

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7:00 P.M.  
5039 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GA 30518**

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING** - 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.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Appointment** – Council Member Roszel explained that the DDA needed one more member. Josh Mendoza is active with the DDA attending their meetings. Council member Roszel will be nominating Josh Mendoza as the appointee at the Council Meeting next week.

**Call for Special Election November 7, 2023, Homestead Exemptions** – Mayor Hembree explained that the city will be having a special election in November to increase the homestead exemption for Sugar Hill residents. The legislation was passed this year but will take a referendum of the voters of Sugar Hill to increase these exemptions. They are for regular homestead, senior homestead and for disabled or senior that is income based. The Council will need to call for the election at next week’s Council meeting to allow for a Special election in November. The increased homesteads would take effect for 2024.

**CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES**

**Public Safety**

**Operations**

**Construction**

**Development/Events**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL** – Mayor Pro Tem Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Hicks seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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

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

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Brandon Hembree, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk