

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
5039 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026, 7:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** – by Mayor Hembree. Present were Mayor Brandon Hembree, Mayor Pro Tem Josh Page, Council Members Meg Avery, Alvin Hicks, Gary Pirkle and Samantha Piovesan. Also present were 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 Darrel Pruitt.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

**Mayor Brandon Hembree** – administered by Judge Kim Gallant

**Council Member Alvin Hicks, Post #4**, administered by Mayor Hembree

**Council Member Samantha Piovesan, Post #5**, administered by Mayor Hembree

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – The Council needs to amend the agenda to add Presentation, Excellence in Policing through Georgia Municipal Association. Council Member Pirkle motioned to amend the agenda to add this item. Council Member Avery seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Council Meeting December 8, 2025; Work Session December 1, 2025 – Council Member Avery motioned to approve the minutes. Council Member Pirkle seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

David Trotter, of the Georgia Municipal Association, presented the city with the Excellence in Policing Certificate. The Mayor will receive a plaque at the Cities United Conference meeting later this month. Sugar Hill Marshal's Office is one of nine cities to receive this distinction in the State of Georgia.

**REPORTS**

**CITY ATTORNEY**

**COUNCIL**

**MAYOR**

**CITY CLERK**

**CITY MANAGER**

**YOUTH COUNCIL**

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RZ-25-007, 4832 White St., Rezone from MH to R36 (3 units) side setback variance – REQUEST TO TABLE UNTIL FEBRUARY** – Planning Director Newell explained that staff is requesting the Council table this item until February to allow more time for review. Mayor Pro Tem Page motioned to table RZ-25-007 until the February meeting. Council Member Piovesan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** – the meeting was reconvened and the Council discussed one legal matter and two real estate matters. There was no public action taken out of Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Pro Tem Page motioned to adjourn. Council Member Piovesan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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Brandon Hembree, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk