

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 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, Curtis Northrup and Mike Sullivan. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Planning Commission Appointments** – Staff to advertise for the Planning Commission in the next newsletter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Certified City of Ethics Recertification Resolution** – The City received the designation in 2001 and must re-certify every four years. Place on the Consent Agenda.

**2015 Budget Amendment** – Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche explained that this amendment is for the DDA to complete the remodeling of the Suite Spot. Place on the Consent Agenda.

**Unique Refinishers Waiver of Development Regulations Renewal (APPLICANT REQUEST TO TABLE)** – The Planning Director explained that the applicant requested to table because his attorney had a schedule conflict.

**TCO Design Review Board – Architectural Approval to modify existing ground sign.** The Shell gas station at 1330 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. is requesting approval to modify an existing ground sign to make it digital.

**VAR-15-001, Gwinnett Church requesting to increase the maximum sign face area for 300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.** (public hearing at the February 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting) – the proposed sign is an aluminum tree, it is dimensional and grey. There was discussion whether the sign is a sculpture and more of a piece of art. The Council can review the sign ordinance at a later date to include structures that are art. The ordinance currently does not have language for art type signs.

**Appointment of Historic Preservation Society Members (at February 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting)** – Mayor Pro Tem Hembree explained that the members will be appointed at the February 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**Recognition of Lanier Middle School Geography Bee Champion & Runner-up (at February 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting)** – Mayor Pro Tem Hembree wants to honor them at the Council Meeting. He will send draft proclamation of the City Clerk.

#### **CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES**

**Council Retreat – EpiCenter Design & Funding** – Precision Planning made a presentation at the Council Retreat on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Staff to look at the industry standards for the theater seats.

**Temple Project Update** – the DDA should have the project details in the next few months.

**Suite Spot and Annex Update** – The budget amendment that was passed by Council tonight will allow the DDA to complete the renovations to the Suite Spot. The annex renovations will be next.

**Ice Rink @ Sugar Hill Update** – extended to the first week of March. The site will then be cleaned up.

#### **WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL** – Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn into Executive Session. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**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 5-0.

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Steve Edwards, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk