



**CITY OF RICHMOND HILL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**Thursday, January 29, 2026  
4:30 PM**

**City Hall Council Chambers  
40 Richard Davis Drive  
Richmond Hill, Georgia 31324**

**Present from City Council:** Kristi Cox, Mayor; Councilmembers: Cindy Hatala (Post 1), Kevin Bowes (Post 2), Van Hunter (Post 3) and Steve Scholar (Post 4)

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Mayor Cox.

**Invocation**

The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Hatala.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scholar.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Bowes made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scholar. Motion carried in the affirmative by all.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- First Reading of an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Richmond Hill, Georgia amending Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverage, Article II – Licenses, Section 6-30. Distance Requirements; and to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.
- Approval of Phuoc Tran for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for on premises consumption only at Omelette Café located at 10070 Ford Avenue.
- Approval of Heather M. Stokes for an alcohol license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on premises consumption only at Jukebox Bar located at 3741 Highway 17 Ste 400.
- Approval of Arzoo Patel for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at Bahuchar Ma LLC dba Mobil Market located at 1355 Harris Trail Road.
- Approval of Raymundo Jaime for an alcohol license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on premises consumption only at El Potro Mexican Restaurant 16 Inc. located at 2459 Highway 17 Ste A.
- Approval of Xiao Yi Lin for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for on premises consumption only at Fuji Restaurant Inc dba Fuji Japanese Restaurant located at 3748 Highway 17 Ste 5.
- Approval of Hyun Taek Park for an alcohol license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on premises consumption only at HYP Food LLC dba Hwangso Gopchang located at 9701 Ford Avenue Ste H.
- Approval of Jeffrey W Nielsen for an alcohol license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for off premises consumption only at Jeff's Beverage Depot, Inc dba Jeff's Beverage Depot located at 3945 Highway 17.

- Approval of Jeffrey W Nielsen for an alcohol license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for off premises consumption only at Jeff's Super Beverage Inc dba Jeff's Super Beverage located at 10060 Ford Avenue Ste N.
- Approval of Brittany Strobert for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at Publix Super Markets, Inc. #1154 located at 12800 Highway 144.
- Approval of Nina Patel for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at SAATAK Inc dba Al Food Shop located at 8724 Ford Avenue.
- Approval of Raj B Patel for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at Shree Lila 2476 LLC located at 2476 Highway 17.
- Approval of Kaushik Kumar Patel for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at Soni 1994 Inc dba Mahi Marathon located at 4454 Highway 17.
- Approval of Surinderpa Singh for an alcohol license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for off premises consumption only at Tahli Sahib Corp dba Southern Spirits located at 12750 Highway 17.
- Approval of Bradley Hunt Anderton for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at Walgreen Co dba Walgreens #10506 located at 2270 Highway 17.
- Approval of Franklin Doyle Todd for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at Richmond Hill Exxon located at 8723 Ford Avenue.
- Approval of Khaykham Dillon for an alcohol license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on premises consumption only at Papaya Thai Cuisine and Sushi Bar located at 2457 Highway 17.
- Approval of Ashley Bell for an alcohol license to sell beer only for off premises consumption only at TA Operating LLC dba TravelCenters of America located at 4401 Highway 17.
- Approval of Justin Thomas for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at The Kroger Co. dba The Kroger Company Kroger #688 located at 53 Exchange Street.
- Approval of Andrew Stephen Dyer for an alcohol license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on premises consumption only at Richmond Hill Golf Club, LLC located at 53 Sterling Links Way.
- Approval of Angela Renae Morales for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for on premises consumption only at Philly's On The Hill LLC located at 4160 Highway 17.
- Approval of Anya Brooke Simmering for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at Eulonia Country Store LLC dba Georgia Peach World located at 4090 Highway 17.
- Approval of Hailey B Grene for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at Nouria Energy Retail, Inc dba Nouria 2281 Highway 17 located at 2281 Highway 17.
- Approval of Hailey B Grene for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at Nouria Energy Retail, Inc dba Nouria 3561 Highway 17 located at 3561 Highway 17.
- Approval of Amit Patel for an alcohol license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for off premises consumption only at VSZ Liquors LLC located at 1349 Harris Trail Rd.
- Approval of Brian Huskey for an alcohol license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on premises consumption only at The 5 Spot RH, LLC located at 3742 Highway 17 Ste 2.
- Approval of Wesley Allen Dorrier for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at Food Lion LLC located at 3500 Highway 17.
- Approval of Wei Xiu Lin for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for on premises consumption only at Richmond Hill Shogun Japanese Restaurant, Inc located at 9701 Ford Ave Ste 101.
- Approval of Jitendra Patel for an alcohol license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for off premises consumption only at Brown Bag Spirit LLC dba Richmond Hill Liquor located at 9701 Ford Ave Ste 104.
- Approval of Alberto Fausto for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores Inc dba Love's Travel Stop #338 located at 8436 Ford Avenue.
- Approval of Pulkit Chawla for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for on premises consumption only at Himalayan Curry Kitchen located at 10074 Ford Avenue.

- Approval of Theodore Sadowski III for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at Gregory M Parker Inc dba Parker's #26 located at 2341 Ford Avenue.
- Approval of Theodore Sadowski III for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine for off premises consumption only at Gregory M Parker Inc dba Parker's #26 located at 11416 Ford Avenue.

**Councilmember Hunter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bowes. Motion carried in the affirmative by all.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ELECTION AND SWEARING-IN OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**

Mayor Cox explained that the meeting was called to finalize this appointment prior to her scheduled absence for a childhood cancer grief workshop.

Councilmember Bowes provided an overview of his qualifications for the Mayor Pro-Tem appointment, noting his absence from the previous meeting's discussion on the matter.

**Councilmember Hunter made a motion to elect Steve Scholar as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scholar. Councilmembers Hunter and Scholar voted in the affirmative; Councilmembers Bowes and Hatala opposed. Motion failed 2-3, with Mayor Cox casting the tie-breaking vote in the negative.**

**Councilmember Scholar made a motion to elect Van Hunter as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hunter. Councilmembers Hunter and Scholar voted in the affirmative; Councilmembers Bowes and Hatala opposed. Motion failed 2-3, with Mayor Cox casting the tie-breaking vote in the negative.**

**Councilmember Bowes made a motion to elect Cindy Hatala as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hatala. Councilmembers Bowes and Hatala voted in the affirmative; Councilmembers Hunter and Scholar opposed. Motion carried 3-2, with Mayor Cox casting the tie-breaking vote in the affirmative.**

City Clerk Dawnne Greene administered the following Oath of Office to Councilmember Hatala:

Oath: "I, Cindy Hatala, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Georgia; I am qualified to hold the office of Mayor Pro-Tempore for the City of Richmond Hill according to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Georgia; I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state, which I am prohibited from holding by the laws of the State of Georgia; I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due to the state of any political subdivision or authority thereof and that I will well and truly perform the duties of Mayor Pro-Tempore of the City of Richmond Hill to the best of my ability and skill without favor or affection, so help me God."

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 4:39 p.m.