



CITY OF STATESBORO
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 12:00 PM

A Public Hearing was held on September 26, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall to solicit input from the public on the proposed 2024 millage rate of 9.125 for property taxes.

Present was Mayor Jonathan McCollar, Councilmembers, Ginny Hendley, John Riggs, Shari Barr, City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, Assistant to the City Manager Olympia Gaines, City Attorney Cain Smith, Public Affairs Manager Layne Phillips, City Clerk Leah Harden, other city staff, news media, and members of the public.

1. Call to order

At 12:00 pm Mayor McCollar called the public hearing to order.

City Manager Charles Penny stated that the proposed millage rate is 9.125. The proposed rate is to fund the City's pay plan and additional costs for the Fire Department.

2. Public hearing to solicit input on the proposed 2024 millage rate for property taxes.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECOND:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers

Cassandra Mikell spoke against the proposed 2024 millage rate increase.

There was discussion regarding the increase in the value of homes over the past several years and the impact those increases have on that amount of property taxes owed.

Also discussed was the impact a millage rate has on the City's General Fund and the ability to keep the fund balance within the City's policy of twenty-five percent.

No one spoke in favor of the proposed 2024 millage rate.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECOND:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers

No action was taken

3. Adjourn

The hearing was adjourned at 12:53 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk