

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026, 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GA 30518**

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.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation Rosemary Walsh – Mayor Hembree, Council Member Piovesan explained that this will acknowledge Rosemary’s work on the Planning Commission and in the community. They are trying to get her and her family to attend the Council Meeting.

Proclamation National Day of Prayer – Mayor Hembree explained the local churches are organizing a National Day of Prayer. They will hold a ceremony on May 7th.

Plan First Designation Recognition – Mayor Hembree explained that the city received recognition for the Plan First Designation. The Planning Director went to the capital for formal recognition. The Mayor congratulated the Planning Department staff for the hard work on this designation and accomplishment.

OLD BUSINESS

Golf Cart Ordinance – Council Member Page explained that staff has worked with him on the effort to write this golf cart ordinance. The Marshals Department would issue the permits. This could require the city to pass the ability for the Marshals to write tickets to be able to enforce this ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Amendment, Chapter 18 Municipal Code, Mobile Food Vendors – Planning Director Newell requested that Planner Jennifer Howard explain the amendments to the ordinance. The Council suggested some changes to the ordinance such as an annual fee for the permit. Ms. Howard explained that this would not conflict with the special events held by the city.

Gwinnett Countywide Safety Plan Natural Gas – the City Manager explained that this agreement is for the areas that fall within multiple jurisdictions in Sugar Hill, Lawrenceville and Buford. Once passed it will go the Public Service Commission for review.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

**Public Safety
Operations
Construction**

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 Piovesan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Brandon Hembree, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk