



**City Council
Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2025
6:00 pm**

- I. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Avery.
- II. Roll Call by City Clerk, Brenda James found the following members present:

The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem Alex Heath
The Honorable Samantha Hudson
The Honorable Ulysses J. Smallwood

The Honorable Linda J. Davis
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones

Also present was City Administrator Tony Phillips, Assistant City Administrator Jamila Criss, City Attorney Serena Nowell, City Attorney Rory Starkey, and City Clerk Brenda James.

- III. Public Hearing:

1. **Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Annual Budget**

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Smallwood provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Finance Director Kenneth Abbide presented this item and said the projected revenue for the General Fund is \$36,147,522 and the expenditure is the same, so we have a balanced budget. The projected revenue and expenditure for other funds is \$47,306,158. The total budget for FY 2026 is approximately \$83,453,680.00.

In Favor:

No one spoke in opposition.

In Opposition:

No one spoke in favor.

Council Member Davis made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Heath provided the second.

Council Member Hudson inquired regarding the funds in the budget for training and MEAG conference for staff in the utility department. She said she wants to make sure that happens.

City Administrator, Tony Phillips said staff have been added to attend the MEAG Conference and they are reaching out to GMA for specific training.

Council Member Portis Jones said it is very important that the net mileage rate remain the same.

Finance Director Kenneth Abbide said the mileage rate is the same. However, the revenue will go up because of all the new subdivision and new commercial coming to Fairburn.

Council Member Davis said some cities mileage rates did not go up and they are having meetings and asked why we are not having any meetings for the mileage .

Mr. Abbide said there are no meetings required to set the mileage rate because there is no increase in the mileage or the rollback.

After discussion, **the motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Adjournment:

The meeting was closed at 6:20 p.m.



Brenda James, City Clerk



Mario Avery, Mayor