



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

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 AT 10:00 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 10:03 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by City Clerk Jewett.

- Mayor Donya L. Sartor
- Mayor Pro-Tem Asjah Miller
- Councilmember Chelsey Curney (Absent)
- Councilmember Alfred Dixon
- Councilmember Cameron Dixon
- Councilmember Santia Fox (Arrived 10:14 a.m.)
- Councilmember Tracey Messick (Absent)
- City Attorney, LaTonya Nix-Wiley (Absent)
- City Manager, Blue Cole
- City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett
- Code Compliance Officer, Derry Walker (Absent)
- Community Development Director, David Allen
- Downtown Development Authority Director, Blue Cole
- Economic Development Director - Faith Akuta (Absent)
- Finance Director, Karen Slaton-Dixon
- Operation/Human Resource, Maria Wetherington (Absent)
- Police Chief, Christopher Cato
- Public Works Director – N/A

III. PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Cole spoke regarding the current 2026 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy and proposed 2026 Millage Rate.

The City's Net M&O Digest increased from approximately \$223 million in 2025 to \$238.8 million in 2026, reflecting growth in the tax digest. In 2025, the City levied \$2,010,550.00 in taxes using a 9-millage rate.

Councilmember Fox entered the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

City Manager Cole explained that maintaining the current 9 mill rate in 2026 would generate approximately \$2,149,459.00 in tax revenue, an increase of only \$138,909.00 over 2025. Under the proposed 10 millage rate, the City would collect approximately \$2.38 million, generating an additional \$377,738.00 compared to 2025. A comparison chart was provided showing the revenue that would be generated at various millage rates ranging from 8.898 to 12.5 mills.

The additional revenue from a 10-millage rate would allow the City to fund approximately five to six new positions, expanding public-facing services and enhancing service delivery to residents. He emphasized that the impact on homeowners would be minimal, with an estimated annual increase of about \$100.00 for a \$250,000.00 home and \$80.00 for a \$200,000.00 home.

The key message presented was that a 1 mill increase would provide the funding necessary to add new services and expand existing services for the community while resulting in a relatively modest cost increase for property owners.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING - NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forward to speak

Public Hearing Closed

V. ADJOURNMENT

RESULT: Approved (Vote was unanimous)

MOVER: Mayor Pro-Tem Miller

SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon

Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor

Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk