



Special Called Meeting – Millage Rate Discussion

May 23, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.

City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

Minutes

1 **Mayor and Council: Jelani Linder – Mayor | Post 3: Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith | Post 1: Council**
2 **Member Anita Bass | Post 2: Council Member Mark Marianos | Post 4: Council Member Kay**
3 **Nunez | Post 5: Council Member Hub Jordan | Post 6: Council Member Elaine Vaughn**

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5 **Staff: Maggie Dimov – City Manager | Angela Couch – City Attorney | Deputy City Clerk – Nakeya**
6 **Burton**

7 **Call to Order**

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9 Mayor Linder called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

10 **Determination of Quorum**

11 PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Council
12 Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine
13 Vaughn, Mayor Jelani Linder

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16 ABSENT: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass

17 18 **1. Overview of the Computation of the Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase, the** 19 **Dekalb County Tangible Real and Personal Property Value Changes and Millage Rate** 20 **Scenario for 2026, City Manager Maggie Dimov**

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22 City Manager Maggie Dimov and the City's Finance Consultant Michelle Uran presented an overview of
23 the Computation of the Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase, the Dekalb County Tangible
24 Real, and Personal Property Value Changes and Millage Rate Scenario for 2026.

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26 City Attorney Angela Couch and Representative Viola Davis provided insight regarding the new law that
27 will be passed that will affect the growth revenue. City Attorney Angela Couch also provided clarity
28 regarding the proposed Millage Rate and Public Hearings schedule.

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30 Council Members had questions regarding the growth within the City, how to receive a number regarding
31 personal property evaluations, when the process is done, and its track record. Further questions were
32 posed regarding the volatility of the 2026 budget, quarterly revenue and expenses, where the 2024-2025
33 expenses went, as well as how the 2026 budget looks and if projections could be provided. Other inquiries
34 posed by the governing body included a summary of the 2026 budget reduction, potential plans regarding
35 trimming the budget, and what is the status of funds for each department.

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37 Council Members provided strategies regarding increasing the City's revenue. Suggestions included
38 reviewing what can be cut out of the budget and working with the City staff to do so, providing property
39 acquisition opportunities, loss tax revenue, annexation, eliminating City events throughout the year, and
40 cutting the governing body's salaries. Further suggestions included enforcement of the law, rezoning,

41 reevaluating reserves, utilizing public volunteers and placing a premium on contracts. City Manager
42 Dimov summarized the Council Members strategies and provided insight.
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44 **2. Adjournment**

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46 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:54 A.M.**

47 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2
48 Mark Marianos

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50 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith,
51 Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member:
52 Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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54 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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Jelani Linder, Mayor

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City Clerk, Shavala Ames