



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025 3:00 P.M.

Mayor & City Council

Mayor Anthony S. Ford At-Large
Mayor Pro Tem LaKeisha Gantt – Council District 1
Councilmember Alphonso Thomas – Council District 2
Councilmember Kyle D. Berry, Sr. – Council District 3
Councilmember Yolanda Barber – Council District 4
Councilmember Elton Alexander – Council District 5

Administration

Vacant – City Manager
Vanessa Holiday – City Clerk
Frank Milazi – City Treasurer
Quinton Washington – City Attorney

Mission: To provide visionary leadership and superior municipal services that enhance the quality of life for citizens while creating a welcoming business atmosphere focused on sustainability and expansion of tourism and cultural events.

Invocation by Mayor Ford at 3:06 p.m.

Invocation by: Councilmember Berry

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

City Clerk, Vanessa Holiday was asked to proceed with a verbal roll call. All the members were present except Councilmember Thomas and Mayor Pro Tem Gantt.

Motion to adopt the Agenda was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution for the Estimated 2025 Millage Rate in accordance with HB92 and HB581.
Presented by: Frank Milazi, City Treasurer/CFO, Ed Wall, Financial Advisor (online)
Mr. Milazi referenced HB581 which requires municipalities to provide an estimate of the rollback, noting the City did so, and provided to the County, and that Governor Kemp then approved an amendment HB92 which requires the municipal government to officially adopt the estimated rollback. Mr. Milazi noted the action taken today does not affect the tax process that takes place every year, and that the action today is to meet the requirements of HB581 and HB92; and noted the Resolution would give the City Treasurer the authority to send the estimated the

millage rate of 3.77 and submit to the County; and noted the city's Financial Advisor, Ed Wall, is available online for any questions, and reiterated this action does not affect the millage rate to be set in July based on the budget.

Mayor Ford noted the proposed millage of 3.77 is the same as it currently set and has been for two years.

Mr. Milazi confirmed, noting the actual millage rate would be set at a later date in July of 2025.

Councilmember Barber asked if the July public hearing dates have been set.

Mr. Milazi noted the County has not confirmed the city's Public Hearing Dates as yet.

Councilmember Alexander noted that if the millage rate remains the same, that is considered to be a tax increase and public hearings will be required, and the actions today are the result of new provisions by the State.

Mr. Milazi confirmed, noting the Governing Body is required to act by April 24, 2025.

Councilmember Barber noted for the record that she did not support the FY2025 Budget, and does support HB581 and HB92, and prefers a decrease in the millage rate.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt joined the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Motion to approve a Resolution for the Estimated 2025 Millage Rate of 3.77 in accordance with HB92 and HB581 was made Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk

Anthony S. Ford, Mayor