

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014  
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM, 7:00 P.M.  
5039 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GA 30518**

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING** – Present were Mayor Steve Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, Council Members Susie Gajewski, Brandon Hembree, Curtis Northrup, and Mike Sullivan. Also present were Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution Creating Arts Commission** – Mayor Pro Tem Member Cohen explained that the Arts Council will be an advisory board to oversee the arts within the City. They will help with music for the festivals, film series, performing arts and any other type of art. It was suggested that the terms be staggered to prevent a possibility of an all new board upon appointment. The City Attorney is to amend the resolution to include staggered terms.

**Broad Street Band Agreement** – Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche explained that this agreement lays out the events and free concerts the band will participate in. The City will sponsor a facility for the band to rehearse in for participation in these events and concerts.

**Third Quarter Budget Amendment** – The Assistant City Manager explained that this amendment is for interdepartmental transfers. It could possibly be tabled if all the figures cannot be compiled before the Council Meeting.

**Plaza Security Contract Renewal** – The Assistant City Manager explained that there would be a slight increase in the rates per hour. This increase is minimal and staff recommends approval of this contract.

**Sugar Hill Youth Council** – Council Member Sullivan introduced the Youth Council members that are up for nomination by the City Council. The Mayor and Council then introduced themselves and explained how the Work Sessions and Council Meetings are ran. The members will be present at the Council Meeting for nominations and administering of the oath.

## **CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES**

### **Hwy 20 Construction Project Update**

#### **Downtown Update**

**Ice Rink @ Sugar Hill Update** – the soft opening for employees will be November 12<sup>th</sup> and the grand opening will be November 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Lanier Athletic Association Agreement Update**

**Council Retreat Update** – the retreat will be held October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Ridges Resort in Hiawassee. Please RSVP to Robyn and include any dietary restrictions.

#### **Public Relations & Marketing**

## **WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**The Bulldog** – Mayor Pro Tem Cohen explained that North Gwinnett High School is sponsoring purchase of a bulldog statue that allows the community to paint it. It is 4' long and 6' wide. Research will be ongoing to look at this type of statue or bronze statues of a bulldog, steer and stallion to represent all of the schools within the City.

Items #2 Broad Street Band Agreement and #4 Plaza Security Contract to be placed on the Consent Agenda for the Council Meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL** – Council Member Northrup motioned to enter Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There was no action taken out of Executive Session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Steve Edwards, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk