

A. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2026 Millage Rate.

Public comments offered by Dawn Aura, Debbie Gathmann, and Shawn Waters.

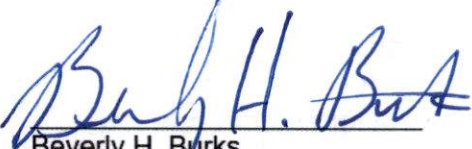
6. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

ATTEST:


Cynthia Hanson
City Clerk


Beverly H. Burks
Mayor

**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 16, 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 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Beverly H. Burks

Vice Mayor Debra Johnson

Councilmembers Dean Moore, Sharifa Adde (via telecommunications), YT Bell, Mark Perkins, and Lynn Bayonne (via telecommunications)

Absent:

None

Staff present:

ChaQuias Miller-Thornton (City Manager)

Cynthia Hanson (City Clerk)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Council during the time allotted for public comment. Each attendee will be allowed 3 minutes for comments at the discretion of the Presiding Officer. The public comment period will be limited to 40 minutes, and it is not a time for dialogue. If your public comment contains a series of questions, please submit those to the City Clerk in writing. This will facilitate follow-up by the council or staff. The City Council desires to allow an opportunity for public comment; however, the business of the city must proceed in an orderly, timely manner.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Presentation and discussion of the Proposed 2026 Millage Rate.

City Manager, Chaquias Miller-Thornton presented the property and exemption values, as well as projected impacts on the budget at various millage rate levels. Reassessed values for real property values are 1.01%, which is lower than the estimated increase of 2% used in the current budget. 2025 millage rate was 15.800, and the 2026 rollback rate would be 15.687 mills. A rate of 16.518 mills is needed to meet budgeted revenue expectations for Fiscal Year 2026 at the anticipated collection rate of 89%. The proposed rate of 18.800 mills would cover projects and costs that are currently not covered by the budget.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS