

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sam Couvillon, Juli Hayes, Barbara Brooks, Danny Dunagan, Zack Thompson, Abigail Guzman
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Denise Jordan, Alisa Grayson

Mayor Couvillon called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and served as the presiding officer.

City Manager Bryan Lackey provided the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

BUDGET HEARING:

Fiscal Year 2025 Recommended Budget

City Attorney Abb Hayes opened the budget hearing and confirmed the notice was advertised.

City Manager Bryan Lackey thanked Council and staff for all their efforts with the budget before presenting the information noting this was the third and final presentation of the proposed budget. The following highlights of the recommended budget was noted as follows:

- A proposed budget of \$37,644,162 (7.32% increase over the FY24 adopted budget)
- A budgeted fund balance of \$6.43 million for Capital Projects
- Maintain the general fund millage rate at 0.239
- A 5% COLA for employees

Public Comments Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

City Attorney Abb Hayes opened the floor for public comments. There being none, the hearing was closed.

BUDGET ACTION ITEMS:

Appropriation Resolution 2024-03 Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry stated, in addition to today, the recommended budget presentations and public hearings were held on May 16, June 13, June 18 and July 2, 2024. There have been no changes to the budget presentation since the May 16 presentation and all advertisement requirements have been met. Financial Services recommended adoption of the Fiscal year 2025 Budget.

Motion to adopt resolution AR-2024-03 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Brooks, Dunagan, Thompson, Guzman

Ordinance 2024-17

Fiscal Year 2025 General Government Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry stated the General Government fixed tax rate will remain at \$0.239 and \$0.510 for debt services on each \$1,000 of taxable property.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-17, AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING BODY 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, EXCLUSIVE OF PARKS AND RECREATION OPERATIONS, EXCLUSIVE OF POLICE SERVICES OPERATIONS, AND EXCLUSIVE OF FIRE SERVICES OPERATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES **as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Brooks, Dunagan, Thompson, Guzman

Ordinance 2024-18

Fiscal Year 2025 Fire Services Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry stated the tax rate for the Fire Services special district will be fixed at \$1.299 on each \$1,000 of taxable property.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-18, AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, TO FIX THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Brooks, Dunagan, Thompson, Guzman

Ordinance 2024-19

Fiscal Year 2025 Police Services Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry stated the tax rate for the Police Services special district will be fixed at \$0.712 on each \$1,000 of taxable property.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-19, AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, TO FIX THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICE SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Hayes

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Brooks, Dunagan, Thompson, Guzman

Ordinance 2024-20

Fiscal Year 2025 Parks and Recreation Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry stated the tax rate for the Parks and Recreation special district will remain fixed at \$0.896 on each \$1,000 of taxable property.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-20, AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, TO FIX THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE PROVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Brooks, Dunagan, Thompson, Guzman

Ordinance 2024-21

Fiscal Year 2025 Board of Education Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Perry stated the Board of Education tax rate will remain fixed at \$6.195 on each \$1,000 of taxable property. The rate was preliminary and subject to consideration at the School Board's scheduled meeting on July 15. Any changes would be brought back to Council.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-21, 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 2025; AND OTHER PURPOSES as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Brooks

Motion seconded by Council Member Guzman

Votes favoring the motion: Hayes, Brooks, Dunagan, Thompson, Guzman

ADJOURNMENT: 5:40 PM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk