

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA HELD
HELD IN-PERSON AND BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO
IN SAID CITY ON THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025

On the 26th day of June 2025, at 6:02 p.m., the City Council of Clarkston, Georgia met in special session in-person and by teleconference, Zoom Audio/Video in said City. Mayor Beverly Burks called the meeting to order. The following member of the Council Members were present: Vice Mayor Debra Johnson; Councilmembers Sharifa Adey, Yterenickia Bell (virtual), Jamie Carroll, Susan Hood, and Mark Perkins. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: ChaQuias Miller-Thornton (City Manager); Cynthia Hammond (Finance Director); Tomika R. Mitchell (City Clerk - virtual); and June Davis (Administrative Assistant).

NOTE: Items appearing in these minutes are in the order they were discussed, not necessarily in the order they appeared on the agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All members of Council were present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of the Proposed 2025 Millage Rate.

City Manager ChaQuias Miller-Thornton delivered a presentation on the proposed 2025 Millage Rate, outlining three potential scenarios: 16.625, 15.999, and 15.800. During the presentation, Ms. Miller-Thornton provided an overview of the millage rate, homestead exemptions, the rollback rate, and the methodology used in calculating the millage rate. She also reviewed the Current Year Property Tax Digest and 5-Year History, along with the associated budgetary impacts.

Following the presentation, Ms. Miller-Thornton and Finance Director Ms. Hammond responded to questions from the Council members regarding the current and prior budgets, as well as the implications of the various rollback rate options.

The Council briefly discussed the proposed rate.

B. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Millage Rate.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:15 p.m.

The following citizens spoke during the public hearing against the Council passing an excessively high millage rate: Byron Delgado, Dawn Aura, Taylor Brooks, Steven W., and Simone Wilson.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:27 p.m.

Ms. Miller-Thornton informed the citizens that the 19.298 proposed millage rate was no longer a recommendation and provided an additional overview of the scenarios that were provided to the Council.

- C. To approve an ordinance to establish real property ad valorem tax assessments for tax year 2025 to establish the tax levy rate for tax year 2025; to establish reductions and exemptions on such taxes levied for tax year 2025; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to adopt and set the 2025 Millage Rate of 15.80 for 2025. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (3-2). Vice Mayor Johnson and Councilmember Bell voted “no”.

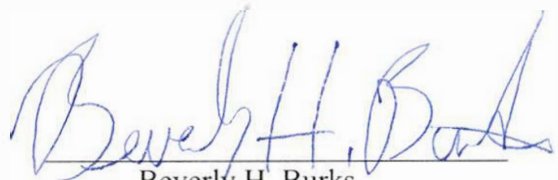
5. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST:


Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk


Beverly H. Burks
Mayor