

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016
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, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley. Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche was not present.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

MTI Community Business of the Year – Mayor Edwards will recognize MTI for their community support and involvement at the May 9th Council Meeting.

Relay for Life, Paint Gwinnett Purple – the City Manager explained that the GwMA requested that the Gwinnett cities pass a proclamation in support of Relay for Life cancer and its cure.

OLD BUSINESS

RZ-16-001, Home South Communities, Rezone 11.1 acres from BG/OI/RS100/RS150 to Residential Multifamily for 79 unit townhome development – the Planner Susan Puri explained the application. The staff and the Planning Commission recommend denial.

Right of Way Dedication and Acceptance, Barrington Estates Unit 3 – Director Awana explained that the roads may not appear aesthetically pleasing but are structurally sound. The Homeowner’s Association has requested to table this for six months to allow time to work out issues that they have with the developer.

NEW BUSINESS

VAR-16-001, Fischer Homes, proposed stream buffer variance for encroachment into 75’ impervious surface setback for new house at **1389 Avalon Creek Rd.** – Planner Puri explained the stream buffer variance. The public hearing will be held at the May 9th Council Meeting.

VAR-16-002, Fischer Homes, proposed stream buffer variance for encroachment into 75’ impervious surface setback for new house at **1399 Avalon Creek Rd.** – Planner Puri explained that this is next door the application for VAR-16-001. The staff recommends approval of both variances with conditions.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Water Recycling for conveyor type car washes – Director Awana explained that this changes one paragraph of the zoning ordinance and the table. It will require all new automatic car washes to recycle water.

Program Management Contract, City Capital Projects – the City Manager explained that the city issued an RFP for on-call project management. The RFP Committee reviewed and selected Clark, Patterson, Lee out of Suwanee to be awarded the contract.

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

EpiCenter Update – the theater is increasing gin size as the plans continue. The DDA will be holding a Special Called Meeting to consider a program manager. The single fly tower is now gone and replaced with two towers front and back with an arch. It is 60% engineered.

Downtown Development Project Update – the DDA gave the Solomon Group a three month extension for their development agreement. Macauley is working on a feasibility study and marketing analysis.

Sugar Loop Greenway – There is now a master plan for the Sugar Loop Greenway.

Construction Update – construction continues on the Bowl. The maintenance building at Gary Pirkle Park passed inspection last week.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk