

# Special Called Meeting Minutes – Final MAYOR AND COUNCIL



Derek Norton, Mayor  
Tim Gould Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 6)  
Glenn Pickens (Ward 1)  
Latonia P. Hines (Ward 2)  
Travis Lindley (Ward 3)  
Charles “Corkey” Welch (Ward 4)  
Susan Wilkinson (Ward 5)  
Rickey N. Oglesby, Jr. (Ward 7)

A. Max Bacon City Hall  
Council Chambers  
2800 King Street SE  
Smyrna, GA 30080

City Attorney Scott Cochran  
City Administrator Joseph Bennett  
City Clerk Heather K. Peacon-Corn

**July 22, 2024  
6:00 PM**

## 1. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Latonia P. Hines, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Rickey N. Oglesby Jr.

Also Present: 1 - Scott Cochran

Staff Present: 4 - Joe Bennett, Heather Peacon-Corn, Kristin Robinson, Enoch Serna

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Tim Gould

## 2. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the July 22, 2024 Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in Council Chambers at 6:00 PM.

## 3. Public Comment

## 4. Formal Business

- A. **2024-126** Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2024 Millage rate and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

### **Citywide**

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, provided the following background:

The FY25 budget approved by Council included revenue projections based on 8.99 mills. This is the second of three required public hearings before the formal adoption of the 8.99 millage rate. Tax information was received from Cobb County on June 20, 2024. Per the information provided, the City would need to roll back the millage rate to 8.244 to not advertise a tax increase. In comparison, last year's millage rollback was calculated at 7.829.

The official notice, and all required information, was posted in the Marietta Daily Journal on July 07, 2024. It was posted again on July 14, 2024. A press release was sent to the Marietta Daily Journal on July 1, 2024. It has also been posted on the City website.

This is the third public hearing of the three required. The first public hearing was a Special Called Mayor and Council meeting held the morning of July 15, 2024, at 8 am. The second public hearing was held on July 15, 2024 at 6:45 pm. This is the third public hearing as well as the adoption of the millage rate.

A public hearing was called, and no one came forward in favor of or in opposition to this item.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve item 2024-126; seconded by Councilmember Charles Welch.

The motion to approve carries with the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 – Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Oglesby  
**Nay:** 0 – None  
**Absent:** 1 – Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Gould

## 5. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the July 22, 2024 Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council at 6:03 PM

Facilities are provided throughout City Hall for the convenience of persons with disabilities.

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**THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN O.C.G.A. 50-14-3:  
The City of Smyrna website – [www.smyrnaga.gov](http://www.smyrnaga.gov)  
City Hall, 2800 King Street SE, Notice Boards**