

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7:00 P.M.
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GA 30518**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING - . Present were Mayor Brandon Hembree, Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Hicks, Council Members Taylor Anderson, Meg Avery, Joshua Page, Gary Pirkle, City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington, and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation Theo Hutchings Taskforce on Building an Inclusive Environment for Children with Diverse Abilities – Mayor Hembree requested that Council Member Page take the lead on the taskforce.

Proclamation Coach Randy Black – Council Member Anderson will read and present the proclamation to Coach Black at the June 10th Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of GMEBS Plan Amendment to Remove Elected Officials – The City Attorney explained that the city has two options (1) Leave the plan open to current elected officials who are participating in it until they vacate office but close it to participation by future or returning elected officials. This would allow the current elected officials participating in the plan to keep accruing benefits until they vacate office but would not allow future participation by new or returning elected officials. According to GMA/GMEBS, this is the most common approach to plan “freezes” in GMEBS; or (2) Close participation to current and future elected officials as of the effective date of the freeze. Under this approach, the current elected officials participating in the plan would be vested in the benefits they had accrued as of the date of the freeze and would be able to draw retirement benefits at age 65. They would not be able to accrue any additional service credit. The Council agreed on option 2. The City Attorney will inform GMEBS and the document will be ready at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

Public Safety
Operations
Construction
Development/Events

EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL – Council Member Avery motioned to enter Executive Session for real estate, legal and/or personnel. Council Member Page seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – The meeting was reconvened, and two real estate and one personnel were discussed. There was no action taken out of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Pro Tem Hicks motioned to adjourn. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Brandon Hembree, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk