



**October 3, 2024 6:00 pm**

**Called Council Meeting**

1. Call to Order by Mayor Jonathan McCollar
2. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve **Resolution 2024-27**: A Resolution setting the millage rate for Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes for the 2024 calendar year for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.
3. Consideration of a motion to approve an award of contract to Thompson Consulting Services for debris removal monitoring in the amount of, not to exceed, \$300,000.00. This is a requirement of FEMA in order to be eligible to receive reimbursement funding. If approved, this will be funded out of the General fund reserves.
4. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” “Real Estate” and/or “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b)
5. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

# CITY OF STATESBORO

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**To:** Charles Penny, City Manager and Leah Harden, City Clerk

**From:** Cain Smith, City Attorney

**Date:** September 30, 2024

**RE:** October 3, 2024 City Council Agenda Items

**Policy Issue:** Consideration of resolution to set millage rate for the 2024 Calendar year.

**Recommendation:** Set millage rate

**Background:** OCGA 48-5-32.1 vests the governing authority (i.e. Mayor and Council) with the power to set the millage rate on ad valorem real property taxation in the City of Statesboro. Current Staff recommendation is a millage rate of 9.125. Public hearings were held at noon and 6:00 P.M. on September 26, 2024.

**Budget Impact:** TBD

**Council Person and District:** All

**Attachments:** Resolution

**RESOLUTION 2024-27:** A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR AD VALOREM (PROPERTY) TAXES FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR FOR THE CITY OF STATESBORO, GEORGIA.

THAT WHEREAS, cities in Georgia rely upon the ad valorem (property) tax as one of the major sources of revenue to finance general government operations and capital outlay acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia authorizes cities to levy an ad valorem tax, and details the requirements necessary to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City of Statesboro has complied with those requirements, including the advertisement of the proposed millage rate and a five-year history of levies; percentage increases; and whether a rollback of the millage rate was required; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of the FY 2025 Operating Budget and Capital Budget, the growth in the tax digest from new construction, and the recommendation from the City Clerk that the millage rate be increased by 1.799 mills for the 2024 tax year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Statesboro, Georgia assembled this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2024, as follows:

Section 1. That the millage rate for ad valorem (property) tax purposes for calendar year 2024 is hereby set at \_\_\_\_\_ mills on all of the taxable real and personal property within the corporate limits of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, after applying all legal exemptions, credits, tax relief grants, and similarly authorized deductions.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to have the necessary tax bills prepared and mailed, and to use any and all statutorily-approved methods to collect said property taxes in a timely manner.

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

CITY OF STATESBORO, GEORGIA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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**To:** Charles Penny, City Manager  
Jason Boyles, Assistant City Manager

**From:** Darren Prather, Central Services Director

**Date:** October 2, 2024

**RE:** Recommendation: Approval of a Contract for Debris Removal Monitoring

**Policy Issue:** Purchasing

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends a contract for debris removal monitoring to Thompson Consulting Services in the amount of, not to exceed, \$300,000.00. If approved, the City of Statesboro's emergency purchase ordinance will be utilized to award this contract. This emergency ordinance is available to purchase goods/services in the protection of citizens and properties. This monitoring service is required in order to obtain FEMA reimbursements for the debris removal effort.

### **Background:**

Due to the devastation created by Hurricane Helene, we are recommending a contract with Thompson Consulting Services to monitor the debris removal efforts of SDR, LLC. This service is required by FEMA to be eligible for reimbursement funds. Thompson Consulting Services has performed monitoring services all over the Southeast. As with SDR, LLC, they are FEMA approved and have a long history in this field. This contract, if approved, includes monitoring debris removal crews, developing reports to submit to FEMA and other management related functions. Thompson Consulting Services will, at all times, stay in contact with the City of Statesboro's managing agent to coordinate the debris cleanup effort and the monitoring of SDR, LLC in the ultimate development of FEMA record reports.

**Council Person and District:** All

**Attachments:** None