



**Cleveland City Council  
Called Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, August 23, 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. He announced the passing of former First Lady Sandra Deal. He asked for a moment of silence.

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 3rd 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.

**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

Mr. Harris restated the current, advertised, proposal of 5.472 mills which is a partial rollback.

Mr. Harris offered a new proposal that would allow for the full rollback of 5.056 utilizing surplus from LOST. He said that if there was a shortfall in LOST they could utilize CARES funds.


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


**ADJOURN**

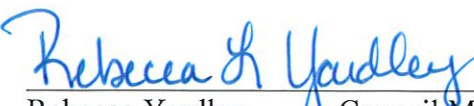
Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the City Council Called Meeting of August 23, 2022, at 6:48 p.m.


  
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 Josh Turner                      Mayor

  
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 Jeremy McClure                Council Member  
     Ward 3

  
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 Nan Bowen                      Council Member  
     Ward 1

  
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 C.J. McDonald                Council Member  
     Ward 4  
     Mayor Pro Tem

  
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 Rebecca Yardley              Council Member  
     Ward 2

ATTEST:  
  
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 Lisa A. Ritchie                City Clerk