

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017  
CITY HALL HISTORY MUSEUM, 7:00 P.M.  
5039 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GA 30518**

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING** - Present were Present were Mayor Steve Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Northrup, Council Members Marc Cohen, Susie Gajewski, Brandon Hembree and Mike Sullivan. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**Proclamation Mark MacKain, Georgia Soccer Hall of Fame** – Possibly tabled if Mark MacKain is not able to attend the meeting.

**Safe Harbor Resolution Senator Unterman** – Senator Unterman will be at the Council Meeting to receive the Resolution regarding sex trafficking.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Final Plat Ratification, The Preserve @ Addison Woods** – Director Awana explained that this is not ready and will need to be tabled until the March meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Final Plat Ratification, Primrose Creek Unit 2B** – Could possibly be ready or tabled until March.

**RZ-16-008, Property Solutions Group, LLC, Buford Hwy 23, re-zone from HM-1 to RS-100/PRD (Public Hearing 2-13-17)** – Director Awana explained the application. Rezone to RS100 with conditions. It is across from the Roberts Elementary School with industrial all around. Requested to look at it as RS-100 how many lots could you get without the PRD.

**AX-17-001, 5494 Cumming Highway, Tax Parcel 7-321-016 (Public hearing 2-13-18)** – Director Awana explained that this is a city owned property planned as greenspace.

**Planning Commission Appointment** – Director Awana submitted the resume of a local person, Phil Olsen, who would replace Barry Pullen in Post #5.

**Arts Commission Appointment** – Council Member Cohen recommended Dorothy Floyed for the vacant position on the Arts Commission.

**Youth Council Trip to Germany** – Council Member Sullivan explained that some of the Youth Council will take a trip to Germany as Youth Ambassadors. He has been invited as a pier to attend this trip. He wants to take this from his travel budget if the Council approves. The Mayor and Council agree to allow training/travel budget for this.

**Occupation Tax Review** – Mayor Edwards requested that the Mayor and Council review the rates and procedures for occupation tax/business license. There were concerns from a local business that the cap for the renewal was too high at \$25,000. The City Clerk will obtain information on other cities rates and bring back to the Mayor and Council for review.

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

**EpiCenter Update** The theater wall is complete and a crane will arrive next week to begin the steel work. They are also working on the plaza wall.

**Downtown Development Project Update** – the car wash will be coming down soon to make way for the Iconic project. Nexus project is hiring another housing contractor that could work with the tax abatement plan. Solomon is working on other projects but will probably close on the property this summer.

**Sugar Loop Greenway** – Reviewing the alignments now and site work is next. This is all work that is required to design the first phase. In March there will be a friends of the greenway meeting.

**Construction Update** – the Assistant City Manager reviewed the construction that is underway. The gateway sign will be complete in the next 2 or 3 weeks. The next location will be across from HomeSpun on West Broad Street. The bowl improvements include work on the pavers to make sure they are installed correctly. They are still working on the splash pad. The roof of the amphitheater was repaired and painted. It had weathered and needed painting. New restroom signs were installed. The community garden parking lot started. They are laying the pavers in a herringbone pattern. The Goldmine park property is being designed. Construction will begin next year. The road resurfacing RFP was advertised and due by March 8<sup>th</sup>. That project will be complete this year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL** – Council Member Sullivan motioned to adjourn into Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Northrup 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