

CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Eric Clarkson called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Councilmembers present were: Mr. Tom Hogan, Mrs. Leslie Robson, Mr. Scott Taylor, Mr. Mark Wedge, and Mr. Dan Zanger.

Staff members present were: Dr. Niles Ford, City Manager; Marc Johnson, Police Chief; Travis Sims, Finance Director and Ms. Nancy Williams, City Clerk.

1. Set Millage Rate

Mr. Wedge made a motion to set the millage rate at 7.85. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. Mr. Zanger suggested a friendly amendment to set the millage rate at 6.95. Mr. Wedge denied the friendly amendment.

Mr. Zanger made a motion to set the millage rate at 6.95. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion.

Dr. Niles asked Chief Johnson to give a review of City's current budget projections and what the impact would be on the budget if employees were given a 3% raise next year. Chief Johnson presented a summary of the City's current revenue collections and expenditures. He said if the digest remained unaffected by property valuation appeals, one mil would equal \$736,690.

Mr. Wedge asked that his objection to lowering the millage rate to 6.95 be noted for the record. He said he felt it would be fiscally irresponsible for the City Council to lower the millage rate to the extent that they would not be able to afford capital expenses or raises for employees.

Mayor Clarkson said the challenge before Council was they needed to set the millage rate for the 2012 budget when they have not yet discussed the 2012 budget.

Mr. Wedge pointed out that his motion to set the millage rate to 7.85 would result in a decrease in taxes. But he felt that a millage rate of 6.95 was too low. He was concerned that if the 2011 budget remained constant in 2012, a millage rate of 6.95 would provide enough funds for capital expenses, employee raises or building the city's reserve to 33%.

After further discussion among the Council members, Mr. Hogan suggested a friendly amendment to set the millage rate to 7.5. Mr. Zanger declined the friendly amendment. Mr. Hogan suggested another friendly amendment to set the millage rate to 7.4. Mr. Zanger and Mr. Taylor accepted the friendly amendment.

Mayor Clarkson restated the motion to set the millage rate to 7.4 mils and called for a vote. The motion passed with Mr. Wedge voting in opposition.

2. Citizen Comments

Mayor Clarkson opened the floor for citizen comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Wedge made a motion to adjourn the meeting 7:00 p.m. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Williams, City Clerk

Attest: _____
R. Eric Clarkson, Mayor