

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016
CITY HALL HISTORY MUSEUM, 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’s Frank Hartley and Lee Thompson.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Chief Municipal Court Judge Margaret Washburn (2016 Recipient) and Associate Judge Charles Barrett (2015 Recipient) Frost Ward Lifetime Achievement Award

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Final Plat Ratification – Enclave at Hunter’s Creek, 24 lots, Level Creek Rd. – Director Awana explained the status of this final plat. They are ready to proceed.

Final Plat Ratification – Hadley Township, 69 townhome lots, Peachtree Industrial Blvd. – Director Awana explained the status of this final plat. They are ready to proceed.

Final Plat Ratification – Westbrook Village, 26 lots & 17 townhomes & Westbrook Village Tract 2 (2 acres commercial), Westbrook Rd. – Director Awana explained the status of this final plat. They are ready to proceed.

Municipal Code Amendment, Utility Right of Way Encroachment – Director Awana explained that this code amendment. The Georgia Municipal Association recommends that this ordinance be added. Franchise agreements would supercede. Change wording from City Clerk to City Manager.

Zoning Policy on Food Trucks – Director Awana to research what some of the other cities do in this regard.

MGAG Contract Amendment – Assistant City Manager/Attorney – Lee Thompson explained that MGAG is recommending these changes to the current contracts because of a legal case from a city outside of Georgia. If we do not pass this it will hold up the process. If we do end up in a court case with MGAG we would have arbitration.

Tangent Rule – Mayor Edwards explained that will be a code word for when the Council is getting off track and straying from the subject. He will say Tangent is this happens and the Council Member must stop.

Great Days of Service – Council Member Cohen explained that GwMA is sponsoring this project called “Give Hunger the Boot”. The cities will compete and raise non-perishable items for the pantries throughout Gwinnett. Our collection will go to the North Gwinnett Co-op. Everyone to bring cans on Monday for the Council meeting.

Henry Bailey Road abandonment – Mahaffey, Pickens Tucker attorney for the property owner Bellagio Properties, LLC requested on behalf of their client that the city abandon this road and allow the road to become part of the Bellagio property. Mayor and Council agreed to consider this when any development request for this site is considered.

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

Mural Discussion – the City Manager explained that the Mayor and Council would need to waive the design review process for the city to be allowed to have the mural painted on the side of the Suite Spot. Mayor and Council agreed to waive the Design Review.

EpiCenter Update – The Annex building will be the construction office for now. Temporary fencing to be placed around the site so construction can begin.

Downtown Development Project Update – The leases for the parking facility and the conference center of the Iconic are being worked on at this point. Office contractor and the other contractors selected.

Solomon requested extension until April, 2017.

McCauley to look at the view of the project.

Sugar Loop Greenway – Council Member Gajewski stated that the meetings went very well and there was a good turnout from the public. Some of the participants wanted some natural elements to the path.

Construction Update – Assistant City Manager explained that the Splash Park will be open 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. until some time in October. The ice rink will open on November 11th.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk