

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020

NOON PUBLIC HEARING

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

A. Call to Order – 12:10 PM

In attendance was James M. Burnette, Mayor, Beth Hilscher, Mayor Pro Tempore, Linnea Miller, Councilmember, Marty Allen, City Manager, Amie Sakmar, Finance Director and Elvira Rogers, City Clerk.

B. Public Hearing: 2020 Millage Rate

We have received our 2020 tax consolidation information from Gwinnett County. After analyzing the data provided from Gwinnett County, staff recommends a proposed millage rate of 4.93 mills, the same proposed millage rate used in the adopted FY 2020 budget. This is also the same millage rate as the past eight years. This is the second of three Public Hearings. A final public hearing, along with adoption, will take place at the 6:30 pm Council meeting on August 25. There were no citizens/audience present.

C. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 3-0.

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Attendees: James M. Burnette, Mayor
Beth Hilscher, Mayor Pro Tempore
Linnea Miller, Councilmember
Larry Pettiford, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Denise Brinson, Assistant City Manager
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Heather Hall, Councilmember

DINNER SESSION – 5:30 PM
BIG SPLASH ROOM

City Council Informal Session

Agenda review and informal discussion among City Councilmembers and staff. Food provided for Elected Officials and staff. No action to be taken during session.

COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call to Order

B. Public Hearing: 2020 Millage Rate

Amie Sakmar, Finance Director, presented and stated this is the third of three Public Hearings. We have received our 2020 tax consolidation information from Gwinnett County. After analyzing the data provided from Gwinnett County, staff recommends a proposed millage rate of 4.93 mills, the same proposed millage rate used in the adopted FY 2020 budget. This is also the same millage rate as the past eight years.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Councilmember Miller, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

E. Approval of Minutes

- a. July 16, 2020 Council Workshop
- b. July 28, 2020 Council Meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes as presented by Councilmember Pettiford, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 4-0.

F. Audience Participation

- **Mr. Brinston Williams, 3441 Summit Ridge Court, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Williams expressed concern regarding a recent news story related to Suwanee PD. He stated he does not live in the municipal city limits but was embarrassed by the story.**

G. Consider 2020 Millage Rate

Motion to adopt the 2020 Millage Rate at 4.93 by Councilmember Miller; second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 4-0.

H. Consider Resolution for November 3rd Special Election

Council post #5 is currently vacant. In accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-132(d)(3), the Council must adopt a resolution to call for the election and set qualifying dates, fees, poll worker compensation, etc. The election will be held on November 3, 2020, with qualifying to begin on Tuesday, September 8th at 8:30 a.m. and close at Noon, September 10th.

Motion to adopt the Resolution by Councilmember Pettiford, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and carried 4-0.

I. Consider Pierce Point Trail Maintenance Agreement & Easements

The Suwanee Creek Greenway between Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and Suwanee Elementary School is located on land that belongs to the Pierce Point subdivision. While the ownership and maintenance of the trail is not in doubt (it belongs to the City) it would provide clarity to have the greenway located within an access/maintenance easement. Access to the Suwanee Creek Greenway is provided via a small asphalt path that runs from the Pierce Point amenity area to the trail. This access has been used by the City in the past in order to provide maintenance of the trail. The path is also used by residents to access the Greenway. None of this trail is contained in an easement. Pierce Point approached the City about assisting with the maintenance of this access trail. The HOA has agreed to provide an easement that would dedicate the Greenway, the access trail, and a path through the amenity area parking to the City. These easements would provide the clarity the City needs in order to allow residents to use the Greenway and to access the

Greenway through the HOA property. In return for granting these easements, the City would agree to take over maintenance responsibility of the access trail to the Greenway.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller, second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 4-0.

J. Executive Session: Legal

Motion to ENTER Executive Session for Legal by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 4-0.

Motion to EXIT Executive Session by Councilmember Miller, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher and so carried 4-0.

No Action Taken.

K. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 4-0.

Approved September 22, 2020