

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7:00 P.M.  
5039 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GA 30518**

**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. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Attorney Frank Hartley and City Clerk Jane Whittington.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**DDA Name Badge Presentation (9-8-25)** – Council Member Anderson explained that Dawn P. Gober’s children will be at the Council Meeting and he will present them with her DDA badges and thank them for Dawn’s service to the city.

**Proclamation Bill and Mary Harting (9-8-25)** – Mayor Hembree will have Bill and Mary Harting at the Council Meeting to present them with a proclamation honoring their 80<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**AX-25-002, 5853, 5875 Suwanee Dam Rd., 5868 Henry Bailey Rd., 2.72 acres Rezone to General Business (BG) for Retail Commercial Development** (public hearing held 6-9-25) – the Planning Director explained that they received new information from the applicant this morning but he is still out of the country. They will probably request to table until November.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Planning Commission Appointment** – Council Member Avery will request that Mark Daniels be re-appointed to the Planning Commission.

**Ridge Lake Park Playground Design-Build Contract Award** – the Assistant City Manager will have a more formal presentation with different designs for next week’s meeting.

**LMIG 2026 Application** – the Assistant City Manager presented the streets for the 2026 application. The project is estimated to cost \$983,578. The LMIG funding through the state would be \$287,574. A 30% match is required and will be funded by SPLOST.

**Boundary Line Agreement for 1125 Whitehead Road** – the Assistant City Manager explained that the boundary line agreement was contemplated during the design review process for this property. The negotiations and surveys have taken a while and an agreement has been reached. The city will proceed with the installation of the cemetery fence once this agreement is approved.

**WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES**

**2025 Millage Rate 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing 9-8-25, 9:00 a.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing 9-8-25 7:30 p.m.; 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Hearing 9-15-25 6:00 p.m.** The City Manager reminded everyone that the millage rate hearings will be held starting on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Property Tax Collection Update** – The City Manager explained that the city is working with Appalachian Tax Collection Company regarding the past due taxes.

**Public Safety**

**Operations**

**Construction**

**Development/Events**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION, LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL** – There was no executive session held.

**PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT** – Council Member Pirkle 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