

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015
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 Brandon Hembree, Council Members Marc Cohen, Susie Gajewski, and Mike Sullivan. Council Member Curtis Northrup was not present. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

CDBG 5-Year Work Plan Update – Gwinnett County – Matthew Elder, Gwinnett County CDBG made a presentation regarding the strategic priorities for 2015 – 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

Planning Commission Appointments – Planning Director Awana explained that Post 3 and Post 4 of the Planning Commission terms expired December 31, 2014. The current members Kim Hall and John McHenry agreed to stay on until replacements were found. Julie Adams Post 3 and Jeremy White Post 4 will be appointed as the new members.

NEW BUSINESS

RZ-15-002, Dr. Hamryka, 5301 Cumming Hwy., (Public Hearing to be held at the April 13th Council Meeting) – the Planning Director explained that Dr. Hamryka wants to expand his business Sugar Hill Animal Hospital. The Highway 20 widening changed how the road behind him will access Highway 20. The Planning Commission and staff recommended approval.

VAR-15-002, 187 Woods Creek Dr., Stream Buffer Variance (Public Hearing to be held at the April 13th Council Meeting) – Planning Director Awana explained that the staff is recommending denial of this variance because it does not meet the criteria that allows staff to vary the ordinance. Staff has submitted optional conditions if the Council decides to approve this variance. This is for a swimming pool and pool deck.

Flood Ordinance Amendment – the Planning Director explained that this amendment is beneficial to the residents because it will allow a more affordable flood insurance if they decide to purchase it. This ordinance amendment will repeal the existing ordinance and replace it with this amended version.

Special Event Alcohol License – the City Attorney will have the amendments prepared for the Council Meeting. This will allow restaurants that have valid alcohol licenses to apply for special event licenses.

EpiCenter, Design Contract – Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche explained that Precision Planning would have a presentation at the Council Meeting. Staff will prepare a press release to go along with approval of the design contract.

Municipal Gas Authority Voting Delegate – Assistant City Manager Besseche explained that the Municipal Gas Authority requested that the City pass a resolution naming a voting delegate and an alternate. The resolution names Paul Radford as the voting delegate and Troy Besseche as the alternate.

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

Temple Project Update - City Manager Paul Radford explained that there will be a meeting with staff and developers this Wednesday regarding this project.

Suite Spot and Annex Update – furniture and accessories were installed and look very good.

71 Acre Master Plan – the City Manager updated that staff will use the existing building for storage. They will service the building and do improvements. The project is being called the Retreat at Ores Ferry.

Property, Liability & Worker's Comp Insurance Policies – the City Manager explained that the staff obtained three quotes and GMA was the lowest of all three. The current provider will provide tail coverage and staff feels comfortable moving forward.

Legislative Update – the City Manager updated on the progress of the legislative session.

Bowl @ Sugar Hill Master Plan – Assistant City Manager Besseche showed the Council some plans for bowl updates. It included semi-private suites.

Natural Gas Finance & Rebate Program – this program would allow developers rebates for certain gas appliances.

Natural Gas System Agreements – the Assistant City Manager explained that these agreements with developers would tie to the plat and be recorded. If one developer pulled out of the project, the next would be bound to the agreements made and recorded.

Georgia Power LED Street Lighting Program – the Assistant City Manager researched a program offered by Georgia power for LED street lighting. The program does not have charges to install but also does not have benefits for the City regarding billing. The Council agreed to get in line for the program because there is a waiting time. They may or may not decide to go forward with it.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL – Council Member Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

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

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk