

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING
THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA
HELD IN PERSON AND BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO
IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026**

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

Mayor Burks called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Beverly H. Burks

Vice Mayor Debra Johnson

Councilmembers Dean Moore, Sharifa Adde, YT Bell, Mark Perkins, and Lynn Bayonne
(arrived at 6:27PM)

Absent:

None

Staff Present:

City Manager, ChaQuias Miller-Thornton

City Clerk, Cynthia Hanson

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Presentation of the Proposed 2026 Millage Rate.

City Manager, ChaQuias Miller-Thornton presented an updated presentation explaining the computation of the rollback rate, and impact on the budget. To meet the current budget allowing for an 89% collection rate a millage rate of 16.518 mills is needed, but does not allow for contingencies, unplanned increases in expenditures, unexpected projects, implementation costs for planned projects, capital asset purchases outside of SPLOST, or cost of living adjustments. Ms. Miller-Thornton presented potential budget scenarios that could narrow the gap between the 15.687 rollback rate and the tentatively adopted rate.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2026 Millage Rate.

Public comments offered by Michelle Maserjian, Debbie Gathmann, and Dawn Aura.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. To approve Ordinance No. 2026-542 to establish real property ad valorem tax

assessments for tax year 2026 to establish the tax levy rate for tax year 2026; to establish reductions and exemptions on such taxes levied for tax year 2026; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-542 adopting a millage rate of 17.200. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (4-3, opposed Moore, Adde, Johnson).

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:


Cynthia Hanson
City Clerk


Beverly H. Burks
Mayor