

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023, 6:45 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Hembree. Present Mayor Brandon Hembree, Mayor Pro Tem Marc Cohen, Council Members Taylor Anderson, Alvin Hicks, Mason Roszel, Jenn Thatcher, City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, and City Clerk Jane Whittington.

2023 Proposed Millage Rate Public Hearing #2 - City Manager Paul Radford gave a presentation regarding the millage rate. Staff recommended rolling back the millage rate to 3.69 mils. The millage rate has remained at 3.8 mils since 2003. The Mayor asked if there were questions from Council then opened the public hearing.

Gary Pirkle, 5440 Silk Oak Way, would like to see the millage rolled back further. Andrew Schultz, 5350 Windswept Trace, stated that people are still suffering from the pandemic and requested that the Council consider rolling the millage back further. Meg Avery, 4575 Forest Green Dr., stated it was nice to hear that the millage was being rolled back. She expressed concerns over debt.

There were no other comments, so the public hearing was closed.

Council Member Anderson asked the City Manager if the property tax revenue was used to pay the revenue bonds? The City Manager stated that it does not, they are paid through other funding such as leases etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL – no Executive Session was held.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Roszel motioned to adjourn. Council Member Thatcher seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Brandon Hembree, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk