

## Minutes

### **CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024**

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue, Council Chambers

Attendees: James M. Burnette, Jr., Mayor  
Beth Hilscher, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Larry Pettiford, Councilmember  
Linnea Miller, Councilmember  
Peter Charpentier, Councilmember  
Marty Allen, City Manager  
Robyn O'Donnell, City Clerk

Absent: Julianna McConnell, Councilmember

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#### **A. Call to Order**

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

#### **B. Public Hearing**

##### **1. 2024 Millage Rate**

We have received our 2024 tax consolidation information from Gwinnett County. During the FY 2025 budget process, we assumed a millage rate of 4.93, the same millage rate as the past twelve years. Marty Allen delivered a presentation on the millage rate data and related information.

David Martinez, 3656 Suwanee Creek Court – Mr. Martinez expressed concerns about rising property taxes, highlighting the increasing burden on both homeowners and renters. He cited tax exemptions approved by the city of Sugar Hill and requested Suwanee follow suit by implementing a homestead tax exemption, a senior citizen tax exemption, and a low-income disabled senior exemption.

#### **C. Executive Session: None**

**D. Adjournment**

*Councilmember Charpentier motioned to adjourn at 12:07 p.m., second by Councilmember Pettiford and so carried 5-0.*

**Approved September 24, 2024**