

The Special Called Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on August 9, 2022 at 4:00 PM, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call and General Announcements

Members Present: Mayor Rusty Paul, Councilmember John Paulson, Councilmember Melody Kelley, Councilmember Melissa Mular, Councilmember Andrew Bauman, Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, Councilmember Jody Reichel

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, seconded by Councilmember John Paulson, to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. Public Hearing

A. 2022-204 Ad Valorem Tax Rate Public Hearing 1 for 2022 Millage Rate

Toni Carlisle, Chief Financial Officer, presented a proposed ad valorem tax rate for the City of Sandy Springs for the 2022 calendar year. Per the City of Sandy Springs Charter, Section 1.03 subsection 37(A), Taxes: Ad Valorem, it states:

(37) To levy and provide for the assessment, valuation, revaluation, and collection of taxes on all property subject to taxation; provided, however, that: (A) For all years, the millage rate imposed for ad valorem taxes on real property shall not exceed 4.731 unless a higher limit is recommended by resolution of the city council and approved by the qualified voters of the City of Sandy Springs.

It recommended the ad valorem tax rate for the City of Sandy Springs based on a fixed rate of 4.731 mills for property subject to ad valorem taxation. The properties shall be assessed 40% of each \$1,000 of property value by the City.

The Georgia Taxpayers Bill of Rights requires the City to advertise a millage rate as a property tax increase if this rate is not fully rolled back. The advertisements are on our City's website as well as in the Marietta Daily Journal. The impact of the rollback calculation, which evaluates total revenue from property taxes year to year, resulted in an overall tax increase. The FY2023 budget proposes the adoption of the millage rate of 4.731 mills, which is the same rate documented in the Charter. The millage rate does not increase, the increase is a result of the increase seen in the property values in the City.

The Sandy Springs millage rate combined with the homestead exemption results in a lower tax levied than many of our neighboring municipalities (as shown on the current slide). We will continue to provide service of excellence to the residents of Sandy Springs by leaving the millage rate at 4.731.

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There are two additional public hearings scheduled for August 16 at 7:30 am and August 16 at 6:00 pm. The millage rate will be set on August 16, 2022 following the final public hearing.

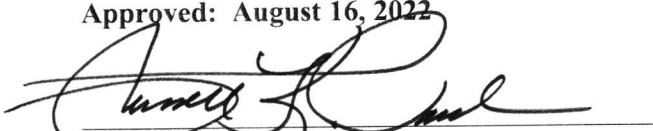
There being no public comment, **Mayor Rusty Paul** closed the public hearing.

V. Adjournment

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, seconded by Councilmember John Paulson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Approved: August 16, 2022



Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Karina Reyna, Assistant City Clerk