

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025, 6:45 P.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5039 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

**CALL TO ORDER** - by Mayor Hembree. 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.

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

**Call for 2025 General Election – the** City Clerk explained that the city would be holding an election on November 4, 2025. The election is for the following posts City Council Post #4, Alvin Hicks, Incumbent; City Council Post #5, Taylor Anderson, Incumbent; Mayor, Brandon Hembree, Incumbent. The November 4, 2025 Municipal Election will be held at Sugar Hill City Hall, 5039 West Broad Street during the hours of 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Advance or Early Voting will be held October 14-18, 2025, from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm; October 20-25, 2025 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm; and October 27 – 31, 2025 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. A run-off election, if necessary, would be held December 2, 2025. All voting will be held at City Hall, 5039 West Broad Street, Sugar Hill, GA. The Election Superintendent requests that the Mayor and City Council set the qualifying dates and times as follows: Qualifying for this election will be held on Monday, August 18, 2025, through Wednesday, August 20, 2025, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day. Council Member Anderson motioned to approve the call for election as outlined by the City Clerk. Council Member Avery seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Amicus Brief for Chang V. Milton** – the City Attorney explained the case of Chang v. the City of Milton. It involved an accident involving a planter on the right-of-way and whether the city was liable for a planter that had been there for many years. Chang was awarded a large settlement in this case. This resolution would allow the city to participate in the Amicus Brief in Chang V. City of Milton Appeal in the Georgia Supreme Court. Council Member Pirkle motioned to adopt the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Page seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**CDBG & HOME funding for Affordable Housing** – the City Manager explained that in August 2024 the Council approved applying for CDBG and Home grant funds. The Planning Director presented the project to Council. The city is eligible to receive grants to aid in developing and construction of an attainable housing component known as Roosevelt Commons on Roosevelt Circle. The grant awards total \$2,809,131 which includes the 2025 Home Funds pending approval by the Gwinnett County Commission. The Mayor would need to reactivate the Housing Authority to oversee the project. The Council will have design review approval and Gwinnett County would handle eligibility. Council Member Hicks motioned to approve acceptance of the CDBG and Home Grant funds. Mayor Pro Tem Page seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-2 with Council Members Anderson, Hicks and Page voting for the motion and Council Member Avery and Pirkle voting against.

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

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Brandon Hembree, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk