

CITY OF HOSCHTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 26-27, 2025**  
BRASSTOWN VALLEY RESORT  
6321 US-HWY 76  
YOUNG HARRIS, GEORGIA 30582



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RETREAT MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER** *By Mayor Martin at 12:02pm, seconded by Sterling and all in favor*

**AGENDA APPROVAL** *No changes to be made by Martin, seconded by Sterling and all in favor*

**SATURDAY JULY 26, 2025**

12PM – 4PM	COUNCIL/STAFF RELATIONS, Y2026 BUDGET, MILEAGE RATE, BETTER WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH CITIZENS, FUTURE PLANS FOR DOWNTOWN WATER TANK  EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
4:00PM	WRAP UP/DISMISSAL
NOTES	<b>NO LUNCH PROVIDED</b>  <b>SNACKS &amp; DRINKS PROVIDED DURING MEETING</b>

*Mayor and Council spoke on strengthening communication amongst themselves and with staff. The Finance director touched on budget process to final product and findings on the mileage rate as well. City Manager asked council, once the downtown water tank is no longer in use, we need to find a future vision for the tank. We also discussed hiring a Community Development Director to take care of marketing, events and economic development, staffed by the City of Hoschton and Downtown Development Authority. Council gave lots of feedback and we will continue to work toward future visioning for the City.*

*Adjourned at 4:33pm Martin, seconded by Jackson and all in favor.*

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Debbie Martin, Mayor  
Fredria Sterling, Mayor Pro-Tem  
David Brown, Councilmember  
Christina Brown, Councilmember

JJ Jackson, Councilmember

**Also Present:**

Jennifer Harrison, City Manager  
Tiffany Wheeler, Finance Director  
Jessica Martin, DDA

**Absent:**

James Lawson, Councilmember

*Adjourn was motioned at 4:33pm by Martin, seconded by Jackson and all*

**SUNDAY JULY 27, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Martin at 9:04am

8AM-9AM	BREAKFAST BUFFET/NETWORKING
9AM	DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION STRATEGIES PRESENTED BY DDA AND GMA
	EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
12-1PM	BOX LUNCH IN CONFERENCE ROOM
1:00PM	DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION STRATEGIES PRESENTED BY GMA AND DDA EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
NOTES	<b>LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM</b> <b>SNACKS &amp; DRINKS PROVIDED DURING MEETING</b>

*Mayor Martin introduced, Chair Ms. Jessica Martin to present and give an update of the Downtown Development Authority and some ideas that Jessica would love to present with the blessing from the council to her board. A great feedback was given from the council for the DDA to move forward with enhancing some beautification on City Square, Update the DDA Logo along with supporting the idea to hire a staff partner to help market, Events, along with other needs from the DDA.*

*Next, Mayor Martin introduced Ms. Sherri Bailey along with Ms. Emily Davenport from Georgia Municipal Association. A highlight to how to build a downtown was the main attraction to their presentation.*

*Motion to go into Executive Session at 2pm to discuss Real estate and Litigation by Martin, seconded by Sterling and all in favor.*

*Motion to go out of executive session at 3:36pm after discussing Real Estate and Litigation by Sterling and all in favor.*

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Debbie Martin, Mayor  
Fredria Sterling, Mayor Pro-Tem  
David Brown, Councilmember  
Christina Brown, Councilmember  
JJ Jackson, Councilmember

**Also Present:**

Jennifer Harrison, City Manager  
Tiffany Wheeler, Finance Director  
Sherrie Bailey, GMA  
Emily Davenport, GMA  
Jessica Martin, DDA  
Jason Martin, Citizen of Hoschton

**Absent:**

James Lawson, Councilmember

**ADJOURN**

*Motion to adjourn by Martin, seconded by Sterling and all in favor at 3:37pm.*