

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Steve Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Northrup, Council Members Taylor Anderson, Marc Cohen, Brandon Hembree and Susie Gajewski. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION – was given by Mayor Edwards

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Hembree motioned to amend the agenda by adding the Oath of Office for Youth Council Member Bhaumi Shah and to table Agenda item #3 AX-17-002. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council Meeting January 8, 2018; Work Session January 2, 2018; Special Called Meeting January 2, 2018. Council Member Gajewski motioned to approve the minutes as written. Approved 5-0.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

North Gwinnett High School Football State Champions – Mayor Edwards introduced the North Gwinnett Football team, coaches and Athletic Director. Council Member Cohen read and presented the proclamation.

REPORTS

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CITY MANAGER**

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – Mike Sullivan, Youth Council Advisor, thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing the Youth Council to attend Mayor’s Day. This is their third year attending and he summarized the experiences that they were able to have.

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing, Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Article 3, 4, 9 & 10 – Body Art Establishments – The Planning Director, Kaipo Awana, explained that the amendments before the Council tonight are for the Zoning Ordinance and the Municipal Code. The current code only allows Body Art Establishments in HM2 zoning. This amendment will update it to General Business with a Special Use permit. The municipal code amendment is for local licensing, qualifications and background checks, and the procedural standards for issuance of the license. Staff is recommending that both ordinance amendments be adopted as discussed. Council Member Cohen expressed concerns about the 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. hours. He thought 10:00 –

10:00 would be better hours for this type of business. The public hearing was opened and Amy Wilson, owner of Muse Salon, stated that 10:00 – 10:00 hours would not be a problem because most of these establishments do not open at 8:00 a.m. There were no other comments so the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Northrup motioned to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Body Art Establishments as written with the exception of the hours of operation be changed from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Municipal Code Amendment, Body Art Establishments – Council Member Hembree motioned to repeal the previous Tattoo and Body Art Establishment Ordinance and replace it with the amendment to the Municipal Code, Body Art Establishments as presented and to incorporate local licensing procedures. Mayor Pro Tem Northrup seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Annexation AX-17-002, Embry Development LLC, 770 Buford Highway, Rezone to RM, 145 lots – TABLED until March meeting.

Highway 20 Study, Market Analysis & Final Study Report – Planning Director Awana explained the results of the study. Bleakley Advisory Group provided a thorough analysis of real estate market potential within the study area and recommended a planning strategy. The staff is recommending that the Council adopt the market study, character vision, framework plans, zoning strategy and 5-year work program as a short term guide for decisions related to land use policy, intergovernmental coordination and capital investment along the Highway 20 corridor. This process included months of community involvement and public outreach. Mayor Pro Tem Northrup motioned to approve the Highway 20 Market Study and authorize the Mayor to sign the Resolution adopting such plan. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Ordinance Establishing a Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City – the City Manager Paul Radford explained that the city had explored many companies and opportunities for retirement plans for the employees of the City of Sugar Hill. The Mayor and Council continue to invest in the staff and research shows that the Defined Benefit Plan from Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) was the best plan for the employees of the city. The effective date would be April 1, 2018. Council Member Hembree motioned to approve the Ordinance and Adoption Agreement for the Defined Benefit Retirement Plan for the employees of the City of Sugar Hill. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Resolution Stockbridge – the City of Stockbridge is facing de-annexation of a large portion of their city to form a separate city. They have asked other cities to rally and support their opposition and oppose the legislation in the Georgia General Assembly allowing this de-annexation. Council Member Hembree recused himself and left the room during discussion and vote on this matter. The Youth Council became concerned about this legislation while they were attending Mayor’s Day. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the Resolution. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL – Council Member Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – the meeting was reconvened and the following action was taken out of Executive Session. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the City Manager enter into contract to purchase 5079 West Broad Street, parcel no. R7291 074, with a purchase price not to exceed \$298,000. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Anderson motioned to adjourn. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk