CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING #1 (MILLAGE RATE)

AUGUST 18, 2025 AT 11:00 AM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1859 CITY CENTER WAY, JONESBORO, GA 30236

MINUTES

I. CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sartor at 11:11 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by City Clerk Jewett.

- Mayor Donya L. Sartor
- Mayor Pro-Tem Tracey Messick (Absent)
- Councilmember Alfred Dixon
- Councilmember Don Dixon
- Councilmember Bobby Lester
- Councilmember Asjah Miller
- Councilmember Billy Powell (Absent)
- City Attorney, David Dreyer (Absent)
- City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett
- Downtown Development Authority Manager, Andrew Simpson (Absent)
- Economic Development Manager, Faith Akuta (Absent)
- Finance Director, Donnette Cannady
- Police Chief, Christopher Cato
- Public Works Director, Marcus Heard (Absent)

III. PRESENTATIONS

FY 26 Budget presentation by Mayor Sartor.

- What is a Millage Rate
- 2024 Notice of Property Tax Increase
- 2024 Tax Digest and 5 Year History Levy
- Sample General Fund Revenues
- Staffing adjustments/cuts
- Employee Health Benefits
- Recommendation of a 2% pay raise to employees
- Bills, maintenance of buildings, vehicles, parks, playgrounds, landscape, etc.

- Debt Services
- Proposed contingency of $500,000.00
- Capital Plan Investment

IV. PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Mayor Sartor informed the audience that the sole focus of the meeting would be on issues related to the millage rate/property tax increase.

Public Hearing Opened

- Ms. Steele – (Unincorporated Jonesboro Resident) – Spoke regarding potential zoning changes and cities expansion. Also, noting that an increased in the millage rate could make it difficult for senior citizens to be able to afford to live in Jonesboro.
- Chuck Paulus (Jonesboro Resident) – Spoke regarding what the taxes are based upon and who pay taxes. Also, spoke about the Key property off of McDonough Road and properties owned by the City.
- Lee Moore (Jonesboro Resident) – Spoke regarding increased taxes vs. decrease in amenities, events at Lee Street Park, recommended charging non-residents to attend City events, mentioned Jonesboro being a City of Color, and Park Patrol.
- Pat Sebo-Hand (Jonesboro Resident) – Spoke regarding the comment of Chuck Paulus and how the property was deeded to the City.

Public Hearing Closed

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember D. Dixon**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Lester**

Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor

Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk