




TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Jane Whittington, City Clerk 
DATE: January 31, 2025
RE: Veto by Mayor Hembree, Downtown Development Authority – Appointments to Posts 2 and 3, Riverlands Authority – Appointments to Post 2 and 4

Mayor Hembree vetoed the appointment of Gary Pirkle to the Downtown Development Authority Post 2 and Post 3. He also vetoed the appointment of Andrew Schultz to Riverlands Authority Post 2 and Marla King for Post 4.

Section 2-33 of the Code of the City of Sugar Hill, Georgia provides for the process and authority of the mayor to veto administrative resolutions. Section 2-33 allows for the council to override a veto by the mayor in the same manner as it would the veto of an ordinance. For a veto of an ordinance, the Charter provides: “Ordinances vetoed by the mayor shall be represented by the clerk to the council at its next regular meeting and, if the council should then or at its next regular meeting adopt the ordinance by an affirmative vote of four members, it shall become law.”

As required by the Charter, I am placing the appointments on the regular agenda for the February 10, 2025, Council Meeting. The council should take action on the veto at either the February 10, 2025, Council Meeting or the March 10, 2025 Council Meeting.

Under the language of the Charter stated above, the Council’s consideration and action is whether to approve the appointments. In order to approve the action of the appointments, an affirmative vote of four members is required. If the appointments are not approved by an affirmative vote of four members, the mayor’s veto stands. If the mayor’s veto stands, no appointments will have been made to the posts and new nominations for appointment can be made.

