

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SUGAR HILL
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025, 7:30 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION – given by Mayor Pro Tem Page.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Hicks motioned to approve the agenda. Council Member Page seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council Meeting January 13, 2025; Work Session & Executive Session January 6, 2025 – Council Member Anderson motioned to approve the minutes. Council Member Avery seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS - Proclamations North Gwinnett Cluster Teacher of the Year – Mayor Hembree read a summary of the proclamation. Council Member Hicks read the accomplishments of each teacher and they presented the proclamations to them. The Council congratulated the teachers and welcomed their families and principals for photos

Municipal Court Judge Margaret Washburn Annual Report – Judge Margaret Washburn updated the Mayor and Council on the 2024 annual report for the Sugar Hill Municipal Court.

REPORTS

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YOUTH COUNCIL**

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS – there were no comments from citizens or guests.

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Veto by Mayor Hembree, Downtown Development Authority, Appointments to Posts 2 and 3 – Mayor Hembree called for any action on the veto. There were no motions from the Council so this item will be placed on the March Council Agenda.

Veto by Mayor Hembree, Riverlands Authority, Appointments for Post 2 and 4 – Mayor Hembree called for any action on the veto. There were no motions from the Council so this item will be placed on the March Council Agenda.

Resolution for Extension of Moratorium on Development of or Issuance of Permits for Apartment Houses and Dwelling, Multiple within the Central Business District and the Town Center Overlay District – Council Member

Pirkle explained that there are proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and the Planning Commission was slated to have a public hearing on January 21st. The Planning Commission meeting was canceled due to inclement weather and were not able to consider these amendments. This resolution to extend the moratorium allows the Planning Commission to consider this matter and for it to then come before the Mayor and Council. Council Member Pirkle motioned to approve the Resolution extending the moratorium previously placed (on Development of or Issuance of Permits for Apartment Houses and Dwelling, Multiple within the Central Business District and the Town Center Overlay District). Mayor Pro Tem Page seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Planning Commission Reappointments Rosemary Walsh Post 1 and Jason Jones Post 2 – Council Member Avery explained that Rosemary Walsh and Jason Jones have both expressed a desire to remain on the Planning Commission. She motioned to approve the appointment of Rosemary Walsh Post #1 and Jason Jones Post #2 for the Sugar Hill Planning Commission. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL – Council Member Hicks motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Avery seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – The meeting was reconvened, and the following action was taken out of Executive Session. Council Member Avery motioned to give the City Clerk Jane Whittington a 4% salary increase effective January 1, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Page seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Hicks motioned to adjourn. Council Member Pirkle seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Brandon Hembree, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk