



City of Hogansville
City Council

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, September 16, 2024 – 7:00 pm

**Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall,
111 High Street, Hogansville, GA 30230**

Mayor: <i>Jake Ayers</i>	2025	City Manager: <i>Lisa E. Kelly</i>
Council Post 1: <i>Michael Taylor, Jr *</i>	2025	Assistant City Manager: <i>Niles Ford</i>
Council Post 2: <i>Matthew Morgan</i>	2025	City Attorney: <i>Alex Dixon</i>
Council Post 3: <i>Mandy Neese</i>	2027	Chief of Police: <i>Jeffrey Sheppard</i>
Council Post 4: <i>Mark Ayers</i>	2027	City Clerk: <i>LeAnn Lehigh</i>
Council Post 5: <i>Kandis Strickland</i>	2027	* Mayor Pro-Tem

Public Hearing – 7:00 pm

Public Hearing to Hear Citizen Comments on the Millage Rate.

Regular Meeting – Immediately following Public Hearing

1. Call to Order – Mayor Jake Ayers
2. Invocation & Pledge

Agenda

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion.

1. Approval of Agenda: Regular Meeting September 16, 2024
2. Approval of Minutes: Work Session August 19, 2024
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting August 19, 2024
4. Approval of Minutes: Work Session September 3, 2024
5. Approval of Minutes: Public Hearing & Regular Meeting September 3, 2024

Old Business

1. Ordinance – 2nd Reading & Adoption – Watershed Protection Amendment

New Business

1. Adoption of the Millage Rate
2. Board Appointment – Downtown Development Authority – Discussion Only

City Manager's Report

Chief of Police Report

Council Member Reports

1. Council Member Taylor
2. Council Member Morgan
3. Council Member Neese
4. Council Member Ayers
5. Council Member Strickland

Mayor's Report

Adjourn

Upcoming Dates & Events

- September 17, 2024 – 6:30 pm | Meeting of the Hogansville Historic Preservation Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- September 19, 2024 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- September 24, 2024 – 6:30 pm | Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at Hogansville City Hall
- October 7, 2024 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall



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PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Jake Ayers called the Public Hearing to Hear Citizen Comments on the millage rate to order at 7:01 pm.

City Manager Lisa Kelly gave a PowerPoint presentation on property taxes and the millage rate to give the public an understanding of how it works. Due to state law, the City is required to report the percentage of the taxes the City will receive each year if there is an increase. This is not an increase in your property tax millage rate. The millage rate has not changed in 21 years in the City and remains at 7.95mills. Based on new construction and reassessments, the City expects an increase of \$236,456 in additional taxes.

There were no public comments and Mayor Ayers adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:10pm

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Present were Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Matthew Morgan, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, Assistant City Manager Niles Ford, City Attorney Alex Dixon, Police Chief Jeff Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh. Council Member Mandy Neese was not present at tonight's meeting.

Council Member Ayers gave an invocation and Mayor Ayers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Taylor moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Motion Carries 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance – 2nd Reading & Adoption – Watershed Protection Amendment

Motion: Council Member Morgan moved to approve the amendment to the Watershed Protection Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: The current ordinance does not allow development from 7 miles upstream of the Blue Creek waterway and at the time of the ordinance adoption, the reservoir was the City's water source. It has not been the City's water source for many years. The proposed amendment would allow development, but still keep Lake Jimmy Jackson protections in excess of state requirements.

Motion Carries 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the Millage Rate

Motion: Council Member Taylor moved to adopt the millage rate at 7.950 mills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 4-0

2. Board Appointment – Downtown Development Authority – Discussion Only

After previous Work Session discussions regarding board appointment applicants and to help streamline the process of filling vacancies, Council agreed to allow committees and boards to go back through previous applicants from

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the past 6-months and ask applicants if they would be interested in serving on boards. DDA Chairperson Shareen Barker was present to give the Council the DDA recommendations for the current vacancy on the DDA commission from prior applicants. Council Member Taylor noticed that one of the recommended applications was older than the discussed 6 months and thinks any application older than 6 months should be null and void. Council Member Strickland could not recall seeing either of the recommended applications in previous DDA appointment discussions. Staff will look into the issue and come back to Council at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Strickland and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 7:33pm.

Respectfully,


LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk