

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 5, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Marc Cohen, Council Members Brandon Hembree, Susie Gajewski, Curtis Northrup and Mike Sullivan. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, In-coming City Manager Paul Radford, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

VAR-14-003, Gravel Parking, 695 Brogdon Rd. – Planning Director Awana explained the application. The request is to allow NFI, a logistics firm, to park semi-trucks/trailers and passenger vehicles on an existing gravel area. The staff recommends approval with five conditions.

VAR-14-004, Architectural Standards, Bamford Dr. – Planning Director Awana explained the application for the variance. The planning department received a variance application for relief from Zoning Ordinance Section 608, Architectural Design Standards. The request is to allow development of a commercial building with a flat roof, brick front and metal siding on three sides. This is in combination with the next agenda item VAR-14-005. The applicant is Peoples Bank & Trust and the zoning is LM. The staff recommends approval with five staff conditions

VAR-14-005, Architectural Standards, Bamford Dr. – Planning Director explained that VAR-14-004 and VAR-14-005 are together.

Road Abandonment – Benefield Rd. – Planning Director explained the request from the applicant. They submitted a petition for partial abandonment of Benefield Rd. in response to a zoning condition tied to the future development of a residential subdivision. The request is to abandon a section of Benefield Rd. from the proposed entrance of Warrenton Subdivision to its terminus. The purpose of the petition is to comply with zoning conditions of RZ-06-003, #5. Staff recommends abandonment with no conditions. Several residents spoke in opposition to the road abandonment because of access to the rear of their property. Pam Tolbert, Phil Gardner were directly affected.

RZ-14-002, Zoning, 2014 Legislative Annexations – Planning Director explained that these properties were annexed in this year and now need the proper zoning. There are four groups of properties. The Sycamore Elementary property, Lanier High School properties, Lanier Middle and White Oak Elementary properties, and Chase Bank, Publix shopping center and outparcels. The City Attorney stated that they need to be separate public hearings at the Council Meeting.

2014 Zoning Map Update – Planning Director Awana explained that the zoning map dated May 12, 2014 be adopted to incorporate any changes in zoning since its last adoption January, 2010. Included in the map are administrative changes to align zonings with past zoning cases.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment Alcohol Sales (Art. 4 & Art. 10) – Planning Director requested to table this to align with the Alcohol Ordinance amendment.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment Signs (Art. 10 & Art. 13) – Planning Director Awana explained that the planning department was instructed to look into the zoning requirements related to temporary signs city wide, signs along State Route 20 and signs within the Central Business District (CBD) Overlay.

Alcohol Ordinance Amendment, Growlers, Micro-breweries – City Clerk and the City Attorney submitted the portions of the alcohol ordinance referring to these types of facilities in Suwanee, Duluth, Grayson and Lawrenceville. Further research is needed to define the ordinances. Mayor Edwards requested that the DDA review these as well.

MGAG Resolution & Contract – City Manager explained that this is a contract defining services from MGAG for the gas department.

Property or Maintenance Liens Transfer or Sale – the City Manager explained that the City will need to decide how to proceed with liens that they have on properties for maintenance. If the property sells at auction the city will need to try to obtain the lien amount.

Appeal Demolition 4852 White Street – there will be a hearing at the Council Meeting to consider this demolition.

75th Anniversary Essay Contest Winners – Mayor Pro Tem Cohen explained that the essay contest winners will be at the Council Meeting to receive a Certificate of Appreciation.

No Place for Hate, Jennifer Diaz – They will be at the June Council Meeting.

Updates by City Manager – updated Mayor and Council on the project spreadsheet.
Recreation Updates – Recreation Dir. McQuagge updated the Mayor and Council on recreation projects and associations.

Work Session Discussion Issues

75th Anniversary Committee – Mayor Pro Tem Cohen updated progress of the committee.

Executive Session – Legal, Real Estate, and Personnel – Mayor Pro Tem Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk