



**Cleveland City Council  
Called Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 15, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.  
Cleveland Community Center/Police Department  
342 Campbell Street, Cleveland, GA**

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Josh Turner, Council Members Nan Bowen, Rebecca Yardley, Jeremy McClure, and C.J. McDonald (Mayor Pro Tem)

Also present were City Administrator Kevin Harris, City Attorney Keith Whitaker, Co-Counsel Grant Keene, and City Clerk Lisa Ritchie

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approve Agenda**

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the agenda.

Mayor Turner welcomed the public and expressed his appreciation for their attendance at the 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 millage hearings. He stated the purpose of the hearings is to set a millage rate for Cleveland. Mayor Turner said the starting point of 5.472 mills would lower the millage by .446 mills from 5.918 mills.

Mr. Harris stated that due to the growth of the tax digest, the city will need to approve a rollback rate of 5.056 to realize a full rollback. However, to meet the 2022-2023 budget approved in June, a millage rate of 5.472 mills, a partial rollback, is needed to ensure a balanced budget. He said the proposed increase for a home with a fair market value of \$150,000 would equate to approximately \$24.96.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**4. 2022 Millage Rate and Digest and comments from the public**

Mr. Harris addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He presented an overview of the millage. He discussed the following items:

- Property Taxes Market and Assessed Values
- The Current 2022 Tax Digest and 5-Year History of Levy
- Local Government Revenue Streams
- Real property tax trends
- Cleveland's millage history
- Motor Vehicle and Mobile Home Tax Trends
- Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Collections
- Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Collections
- Beer/Wine/Distilled Spirits Excise Tax
- Business and Occupational Tax
- Building Permits
- Fines and Forfeitures
- Real Property Taxes

The following people addressed the Mayor and Council Members in opposition to the current proposed millage rate:

Tedi Boling, 575 Campbell Street  
Dana Boling, 575 Campbell Street

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to enter an Executive Session at 6:53 p.m.

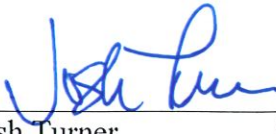
5. Discussion regarding real estate and personnel matters

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member Yardley and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the City Council Meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Council Member McDonald opened the door to allow citizens to return to the regular meeting. There were no citizens waiting to return to the meeting.

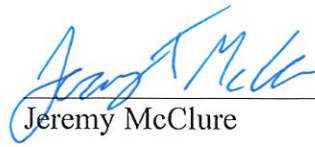
### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the City Council Called Meeting of August 15, 2022 at 8:38 p.m.



Josh Turner

Mayor



Jeremy McClure

Council Member  
Ward 3




Nan Bowen

Council Member  
Ward 1



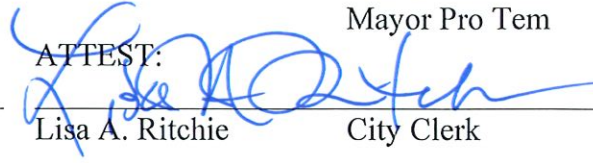
C.J. McDonald

Council Member  
Ward 4  
Mayor Pro Tem



Rebecca Yardley

Council Member  
Ward 2

ATTEST:  


Lisa A. Ritchie

City Clerk