

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

OLD BUSINESS

Housing Study – Planning Director Awana explained that this study is a summary of the demographics with a five year plan showing trends. The gap in housing is for low or moderately low income housing. He is requesting to table until the March meeting to allow more time to promote the study.

NEW BUSINESS

RZ-15-011, Rezoning/Special Use Permit/Town Center Overlay Design Review Approval, Mahaffey Pickens Tucker, LLP, Request to Rezone to HSB with a Special Use Permit to allow building material sales with outdoor storage for granite stone countertop shop and retail business. Also seeking Town Center Overlay Design Review approval DRB-TCO-15-01719 (Public Hearing at 2/8/16 Council Meeting) – Director Awana explained that the Planning Commission recommended approval to store large slabs of granite and like materials outside.

Proclamation Recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Georgia City-County Management Association – the City Manager explained that the Association requested that the cities and counties pass this proclamation in honor of their 60th Anniversary.

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

EpiCenter Update – the funding is progressing with the interest in bank financing underwriting of the market bonds. The sign will be installed stating coming soon.

Downtown Development Project Update – the DDA will hold a Special Called Meeting on February 11th at 4:30 at City Hall.

Racetrac has a new engineer and will be closing on the property soon.

Macauley group will meet again on February 9th to look at the next iteration of the project. They are looking at four stories with underground parking.

Sugar Loop Greenway – the city is looking at hiring a consultant (Jacobs Consultant) to complete a ten year master plan for the Sugar Loop.

Construction Update – Assistant City Manager gave an update on the bowl and other construction projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL – Council Member Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk