

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 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 Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorneys Frank Hartley and Lee Thompson. City Manager Paul Radford was not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Gajewski motioned to approve the Agenda as submitted. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 5-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council Meeting March 12, 2018; Work Session March 5, 2018 – Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

REPORTS

**CITY ATTORNEY
COUNCIL
MAYOR
CITY CLERK
CITY MANAGER**

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – Mike Sullivan spoke regarding the Youth Council. The 8th grade students will be attending Georgia Cities Week. Ambassadors will travel to Germany.

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing, SUP-18-001, Alejandro Martinez, 740 North Price Rd., request for gravel parking lot – Planning Director Awana explained that the city received an application from Alejandro Martinez for a special use permit to allow a parking lot for vehicles, equipment, outdoor storage and a variance to allow a gravel parking surface. The applicant plans to move his existing business to this location. The initial phase is to allow for storage of materials, equipment and parking for company vehicles and employee vehicles. The staff recommends approval with five (5) conditions. The public hearing was opened and the applicant Alejandro Martinez spoke regarding moving his business to this location. There were no other comments so

the hearing was closed. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve SUP-18-001 with the five conditions as outlined by staff. Council Member Hembree seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Public Hearing, VAR-18-001, Licet Naranjo, 4719 East Broad Street, requesting Reduced Buffer – Planning Director Awana explained that the city received an application from Licet Naranjo requesting a reduction of the 50-foot undisturbed buffer adjacent to residentially zoned property to a 35-foot enhanced landscape buffer. In August of 2016, the temporary use of three 500 square foot buildings and a gravel parking area was approved as a change in conditions RZ-16-003. There is a Georgia Power Company easement at the rear of the property and coordination with the utility company took several months. While the property owner has negotiated permission from Georgia Power to locate the storm water management facility in the easement, the proposed location is within the 50’ undisturbed zoning buffer. The prior application RZ-16-003 didn’t include a detailed site plan to contemplate a potential buffer encroachment. When the buffer is within an easement additional screening is required. Staff is recommending approval with two conditions. The public hearing combined with DRB TCO18-00183 was opened. There were no comments for or against so the hearing was closed. Council Member Hembree motioned to approve VAR-18-001 with the two conditions outlined by staff. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Public Hearing, DRB TCO 18-00183, Town Center Overlay Design Review, 4719 East Broad St. – Planning Director Awana explained that this application from Licet Naranjo is requesting design review board approval for temporary site improvements including three 500 square foot wood frame storage buildings. The property is located within the TCO and is currently vacant. The public hearing was combined with VAR-18-001. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve DRB TCO 18-00183 with the three conditions as outlined by staff. Mayor Pro Tem Northrup seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Council Appointment to Pension Committee – Mayor Edwards explained that the city has recently approved adopting a Defined Benefit Plan from GMA and within the plan it requires a Pension Committee be formed. The committee consists of the City Manager, City Clerk, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director and one member of City Council. The floor is open for nominations for this appointment. Council Member Hembree nominated Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Northrup. There were no other nominations so he will serve on the Pension Committee.

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

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – The meeting was reconvened and Council Member Hembree motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sugar Hill and the Downtown Development Authority for the Buice School property and a minimum of \$4,400,000 for the referenced property. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Gajewski motioned to adjourn. Council member Cohen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk