



# City of Powder Springs

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Council

*Mayor*

*Albert Thurman*

*Council Members:*

*Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, Dwight McMutry, Patricia Wisdom*

Monday, July 8, 2024

6:00 PM

Patricia C. Vaughn Cultural Arts Center  
4181 Atlanta Street | Building 1  
Powder Springs, GA 30127

**Special Called City Council - Millage 2nd Public Hearing  
Onsite at Patricia Vaughn Cultural Arts Center - 4181 Atlanta Street**

**Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83840412250>  
Meeting ID: 838 4041 2250 Dial: 1-929-205-6099**

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Albert Thurman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Council Members Dawkins, Green and Wisdom were present onsite. Council Members Lust and McMutry were absent. Also present onsite were City Manager Pam Conner and City Clerk Kelly Axt.

Staff in Attendance: Glenda Lehner, Tamara Newkirt and Travis Sims.

**Present** 4 - Al Thurman, Mayor - Ward 2 Doris Dawkins, Council Member - Ward 3 Dwayne Green, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Patricia Wisdom

**Absent** 2 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Henry Lust, and Council Member - At Large Post 1 Dwight McMutry

### 2. 2nd Public Hearing 2024 Millage Rage

[PR 24-003](#)

## Presentation - 2024 Millage Rate Presentation for Fiscal Year 2025

Finance Director Travis Sims provided a presentation on the proposed millage rate (9.5) to include a timeline; 5 year Tax Digest and explanation of the floating homestead exemption. He stated the floating homestead exemptions have a significant impact on tax collections as it holds the value of the home at the time of the exemption filing. He further stated by maintaining the existing 9.5 millage rate, a taxpayer is only going to see a higher tax bill if they have additions to their exempt property; the taxed property is not a primary residence; or is a commercial/rental property. Mr. Sims stated the adopted FY25 budget revenue estimates are based on the current millage rate of 9.5. Since the amount of taxes collected - even with the same millage rate of 9.5 - is higher than last year, the state deems it to be a tax increase and requires advertising and three hearings to inform citizens the City is not going to rollback the millage rate to keep projected revenue the same as the previous year.

[ORD 24-015](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

2nd Public Hearing - No Action Taken

[RES0 24-094](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE BROWNSVILLE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS KNOWN AS PROJECT NO. 1476.011 FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$37,500; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE DEEDS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO COMPLETE ACQUISITION, CLOSING AND CONVEYANCE TRANSACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

City Manager Pam Conner stated this is a corrective resolution for the price to be \$37,500 instead of \$37,000 and provides stipulation language update.

**A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, seconded by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, that this Resolution 24-094 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Council Member Dawkins, Council Member Green, and Council Member Wisdom

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Lust, and Council Member McMutry

### 3. Citizens Comments

No Citizen Comments

#### 4. Adjournment

**A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, that this adjournment was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Council Member Dawkins, Council Member Green, and Council Member Wisdom

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Lust, and Council Member McMutry