

Duluth



**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF DULUTH, GA
JULY 24, 2023**

PRESENT: Mayor Harris, Council members Thomas, Graeder, and Whitlock, City Manager James Riker, Asst. City Managers Teresa S. Lynn and Ken Sakmar, Deputy City Clerk Kristin McGregor and Admin. Asst./Tax Clerk Kimberely Outz

ABSENT: Council members Harkness and Doss

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing.

1. PROPOSED TAX MILLAGE RATE - 2023

Each year, the Gwinnett County Tax Assessor reviews the assessed value of taxable property in the County. When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia Law requires calculation of a "rollback" millage rate (RMR) that produces the same total revenue on the current year's new digest that last year's millage rate would have produced, had no reassessments occurred. The City of Duluth is considering maintaining the same millage rate as last year, which is 6.551 mills. For the 2023 digest, the current millage rate exceeded the rollback millage rate by 0.509 mills, or stated another way, as a percentage of the rollback millage rate, the current millage rate represents an 8.42% "increase". The reassessment revenue added is approximately \$1,220,489.

Georgia law requires that the City publish a "Notice of Property Tax Increase" in the legal organ when the tentative adopted millage rate exceeds the rollback millage rate. In addition, three public hearings must be scheduled to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinion on the proposed tax millage.

Mayor called for discussion/questions from Council and public. Being none, Mayor Harris closed the public hearing and announced the second public hearing will be held at 5:30 pm this evening, July 24th in the Community Room.


No motion necessary.

II. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Whitlock, seconded by Councilmember Thomas, to adjourn at 10:15 am.

**Voting for: Council members Thomas, Graeder, and Whitlock
Motion carried.**

Approved this 14 day of August, 2023.



Mayor Nancy Harris

ATTEST:



Asst. City Mgr./City Clerk, Teresa Lynn