

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016, 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
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 Attorneys Frank Hartley and Lee Thompson.

2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Discussion – Gwinnett County will be calling for a referendum for a 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). The Gwinnett Cities are to consider the items that they want included on the SPLOST Referendum. The consideration will also be whether this is a four year or a six year SPLOST. The current SPLOST runs through March, 2017. The referendum will be in November and the new SPLOST if approved would begin April 1, 2017. All the Gwinnett cities will meet August 9th at the GwMA meeting for a signing ceremony. Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche provided a power point presentation outlining the recommendations for the Intergovernmental Agreement 2017 SPLOST Allocations. There was one amendment by the Mayor and Council to take the \$150,000 allocated for the Community Center renovations and transfer it to sidewalks. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the submittal of the Intergovernmental Agreement 2017 SPLOST Allocation for +\$20,000,000 as outlined in the attached spreadsheet and presented tonight. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Real Estate Contract, E.E. Robinson Park – the City Manager Paul Radford explained that the attorneys have redrafted this agreement to submit to Gwinnett County at their Commission Meeting tomorrow. The only change in the contract from the previous approval is the property will be used as a park for fifty years. The closing would be in ninety days with a ninety day grace period. Council Member Cohen motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement of E.E. Robinson Park to Gwinnett County for \$10,000,000. Mayor Pro Tem Hembree seconded with discussion. He asked if the Gwinnett County Park on Peachtree Industrial Park and Level Creek was to be named E.E. Robinson Park. The City Attorney Lee Thompson stated that it was. Mayor Pro Tem Hembree stated that his second stands. Motion approved 5-0.

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

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION - The meeting was reconvened and the Council considered the following:

Consideration of Settlement & Consent Order related to J.W. Trucks Zoning Matter – Council Member Northrup motioned to accept the consent Order of Final Judgement in the matter of J.W. Trucks for the amount of \$2,5000,000. Mayor Pro Tem Hembree 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