

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018
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 Curtis Northrup, Council Members Taylor Anderson, Marc Cohen, and Brandon Hembree. Council Member Susie Gajewski was not present. 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

North Gwinnett High School Football State Champions – Council Member Cohen the team coaches and team members will be at the Council Meeting. The bulldog statue will be brought over to City Hall and placed out front.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Article 3, 4, 9 & 10 – Body Art Establishments (Public Hearing 2/12/18) – the Planning Director explained that the public hearing will be held at the Council Meeting. The zoning will change from HM2 to BG or HSB with a special use permit.

2. Municipal Code Amendment, Body Art Establishments – Planning Director Awana explained that the code amendment allows for local licensing.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Annexation AX-17-002, Embry Development LLC, 770 Buford Highway, Rezone to RM, 145 lots (Public Hearing 2/12/18) – Planning Director Awana explained that this is 100% annexation. The staff recommends annexation and rezoning with the 11 staff conditions. This is a mix of detached and townhomes. The council would like to see renderings of what is proposed. Council Member Anderson will work with the Planning Director to help with revisions.

4. Highway 20 Study, Market Analysis & Final Study Report – Planning Director Awana went over the highlights of the study. The final public event was a few months ago. Council requested that staff work on lighting and turn arrows at the intersection of Highway 20 and West Broad Street. The intersection is very dark at night.

5. Ordinance Establishing a Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City – the City Manager Paul Radford explained that the city reviewed several different plans and companies to examine the retirement plan for the employees of the city. The Georgia Municipal Association's defined benefit retirement plan covers over 268 cities in Georgia. This plan will replace the 3% being placed into the Nationwide 401 plan and eliminate the match into the Nationwide 457. It has been placed into the 2018 budget and provides for up to 5 years of service credit for employees.

Council Member Sullivan requested that the Council consider the Resolution of Support for Stockbridge's annexation issue. The Youth Council heard this issue at Mayor's Day.

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

E Center Update

Downtown Development Projects

Bowl/Concert Series

Sugar Hill Greenway

22 Acre Passive Park / Gold Mine Park

City-wide Construction

EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL – Council Member Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Northrup seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk