

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Pro Tem Joshua Page, Council Members Meg Avery, Alvin Hicks, Samantha Piovesan and Gary Pirkle. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Jerry Oberholtzer, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

AGENDA – the Flock Camera Ordinance and the Youth Council Oath of Office will be added to the agenda.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day – Mayor Hembree explained that his proclamation came after a request from the Goddard School’s Director to recognize the early childhood teachers and their role in education.

OLD BUSINESS

Flock Camera Ordinance – Council Member Pirkle wanted this ordinance to come forward because of all of the current information and news about abuse of the flock camera system. Council Member Piovesan explained that she had audited our Marshal’s Department and their use of the Flock Cameras. She wanted to change the ordinance to address five key points. Terminate usage of Flock LPR cameras but remove all language banning LPR in general. Should the Marshal's office identify that an LPR is necessary, it is at their discretion. Utilize internal camera system and also transition all current city cameras to said system. Expand camera coverage areas in our downtown: including but not limited to new LPR, parking decks, gym decks, breezeways and allies, splash pad, bathroom exteriors, the bowl, apartment exterior and our pedestrian bridge. Any agency requesting access to our data must request it via our Chief, and it needs to be related to a case or investigation. Current policy will be owned by the Marshals office but governed by the Council. Any changes to the policy must be communicated to the Council. Council Member Page suggested that the Council will decide policy. Council Member Avery stated that since Gwinnett County maintains cameras at major intersections, the county could incur the cost. Council Member Piovesan said that the city will need to update the security cameras in the downtown area.

NEW BUSINESS

Sugar Hill Player’s Guild Annual Update – Anne Mulligan gave the yearly report for the Players Guild.

On the Stage Children’s Theater Annual Update – Renee Hanna gave the Children’s Theater yearly report

Right of Way Dedication and Easement 5021 Nelson Brogdon Blvd.– The Planning Director explained that this is for the project on Stanley Street. The city would accept the fee simple road widening. The developer would pay for the construction and the city would take over once completed.

Resolution Grant Funding Riverlands – the City Manager explained that the Council will need to support the 20% match for the grant to be eligible to submit it for consideration. The grant could be up to three million and would go forward in the capital improvement budget.

Veto DRB-CBD 26-001 – the City Attorney explained options that the Council has to determine this veto. The council could consent to the veto and move this item forward to October for consideration, four members of the Council could vote in favor of the denial motion, or they could do nothing and the veto would move forward to October for consideration again. If they consent and send it to October for consideration, then a new public hearing would be held for the design review and variances. The item would be re-advertised.

Permanent Utility Easement to Gwinnett County for Peachtree Mobile Home Park Pump Station Project – the Assistant City Manager explained that this is to relocate the pump station from the former pawn shop property on Nelson Brogdon Blvd to the peachtree mobile home park pump station.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

CITY MANAGER DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES

Millage Rate Hearings September 14th 8:00 am and 7:00 pm and September 21st at 6:00 pm

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 Page motioned to adjourn. Council Member Piovesan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Brandon Hembree, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk