



Mayor and City Council Public Hearing & Special Called Session

Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 8:00 AM

The Train Depot, 922 Main Street Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Minutes

**Mayor and Council: Dr. Beverly Jones – Mayor | Ryan Smith - Mayor Pro Tem
Anita Bass | Mark Marianos | Gil Freeman | Shawnette Bryant | Teresa Crowe**

**Staff: Darnetta Tyus - City Manager | Shawn Edmondson - Assistant City Manager - City Clerk |
Danny Mai - Assistant City Clerk | Jeff Strickland - City Attorney**

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Call to Order

MPT Smith Called the Meeting to Order at 08:15 AM ET

Determination of Quorum

PRESENT

Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass

Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos

Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith

Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

Invocation and Pledge

Adoption of The Agenda of The Day

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Marianos.

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Council Member: Post 6 Crowe

Public Hearing

1st Reading of NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE (Millage Rate) (City Manager Tyus).

City Manager Tyus presented a detailed overview of the proposed property tax increase, explaining the current millage rate, the proposed new rate, and the rationale behind the adjustment. The discussion highlighted the city's budgetary needs and financial challenges that prompted the proposed increase. Specifics included the necessity for additional funds to support essential services such as public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and education. The potential impact on residents was a major topic, with estimates provided on how the increase would affect property owners. Concerns were raised about affordability and potential effects on the local housing market. Several members of the public voiced their opinions and concerns regarding the tax increase. The feedback included discussions on fairness, equity, and the perceived effectiveness of how the additional funds would be utilized.

Adjournment

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, and/or Real Estate (if needed)

Adjournment