

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016, 7:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5039 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

**CALL TO ORDER** - by Mayor Edwards. 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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**INVOCATION** – given by Mayor Edwards.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Council Meeting March 14, 2016; Work Session March 7, 2016 – Mayor Pro Tem Hembree motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**Georgia Force Ring Ceremony** – Mayor Edwards introduced the Georgia Force Coach Thornton Hopkins and he presented each team member with a ring. Georgia Force is a football team that is for home-schooled or private schooled students. The Georgia Force won the state championship and ended the season ranked #3 in the nation. The Force ended the season 10 and 3 and lost by one yard in overtime in the National Championship Semi-final game.

**ArtWorks! Gwinnett Proclamation** – Council Member Cohen explained that ArtWorks! Gwinnett is a non-profit group supporting the arts within the county and communities. He read the proclamation and thanked them for their contributions.

**REPORTS**

**CITY ATTORNEY**

**COUNCIL**

**MAYOR**

**CITY CLERK**

**CITY MANAGER – Stormwater Utility Update Revenues and Expenses/Discussion**, Tim Schick updated the Mayor and Council regarding the stormwater history, revenues and expenses. He provided a powerpoint presentation to demonstrate the data. Questions and Discussions followed.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS** – Jay Zeman, Vice-President of the Barrington Estates Homeowners Association requested that the council hold off with any action on the acceptance deed for the Barrington Estates streets. This will give more time to resolve any issues the subdivision has with the aesthetic look of the streets.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**RZ-16-001, Home South Communities**, Rezone 11.1 acres from BG/OI/RS100/RS150 to Residential Multifamily for 86 unit townhome development, **APPLICANT REQUEST TO TABLE** – Council Member Cohen motioned to table. Mayor Pro Tem Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 5-0. The City Attorney, Frank Hartley, reminded the planning staff that because there was not a public hearing, this item will have to be re-advertised.

**Public Hearing, Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Article 10, Overlay Districts, Central Business District** – Director Awana explained the ordinance change. The planning staff has proposed a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Article 10, Section 1002 Central Business District. This amendment will place parking garages under conditional uses rather than special uses making the review for proposed parking garages an administrative process. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke in favor or opposition so the hearing was closed. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the zoning ordinance amendment. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**Public Hearing, VAR-16-003, Northside Hospital, Inc. dba Northside Sugar Hill Imaging**, variance for a temporary mobile MRI unit until December 31, 2016 - Director Awana explained that the applicant has requested to allow the operation of the temporary mobile MRI unit until December 31, 2016 to allow time to complete the interior build-out for the permanent MRI facility to be located inside the main building. Staff's ability to extend the temporary use permit ran out. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke in favor or opposition so the hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen motioned to approved VAR-16-003. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**Right of Way Dedication and Acceptance, Barrington Estates Unit 3** – Director Awana explained that Pulte Homes has requested that the city accept the streets in Barrington Estates, Unit 3 into the city road system. Pulte took over around 2008 when the subdivision was half built. The repairs that they have made are in accordance with the standards, and are structurally sound. Maintenance agreements have been closed out and building permits have been issued for all 215 lots. Mayor Pro Tem Hembree motioned to table this item until next month. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**Ratification of Final Plat, Overlook Industrial Park** – Director Awana explained the planning department received a request from Berry Johnsa to approve the final plat for the Overlook Industrial Park Subdivision. This final plat includes 4 lots zoned HM-1. The property is across from Roberts Elementary. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the ratification of the final plat for Overlook Industrial Park. Mayor Pro Tem Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**Public Hearing, First Ave. Right of Way Abandonment** – Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche explained that this property belongs to the city and Mesquite Development. Staff has reviewed the proposed abandonment, determined that the segment of First Avenue as described no longer serves a substantial public purpose and recommends approval. The public hearing was opened and Taylor Anderson, Chairman of the DDA spoke in favor of the abandonment. He thanked the City Manager and staff for their efforts on this project. Dan Brown of Racetrac also spoke in favor of the abandonment. There were no other comments so the hearing was closed. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the First Avenue right of way abandonment. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR 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** – the meeting was reconvened and Mayor Pro Tem Hembree called the meeting back to order. There was no action out of Executive Session.

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

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Steve Edwards, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk