such as the parks at a later date.

DDA Budget Amendment – Council Member Hembree explained the 2014 DDA Proposed Plan. They are requesting to increase the DDA Budget from \$15,000 to \$50,000. They are still reviewing the old City Hall and showing it to potential lessors. The Downtown Master Plan needs updating. Item to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

RZ-13-009, Change in Conditions Riverside Manor – Director Awana explained the application. The staff is recommending approval with conditions.

VAR-13-008, 800 Peachtree Ind. Blvd., McFarland Dyer & Associates – Director Awana explained that this variance is for a Gwinnett County park. Staff recommends conditional approval. Mr. Breedlove is requesting that a fence be installed to protect people from leaving the park and wandering on his land. David Blackley who is the representative for McFarland Dyer & Associates

was present to explain the construction and timeline. They are projecting breaking ground late summer and the construction will be 9 to 12 months.

Var-13-009, 1498 Buford Hwy., Papa John's Ground Sign – Director Awana explained that Papa Johns is requesting a variance to rebuild the sign that is currently at this location. The sign is grandfathered and as long as they rebuild or improve it they can keep the size that it is currently. The ordinance has changed so if they tear it down they will have to comply with the ordinance. The applicant is to get with the Planning Director and discuss the materials to be used.

Fence Drainage Easement Agreement 6025 Trail Hikes Drive –
Fence Drainage Easement Agreement 6055 Trail Hikes Drive – Mayor and Council agree to handle the fence easements administratively.

AX-13-002, 856 Level Creek Rd., Rockhaven Homes, LLC – Director Awana explained the application. The staff recommends approval with 5 staff conditions. The fence that is proposed on the plans came out of the Planning Commission meeting. There was some discussion regarding the fence. What material will it be made of, who is responsible for what portion of the fence.

Updates by City Manager – Hail

Recreation Updates – Recreation Director Andy McQuagge spoke regarding the new soccer program **ALL-IN** Futbol Club Sugar Hill. He introduced Mark McKain who will be setting the new association and program up.

Project List Updates – City Manager Bob Hail explained that he is recommending Precision Planning as engineer of records with the City. It was agreed to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

Work Session Discussion Issues

Old City Hall – Council Member Hembree stated that the DDA is entertaining multiple interests. They need more time to explore options.

Collateral Marketing Information - Mayor

Downtown Master Plan – Mayor

Emergency Preparedness – Council Member Northrup would like to explore the option of having a shelter for emergencies at City Hall or the Community Center.

75th Anniversary Update – Mayor Pro Tem Cohen updated that the committee is developing a website where the 75th events can be paid for with pay pal. Golden Productions is to manage these events and the ticket sales.

Executive Session – Legal, Real Estate, and Personnel – Council Member Sullivan motioned to adjourn into Executive Session. Council Member Northrup seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Adjournment

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk