

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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, 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. Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Hicks was not present.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation, Sherwood Pharmacy – Council Member Pirkle will check with Danica Roberts to see if she can make it to the Council Meeting to receive this proclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

Veto by Mayor Hembree RZ-24-004, 1036 & 1040 Whitehead Rd. the City Clerk explained the veto and what the Council would be voting on for next week’s meeting. The Council would have to vote to override the veto with four members or the veto would stand.

2025 Proposed Operation & Capital Improvement Budget Ordinance – the City Manager explained the changes made from the last meeting. The new Code Enforcement position was eliminated, and there were changes to the travel and training line items. The Capital Improvement Budget had modifications and some items were moved to 2026. The downtown parking garage was also discussed as an elimination.

IBC Code Amendment Adoption – the Planning Department explained that this item was considered and agreed to forward to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for approval. It now comes back to the Council to adopt. Staff recommends approval and adoption.

NEW BUSINESS

AX-24-003, Hillside Holdings, LLC, 5871 Hillside Farm Rd. & 545 Riverside Rd. annex 20.09 acres & rezone General Business BG for a brewpub, event venue and chapel, (public hearing 12-9-24) – The Planning Department explained that this project has access from Riverside Rd. and the Publix Rd. into the shopping area. The applicant has requested several buffer variances. The public hearing will be at next week’s meeting.

CBD-24-004, Central Business District Design Review for a medical office (public hearing 12-9-24) - Planner Logan Witter explained that the staff looked at two options for this proposed facility. One has the parking lot front facing and the other has the parking lot rear facing. The staff recommends the parking lot in the rear. Council considered the parking lot in the front so the building is facing the highway not the back of a building.

Resolution PTSD Coverage through GIRMA – the City Manager explained that the PTSD coverage is required through House Bill 451 also known as The Ashley Wilson Act. The city’s current carrier GIRMA is offering a program to handle the PTSD coverage for first responders.

Agreement for Landfill Expense Reimbursement – the Assistant City Manager explained that this contract and resolution approves the reimbursement for expenses for monitoring the city’s closed landfill.

Transco Project Agreement – the Assistant City Manager explained the city will need to approve the construction of an upgrade to the interconnection with Transco Pipeline. There will be three required payments. One due in 2024 for \$571,890 after execution of the agreement. The other two due are due in 2025 for a total anticipated cost of \$2,147,407.

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

Public Safety

Operations

Construction

Development/Events

EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL - Council Member Avery motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Page seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – The meeting was reconvened and the Council discussed two real estate matters. There was no action out of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Pirkle motioned to adjourn. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Brandon Hembree, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk