

Mayor
Derek Easterling
City Manager
Jeff Drobney
City Clerk, MMC
Debra Taylor



Council
Mayor Pro-Tem, Chris Henderson
James Eaton
Tracey Viars
Pat Ferris
David Blinkhorn

**City Council
Special Call Meeting Agenda
August 19, 2019 10:30 AM
Council Chambers**

- I. INVOCATION**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. CALL TO ORDER**
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- V. PRESENTATIONS**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**
- VII. OLD BUSINESS**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS**
- IX. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS**
- X. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

Swearing-in of any witnesses or individuals offering comments on any of the following items.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

XII. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

GINA AULD, Finance Director

- A. Second Public Hearing on the proposed RESOLUTION to adopt the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate and the Bond Millage Rate.
The City of Kennesaw is proposing a millage rate of 8.0 mills for M&O and 1.5 for the Bond which is the same as last year. The Bond millage rate is levied to fund the debt service on the \$15 million Recreation and Traffic Safety Bonds that were approved by the voters September 21, 2004. The dates of the public hearings and the Current 2019 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on August 5, 2019 in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32. The second display was published in the Marietta Daily Journal on August 12, 2019. The first public meeting was held August 12,

2019 and the final public hearing will take place on August 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

XIII. PUBLIC SAFETY

BILL WESTENBERGER, Police Chief
LINDA DAVIS, 911 Communications Director

XIV. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RICK ARNOLD, CO-IT Director
JOSHUA GUERRERO, CO-IT Director

XV. PUBLIC WORKS

Director

XVI. RECREATION AND CULTURE

RICHARD BANZ, Museum Director
STEVE ROBERTS, Parks and Recreation Director
ANN PARSONS, Smith-Gilbert Gardens Director

XVII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ROBERT FOX, Economic Development Director
DARRYL SIMMONS, Zoning Administrator
SCOTT BANKS, Building Official

XVIII. PUBLIC COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

XIX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (Jeff Drobney)

XX. MAYOR'S REPORT

XXI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XXII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Land, Legal, Personnel

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

XXIII. ADJOURN



**Regular Meeting Agenda
8/19/2019 10:30 AM
Council Chambers**

Title of Item:	Second Public Hearing on the proposed RESOLUTION to adopt the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate and the Bond Millage Rate.
Agenda Comments:	The City of Kennesaw is proposing a millage rate of 8.0 mills for M&O and 1.5 for the Bond which is the same as last year. The Bond millage rate is levied to fund the debt service on the \$15 million Recreation and Traffic Safety Bonds that were approved by the voters September 21, 2004. The dates of the public hearings and the Current 2019 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on August 5, 2019 in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32. The second display was published in the Marietta Daily Journal on August 12, 2019. The first public meeting was held August 12, 2019 and the final public hearing will take place on August 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Funding Line(s)	

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Resolution	8/12/2019	Resolution
MDJ Ad 08-12-19	8/12/2019	Legal Ad
08-05-19 Display Ad	8/15/2019	Legal Ad
MDJ Ad 08-05-19	8/12/2019	Legal Ad

**CITY OF KENNESAW
GEORGIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- ___, 2019

**RESOLUTION OF THE KENNESAW CITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A
MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF KENNESAW FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNESAW,
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, the City of Kennesaw, Georgia desires to establish its ad valorem tax millage rate for the fiscal year 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority has advertised its intent to establish said millage rate by placing an advertisement conforming to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32(c) in a newspaper of general circulation of Cobb County serving the residents of the City of Kennesaw, said advertisement appearing two (2) weeks prior to the hearing at which said millage rate is to be considered; and

WHEREAS, the public hearings required by O.C.G.A. §48-5-32(c) were duly held on August 12, 2019 and August 19, 2019 prior to the adoption of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the final millage rate has been calculated by the governing authority to be 8.0 mills for Maintenance & Operation (M&O) and 1.5 mills for Bond;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing authority of the City of Kennesaw does hereby establish the millage rate for the City of Kennesaw, Georgia, ad valorem property tax, for the 2019-2020 fiscal year as 8.0 mills for M&O and 1.5 mills for Bond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kennesaw City Council on this 19th day of August, 2019.

ATTEST:

CITY OF KENNESAW

Debra Taylor, City Clerk

Derek Easterling, Mayor

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**NOTICE TO KENNESAW TAXPAYERS
CITY NOT INCREASING TAX RATES**

According to Georgia law, all taxing agencies must advertise a tax increase and hold three public hearings to claim taxes on reassessed properties even if the millage rate remains unchanged as is the case in Kennesaw. The City of Kennesaw has tentatively adopted a millage rate equal to last year's millage of 9.50 mills.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF AUSTELL**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Special Called Meeting on August 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm at City Hall, 2716 Broad Street, Austell, Ga 30106. The meeting will be to set the qualifying fees for the Special Election and to vote on a Special Election to be held on November 5, 2019 with the General Election for the At-Large, Post I Council Seat.

Elizabeth Young
City Clerk City of Austell

Cobb County Police Department - Crime Prevention - Salary/Operating Costs	\$ 8,827.15
Nobis Works - Vocational Training - Salary/Operating Costs	\$ 12,000.00
Turner Hill Community Development Corporation - Intervention Program - Salary Operating Costs	\$ 5,000.00
Cobb County Police Department - Crime Prevention - NIBRS Compliance	\$ 3,373.35
Cobb County CDBG Program Office - Administration	\$ 11,244.50
TOTAL	\$ 112,445.00

A 30-day Public Comment period commences Monday, August 12, 2019 and concludes Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Please direct all comments/inquiries to: Cobb County CDBG Program Office, 192 Anderson Street, Suite 150, Marietta, GA 30060; Telephone: 770-528-1455; Fax: 770-528-1466; E-mail: info@cobbcountycdbg.com.

Cobb County supports Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing and does not discriminate in any of its Block Grant Programs on the basis of race, color, creed, ethnicity, sex, familial status, age, religion, or disability.

No displacement will occur as a result of the activities described herein. Should displacement occur, Cobb County will implement the provisions required by CFR 570.606, outlined in the County Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance plan. Cobb County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, or treatment of, or employment, the programs and activities described herein. An interpreter is available upon request to assist persons with limited English proficiency. Any requests for reasonable accommodation required by an individual to fully participate in any open meetings, programs, or activities of the Cobb County CDBG Program Office should be directed to: Kimberly Roberts, Managing Director, Cobb County CDBG Program Office, 192 Anderson Street, Suite 150 Marietta, GA 30060, Telephone 770-528-1457 Fax 770-528-1466.

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Times and places of additional public hearings on this increase are at Kennesaw City Hall Council Chambers located at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, Georgia on Monday, August 19th at 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 8.00 mills for M&O and 1.50 mills for Bond, an increase of .305 mills for M&O and .053 mills for Bond. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 7.695 mills for M&O and 1.447 mills for Bond. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$200,000 is approximately \$24 increase for M&O and \$4 increase for Bond and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$400,000 is approximately \$49 increase for M&O and \$8 increase for Bond.

Last week, Smyrna city and Cobb County officials announced they will hire a private testing firm to sample the air around the plant. County commissioners are expected to finalize the plans at their Aug. 13 meeting. "I would say we should wait and see what Smyrna says

SECURITY

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After that, the council moved to hire two retired police officers to sit in the lobby at City Hall and keep an eye on people coming in.

City Manager Bill Bruton said employees have told him the officers make them feel safer on the job and that they have been used to de-escalate situations.

"They have been used a couple times where folks have had situations where — nothing real bad, thankfully — but a couple situations where somebody was getting a little upset about something, so they would call them up to the location, and it's worked very well," he said.

The city is expected to keep those officers on whether or not the council approves the 14 meeting.

NOTICE

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Kennesaw does hereby announce that the tax millage rate for Fiscal Year 2020 will be set at a meeting of the Mayor and Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA on August 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32, the City of Kennesaw does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2019 TAX DIGEST AND FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Real & Personal	1,023,474,920	1,091,832,080	1,186,442,490	1,299,736,486	1,438,655,388	1,518,982,186
Motor Vehicle	64,038,620	43,848,760	32,193,160	21,816,990	15,913,870	12,503,840
Mobile Homes	1,645,374	1,649,463	1,632,942	1,594,614	1,569,458	1,640,186
Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heavy Duty Equipment	2,844	25,309	9,894	0	0	0
Gross Tax Digest	1,089,161,758	1,137,355,612	1,220,278,486	1,323,148,090	1,456,141,330	1,533,134,738
Less M&O Exemptions	144,122,687	163,009,693	175,434,964	180,364,288	276,955,288	305,346,338
Net M&O Digest	945,039,071	974,345,919	1,044,843,522	1,142,783,802	1,179,186,042	1,227,788,400
Gross M&O Millage Rate	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net M&O Millage Rate	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Net M&O Taxes Levied	7,560,313	7,794,767	8,358,748	9,142,270	9,433,488	9,822,307
Gross Tax Digest	1,089,161,758	1,137,355,612	1,220,278,486	1,323,148,090	1,456,141,330	1,533,134,738
Less Bond Exemptions	128,866,200	140,664,637	152,753,301	148,911,795	200,002,666	215,923,976
Net Bond Digest	960,295,558	996,690,975	1,067,525,185	1,174,236,295	1,256,138,664	1,317,210,762
Gross Bond Millage Rate	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Bond Millage Rate	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Net Bond Taxes Levied	1,440,443	1,495,036	1,601,288	1,761,354	1,884,208	1,975,816
Net M&O Taxes \$ Increase	352,546	234,454	563,981	783,522	291,218	388,819
Net M&O Taxes % Increase	4.9%	3.1%	7.2%	9.4%	3.2%	4.1%
Net Bond Taxes \$ Increase	77,149	54,593	106,252	160,066	122,854	91,608
Net Bond Taxes % Increase	5.7%	3.8%	7.1%	10.0%	7.0%	4.9%

All concerned citizens are invited to public hearings held at the Kennesaw City Hall Chambers located at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw GA on the dates and times below:

Monday, August 12th 6:00 PM (Special Called Meeting)
Monday, August 19th 10:30 am (Special Called Meeting) and 6:30 PM (Final Adoption)

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Last week, our city and Cobb County officials announced

The \$52,000 plan Twaddell presented was the least expensive of the three plans the department devised.

The other plans would have installed security checkpoints outside city hall where people would need to be screened before entry. Those plans came with price tags ranging from \$392,000 to \$581,000.

Councilman Reggie Copeland, who chairs the committee, voted to approve it alongside its other members, Councilman Johnny Walker and Councilwoman Cheryl Richardson. But Copeland said he is not sure it goes far enough.

"If someone comes in with a weapon, with option No. 1, there's really no way to detect that," he said. "That would be a great concern. ... I think what we're doing is proactive, it's a good thing. Option 1 does save us money, but my question would be does it really do what we need it to do?"

Other council members said going with the plan will not preclude taking additional security measures if the threat level increases.

The full council is expected to vote on the plan at its Aug. 14 meeting.