

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)**

Livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofKennesaw/>
**August 5, 2024
10:30 AM**

Present	Mayor Derek Easterling Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Jones Councilmember Madelyn Orochena Councilmember Tracey Viars Councilmember Pat Ferris City Clerk Lea Alvarez City Manager Jeff Drobney
Absent	Councilmember Anthony Gutierrez

1. Invocation

Mayor Easterling led the Invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Easterling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Mayor Easterling called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

4. Announcements

- A. If you are not able to attend a meeting in-person and would like to provide public comment on a specific agenda item, you can email kennesawcouncil@kennesaw-ga.gov no later than 6:00 PM the night of the regular meeting. Your comments on a specific agenda item will be read aloud or grouped into categories for the record. **Facebook Live is not monitored for public comment.**

5. Presentations

6. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

A. Second Public Hearing: Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate

Consideration for approval of a Resolution adopt the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate.

Property Tax Administrator Latisha Gunn presented a resolution to adopt the proposed Maintenance and Operation (M&O) millage rate. The City of Kennesaw is proposing a millage rate of 7.75 mills for M&O, which is the same as last year. The public hearing dates, 2024, tax digest, and 5-year history of levy were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on July 20, 2024, and July 27, 2024, in accordance with O.C.G.A § 48-5-32. The third and final public hearing will take place on August 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

10:31 a.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

10:32 a.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

B. Second Public Hearing: Bond Millage Rate

Consideration for approval of a Resolution to adopt the Bond Millage Rate.

Ms. Gunn presented a resolution to adopt the proposed Bond millage rate. The City of Kennesaw is proposing a 1.5 millage rate for the Bond, which is the same as last year. The Bond millage rate is levied to fund the debt service of the \$15,000,000 Recreation and Traffic Safety Bonds that were approved by the voters on September 21, 2004. The public hearings dates, 2024 tax digest, and 5-year history of levy were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on July 20, 2024, and July 27, 2024, in accordance with O.C.G.A § 48-5-32. The third and final hearing will take place on August 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

10:32 a.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

10:33 a.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

11. Consent Agenda

12. General and Administrative

13. Public Safety

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works and Building Maintenance

16. Recreation and Culture

- 17. Community Development**
- 18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor**
- 19. City Manager's Report**
- 20. Mayor's Report**
- 21. Council Reports & Discussions**
- 22. Executive Session**

Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A 50-14-3, the City Council could, at any time during the meeting, vote to close the public meeting and move to executive session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney; and/or personnel matters; and/or real estate matters.

23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.