

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SUGAR HILL
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 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 Council Member Pirkle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Hicks motioned to amend the agenda to include a proclamation for student success week by the Youth Council. Council Member Piovesan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council Meeting & Executive Session February 9, 2026; Work Session & Executive Session February 2, 2026 – Council Member Avery motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Piovesan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation Rosemary Walsh – Mayor Hembree, Council Member Piovesan read a statement about Rosemary including memories and a tribute to Rosemary’s love of the community. Mayor Hembree and others shared memories of Rosemary as well. Rosemary could not attend tonight’s meeting so former Council Member Taylor Anderson will deliver the proclamation to her.

Proclamation National Day of Prayer – Mayor Hembree explained that this National Day of Prayer on May 7th will be cross denominational and will include all forms of worship. It encourages unity and goodwill among residents.

Plan First Designation Recognition – Mayor Hembree and Planning Director Art Newell thanked and introduced the planning staff members who were instrumental in receiving this award.

REPORTS

CITY ATTORNEY

COUNCIL

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

CITY MANAGER

YOUTH COUNCIL – Youth Council Members Mayor Violet Brockman, Secretary Anjika Shah and Member Jeffrey Choi read and presented the proclamation regarding Student Success Week.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS

Donita Crockett, 1224 Lanier Meadow Dr. and a resident of the Lanier Townhomes, spoke regarding the lot next to the townhomes. The new owners clear cut the property eliminating the buffer that was in place for the townhomes. She requested that the council investigate how this happened and how it will be remedied.

An Arbor Clos resident thanked the Sugar Hill Marshal’s Office for checking on his house while he was on vacation. He submitted a vacation home watch request and said the marshals were responsive.

Terrell Joseph owner of Action Spot Arena at 255 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., requested that the alcohol ordinances be changed to allow beer and wine at his facility. It would be a small hospitality as part of his business.

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

Golf Cart Ordinance – Council Member Page suggested that this ordinance be tabled indefinitely to allow the Marshals to have the ability to enforce it. Council Member Page motioned to table the Golf Cart Ordinance to a time indefinite. Council Member Hicks seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Amendment, Chapter 18 Municipal Code, Mobile Food Vendors – the Planning Director explained the amendments from the Work Session and the other parameters of the ordinance changes. The city sponsored events would be handled by the Events Department and are exempt from this ordinance. Council Member Piovesan suggested that the council postpone this until the May meeting allowing more time to review the ordinance and the secondary documents such as the application. Council Member Page motioned to table this indefinitely. Council Member Piovesan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Gwinnett Countywide Safety Plan Natural Gas – the City Manager explained the agreement for the Countywide Safety Plan. The cities of Lawrenceville, Buford and Sugar Hill will approve this plan and it will then be submitted to the Public Service Commission for their approval. It also allows these cities to work together if there is a gas emergency. Council Member Page motioned to approve the Gwinnett Countywide Safety Plan for Natural Gas. Council Member Pirkle seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL – there was no Executive Session held.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Hicks motioned to adjourn. Council Member Pirkle seconded the motion.

Brandon Hembree, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk