

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 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**

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**MTI Community Business of the Year** – Mayor Edwards requested that the Mayor and Council present them with some type of recognition for their support within the community. Staff to prepare a picture such as the City Hall at dusk picture and frame it.

**Georgia Force Ring Ceremony** – Mayor Edwards wants to allow them to present their rings to the players. They won the state championship.

**ArtWorks! Gwinnett Proclamation** – Council Member Cohen to submit a proclamation in support of the ArtWorks!! Gwinnett organization. They are a non-profit group that supports the arts programs within the county.

**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 (Public Hearing 4/11/16) **APPLICANT REQUEST TO TABLE**

**Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Article 10, Overlay Districts, Central Business District** (Public Hearing 4/11/16) – Director Awana explained that this amendment is for parking decks only. It changes the process for approval.

**VAR-16-003, Northside Hospital, Inc. dba Northside Sugar Hill Imaging**, variance to allow operation of a temporary mobile MRI unit until December 31, 2016 (Public Hearing 4/11/16)- Director Awana explained that Northside Hospital dba Northside Sugar Hill requested that their mobile MRI be allowed through December 31, 2016. Their permanent structure should be completed by then.

**Right of Way Dedication and Acceptance, Barrington Estates Unit 3** –

Director Awana explained that Pulte took over the project after it sat for eight years. The roads are structurally good and they are ready to dedicate them. The homeowners association complained that the roads are functional just not aesthetically pleasing. The Council requested that Director Awana look at the roads and come back to the Council with a recommendation.

**Ratification of Final Plat, Overlook Industrial Park** – Director Awana explained that this across from Roberts Elementary. They have been working on this project and are now ready for the final plat to be ratified.

**First Ave. Right of Way Abandonment** (Public Hearing 4/11/16) – the Assistant City Manager explained that there are 3 tracks of land that utilize this portion of First Avenue. The city owns two of them and Mesquite Development owns the other. Staff recommends abandonment after 4938 First Avenue.

#### **CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES**

**EpiCenter Update** – the City Manager explained that the DDA authorized the Assistant City Manager to select a program manager. Precision Planning is the engineer fee based. Technical work on the site is now being done. Look to start vertical construction by the end of 2016.

**Downtown Development Project Update** – City Manager

**Sugar Loop Greenway** – it is still in the preliminary phase. Flood areas will have boardwalk type raised sidewalk. Considering a grant writer that is fee based to seek grants for this project.

**Construction Update** – the Assistant City Manager updated that Mayor and Council on projects. The Gary Pirkle Park maintenance facility is complete. The bowl construction is still underway with a completion date of late May. He presented the conceptual design for Retreat at Orr's Ferry. There were two options for the design of the main facility. Staff is working on signs for the bowl.

**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 action taken out of Executive Session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Steve Edwards, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk