

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Ruth Bruner, George Wangemann, Sam Couvillon, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Denise Jordan, Alisa Grayson

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and served as the presiding officer.

BUDGET HEARING:

Presentation of Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

City Manager Bryan Lackey used a powerpoint presentation to summarize the proposed the budget. Highlights were noted as follows:

- The \$34.1 million General Fund budget does not recommend a tax increase.
- There are no water/sewer rate increases.
- There is \$20.6 million in budgeted capital improvement projects with \$3.8 million from the budgeted fund balance.
- Departmental expenses increased due to the 3% cost of living increase and three additional full-time positions.
- Other expenses that have increased include health insurance, technology and Community Service Center costs.
- The overall budget represents a 98.58% rollback on property taxes.

Overview of Millage Rate Ordinances

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry stated the Board of Education decided to keep the millage rate the same at this time. He also stated the City's current millage rate is 2.98 mills. The proposed ordinance includes a rollback to 2.864 mills which is a full rollback of the General Fund and the Debt Service Fund along with an increase to the Park and Recreation Fund of 1.42% (.04 mills).

In closing, Mr. Perry stated there will be one more public hearing on June 20 at 6:00 PM and indicated all advertising requirements had been met.

Public Comments Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

Reverend Evelyn Johnson, Lawrenceville, requested clarification about the increase in Parks and Recreation after which Mayor Dunagan shared details about the state law regarding funding for Parks and Recreation.

There being no other comments, the hearing was closed.

BUDGET ACTION ITEM(S):

Fiscal Year 2018 Ad Valorem Tax Rate - Board of Education

Motion to hold first reading on Ordinance 2017-08, AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, TO FIX THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE GAINESVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018; AND OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

Fiscal Year 2018 Ad Valorem Tax Rate - City of Gainesville

Motion to hold first reading on Ordinance 2017-09, AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, TO FIX THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA EXCLUSIVE OF ACTIVITIES OF THE GAINESVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018; AND OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

Votes favoring the motion: Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon, Thompson, Brooks

ADJOURNMENT: 10:16 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk