

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 4, 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 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. Mayor Steve Edwards was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Planning Commission Recognition at 5/11 Council Meeting – Planning Commission members Kim Hall and John McHenry will be presented with a letter of recognition and a proclamation at the May 11th Council Meeting. They are stepping down after years of committed service.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Commission Oath of Office at 5/11 Council Meeting – Oath of office will be administered to new Planning Commission members Jeremy White and Julie Adams.

Dave Clark, State Representative Legislative Update at Council Meeting 5/11

Historic Preservation Member Applicant – Mayor Pro Tem Hembree stated that they need one new member to replace someone who is unable to serve. The new member will be appointed at the Council Meeting on 5/11.

Toastmasters Proclamation – Scott Andrews reported that the Toastmasters local chapter meets here at City Hall every Wednesday. There are approximately 25 members. Members from the District 44 will be present at the Council Meeting 5/11 and a proclamation will be presented.

RZ-15-003, 5559 Cumming Hwy., for Scrap Tire Processing Facility (Public Hearing at 5/11 Council Meeting – the Planning Director explained that this application is to rezone this into Heavy industrial for a tire processing facility. This is a predominately residential area and residents have voiced objections. The land use plan calls for mixed use residential and excludes high commercial and industrial. The Planning Commission and the staff recommended denial. There is a junk yard located behind this property and it is unincorporated Gwinnett.

RZ-15-004, 4641 Harrison Run Court, Automotive Body Repair Shop (Public

Hearing at 5/11/ Council Meeting) – the Planning Director explained that this parcel is located both in the City and in the City of Buford. This will be an auto repair and painting facility and is new development. An application for a special use permit is before the Buford City Council tonight. The Planning Commission and staff recommend conditional approval.

TCO Design Review 15-00486, 4971 Nelson Brogdon Blvd., Real Estate Marketing Sign – the Planning Director explained that this sign will be temporary in nature. The Council would like for incidental signs to be handled administratively going forward.

TCO Design Review 15-00487, 4941 Nelson Brogdon Blvd., Real Estate Marketing Sign – the Planning Director explained that this is the same type of sign and temporary in nature.

Update on DDA Activities, DDA Chairman Taylor Anderson to be presented at 5/11 Council Meeting.

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

Temple Project Update – the City Manager explained that the DDA is working with Community Development partners. The mixed use project is now called the Seven.

Suite Spot and Annex Update – the grand opening for the newly renovated co-working space will be May 14th.

71 Acre Master Plan – the City Manager explained that the road has experienced wash-outs. They have also had a problem with vandalism at the house located on the property. The project is being called the Retreat at Ores Ferry.

Bowl @ Sugar Hill Master Plan – the Assistant City Manager explained that the request for proposals for renovating the bowl is due May 21st. They currently have schematic drawings.

The Gary Pirkle Park storage building will be located at the parking lot area across from the park on Austin Garner Rd. It will be a masonry building that will house vehicles and equipment.

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.

Nick Thompson entered the meeting late and wanted a chance to discuss **RZ-15-003**. This facility would reduce the tires to nuggets or chips that would later be recycled into new tires or other products. Trucks would be traveling in and out of Highway 20 which was a concern for the residents. Council suggested that this be tabled without prejudice to allow more dialogue.

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

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

Brandon Hembree Mayor Pro Tem

Jane Whittington, City Clerk