

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015, 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 Brandon Hembree, Council Members Marc Cohen, Susie Gajewski, Curtis Northrup, Mike Sullivan. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington, City Attorney Frank Hartley and City Attorney Lee Thompson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION – led by Mayor Edwards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council Meeting July 13, 2015, Work Session July 6, 2015, Special Called Meeting July 6, 2015 – Mayor Pro Tem Hembree motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

REPORTS

CITY ATTORNEY

COUNCIL

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

CITY MANAGER

Accept Annexations

AX-15-005, 5608 Suwanee Dam Rd., Holt Persinger with Ridgeline Land Planning, Annex 5.019 Acres, OI

AX-15-004, 5608, 5722 & 5872 Suwanee Dam Rd., Holt Persinger with Ridgeline Planning, Annex 25.971 Acres, RS-100/CSD

City Manager Radford explained the two annexation applications. They will be coming forward to the Mayor and Council at a later date.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – there were no comments from citizens or guests.

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Intergovernmental Agreement for Heather Pines/Bailey Property – the City Manager explained that this intergovernmental agreement was between the City and the Downtown Development Authority for the Heather Pines Trailer park and the Bailey property that the City has purchased. There is a developer

interested and once this IGA is adopted then the DDA and the developer will move forward with a development plan. This process could take six to nine months. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Sugar Hill and the Downtown Development Authority for the development of these two properties. Mayor Pro Tem Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Call for 2015 Municipal General Election, Set Qualifying Dates – the City Clerk Jane Whittington explained that the City of Sugar Hill will hold a General Election on November 3, 2015 at the Community Center, 1166 Church Street, Sugar Hill. The election is to fill the office of City Council seats Post #1 currently held by Brandon Hembree, Post #2 currently held by Marc Cohen and Post #3 currently held by Susie Gajewski. The Council posts serve the citizens at large but the candidate must declare which post they are running for upon qualification. The candidate pays a qualifying fee of \$108.00 for City Council. Qualifying will begin on Monday, August 31, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. and run through Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. The qualifying will be held at City Hall, 5039 West Broad Street, Sugar Hill between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day. The last day to register to vote in this election is October 5, 2015. The City Clerk as the Election Superintendent requested that the Council formally call for the election and set the qualifying dates as recommended. Council Member Northrup motioned to call for the election and set the qualifying dates as stated by the City Clerk. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL – Council Member Sullivan motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – the meeting was reconvened and Council Member Cohen motioned to approve a relocation budget amendment for the Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche in the amount of \$25,000 if he makes a move into the City of Sugar Hill by December 31, 2016, with a \$5,000 a year decrement (so it would be \$20,000 until 12/31/17 and \$15,000 until 12/31/18). Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk