

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
5039 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026, 7:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** – by Mayor Pro Tem Joshua Page. Present were Council Members Avery, Hicks, Piovesan and Pirkle. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley. Mayor Hembree was not present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
INVOCATION** – given by Council Member Hicks.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Council Member Hicks motioned to approve the agenda. Council Member Pirkle seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Council Meeting & Executive Session April 13, 2026; Work Session April 6, 2026 – Council Member Avery motioned to approve the Work Session minutes and the Executive Session minutes as written. She further motioned to amend the April 13, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes by changing paragraph two of the public hearing for CDB Design Review-26-002 to read the developer stated that This building would create sixty to one hundred twenty jobs. The other amendment was in the public hearing for CBD Design Review 26-002, to add a sentence after Mark Daniels 5872 Sycamore Ridge Dr. spoke in opposition to the building and the downtown parking. However he was informed that parking is not a part of design review and he was unable to finish his comments. Council Member Pirkle seconded the motion with amendments. Approved 4-0.

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**Youth Council Graduation Presentation** – Council Member Hicks explained that tonight he wanted to honor the four seniors in the Youth Council. He wants to present them with their cords and allow them to tell the Council where they will be going next. Violet Brockmann Mayor will be attending Kennesaw State to study education. Seth Van Lerberghe will be attending Embre-Little Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach to study aeronautical engineering to become an airline pilot. Sainandhika Dineshkumar will be attending Georgia Tech to study chemical engineering. Cayden Paul will be attending UGA to study chemical engineering.

**REPORTS**

**CITY ATTORNEY  
COUNCIL  
MAYOR  
CITY CLERK  
CITY MANAGER  
YOUTH COUNCIL**

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS**

Kalee Weiland, 5623 Riverside Walk Dr. spoke regarding a public parking agreement with Sugar Hill Church, questioned what will happen if the developer pulls out of the contract for 5033 West Broad St, and the Kittle Homes land purchase.

Curtis Northrup, 9405 Ponderosa Trail, Gainesville, spoke regarding the Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche. He thanked Troy for his leadership.

Wansley Sudderth, spoke regarding the 5033 West Broad St. project and also regarding the April 13, 2026 Council Meeting public hearing comments.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### OLD BUSINESS

**CDB Design Review 26-002, 5033 West Broad St. (public hearing held 4-13-26)** – Art Newell, Planning Director, explained that the questions the council had from the work session have been addressed. He showed the pictures and site plan for council review. The public hearing was held last month at the April Council Meeting. There was discussion from council regarding the kneewall and the proximity to the sidewalk, the use of planters, the size of the building and placement of this building on other properties. Council Member Pirkle motioned to deny CBD Design Review 26-002. Council Member Avery seconded the motion. The motion was 2-2 with Council Members Avery and Pirkle voting for the denial and Council Members Hicks and Piovesan voting against the denial. Mayor Pro Tem Page broke the tie by voting against the denial.

Council Member Hicks motioned to approve CDB Design Review 26-002. Council Member Piovesan seconded the motion. The staff condition was not part of the motion so Council Member Piovesan rescinded the second. Council Member Hicks restated the motion for approval of CDB Design Review 26-002 with the staff condition that the final designs shall substantially resemble the attached exhibits 1-6 and to add additional conditions that a knee wall is a requirement, as well as having appropriate distance of the sidewalk. Council Member Piovesan seconded the motion. The motion was 2-2 with Council Members Hicks and Piovesan voting for the approval and Council Members Avery and Pirkle voting against the approval of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Page broke the tie by voting for the approval. Motion carries.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Milton Amicus Brief Resolution** – the City Attorney Fran Hartley explained that this was a court case of Chang vs the City of Milton which resulted in a large settlement that was appealed to the Supreme Court of Georgia. The brief is not drafted yet so it will be reviewed by the City Attorney before submitted. Council Member Piovesan asked if the city would accrue expenses related to this. The City Attorney explained only legal fees for his review. Council Member Pirkle motioned to approve the resolution for the Amicus Brief. Council Member Piovesan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**Purchase and Sale Agreement with Kittle Homes, LLC** for the City to purchase a portion (approximately 0.53 acres) of Tax Parcel R7292 380 – the City Manager explained that the city has a contract for the purchase of a portion of the property owned by Kittle Homes at the Skyview Townhomes. Council Member Pirkle explained that the use as approved by council before included a restaurant with no parking. They were going to have a big screen outside which could be distracting to Highway 20. The city is attempting to square the property off and it would be part of the contract to have the ability to do that if Kittle is able to obtain additional property. The city will close this purchase within thirty days. Council Member Pirkle motioned to purchase a portion of R7292 380 from Kittle Homes. Council Member Piovesan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL** – Council Member Avery motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Pirkle seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

**PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** – the meeting was reconvened and one real estate matter was discussed in Executive Session. No public action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Council Member Hicks motioned to adjourn. Council Member Piovesan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

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Joshua Page, Mayor Pro Tem

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk