



**MAYOR**

Rick E. Roquemore

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Michael Parks

**CITY COUNCIL**

Robert L. Vogel III

Taylor J. Sisk

Jamie L. Bradley

Joshua Rowan

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**

**October 24, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**1 Auburn Way**

**Auburn, GA 30011**

Present: Mayor:

**Richard Roquemore**

Council Member:

**Robert L. Vogel. III**

Council Member:

**Taylor J. Sisk**

Council Member:

**Jamie L. Bradley**

Council Member:

**Joshua Rowan**

City Staff in Attendance: Michael Parks, Corporal Rucker, Staci Waters, Brooke Haney, Iris Akridge

Also in Attendance: Jack Wilson

**Mayor Roquemore** called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Item 1: Council Reports and Announcements**

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for Council Reports and Announcements.

**Council Member Sisk announced** that Apalachee High School Wrestling is holding a raffle to raise funds for new mats.

**Mayor Roquemore** thanked all the workers of the Auburnfest for a great event.

**Council Member Bradley** thanked Teri for her help in the Museum at Auburnfest.

**Item 2: PUBLIC HEARING**

**Mayor Roquemore** explained that there will be two public hearings for Auburn- Barrow County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate and Auburn-Gwinnett County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate.

**Auburn-Barrow County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate**

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Auburn-Barrow County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate.

**Motion:** Made by **Council Member Bradley** to open the Public Hearing for the Auburn-Barrow County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate.

**Second:** By **Council Member Sisk**

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for any discussion. There was none. Votes were taken with all members present voting yes excluding **Council Member Rowan**, he was absent during the vote.

#### **Staff Report- Auburn-Barrow County 2024 Property Tax/Millage Rate**

**Michael Parks** presented

**Mayor Roquemore** announced that we would open the hearing to comments allowing 10 minutes for people to speak in favor of the 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate and Auburn-Barrow County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate. There were none.

**Mayor Roquemore** announced that we would open the hearing to comments allowing 10 minutes for people to speak in opposition to the 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate and Auburn-Barrow County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate. There were none.

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for a motion to close the hearing for the Auburn-Barrow County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate.

**Motion:** Made by Council Member Bradley to close the Public Hearing for the Auburn-Barrow County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate.

**Second:** By **Council Member Sisk**

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for any discussion. There was none. Votes were taken with all members present voting yes excluding **Council Member Rowan**, he was absent during the vote.

#### **Auburn-Gwinnett County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate**

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Auburn-Gwinnett County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate.

**Motion:** Made by **Council Member Sisk** to open the Public Hearing for the Auburn-Gwinnett County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate.

**Second:** By **Council Member Bradley**

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for any discussion. There was none. Votes were taken with all members present voting yes excluding **Council Member Rowan**, he was absent during the vote.

#### **Staff Report- Auburn-Gwinnett County 2024 Property Tax/Millage Rate**

**Michael Parks** presented

**Mayor Roquemore** announced that we would open the hearing to comments allowing 10 minutes for people to speak in favor of the 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate and Auburn-Gwinnett County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate. There were none.

**Mayor Roquemore** announced that we would open the hearing to comments allowing 10 minutes for people to speak in opposition to the 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate and Auburn-Gwinnett County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate. There were none.

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for a motion to close the hearing for the Auburn-Gwinnett County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate.

**Motion:** Made by **Council Member Sisk** to close the Public Hearing for the Auburn-Gwinnett County 2024 Property Tax/Milage Rate.

**Second:** By **Council Member Bradley**

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for any discussion. There was none. Votes were taken with all members present voting yes excluding **Council Member Rowan**, he was absent during the vote.

## **WORKSHOP ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **Item 3: Auburn Downtown Overlay District Zoning**

**Michael Parks** Presented

-placed on November 14, 2024, Council Business Agenda

### **Item 4: Harmony Grove Cemetery**

**Michael Parks** Presented

-placed on November 14, 2024, Council Business Agenda

### **Item 5: Water Treatment Plant Contract**

**Michael Parks** presented

-placed on November 14, 2024, Council Business Agenda

### **Item 6: Special Called Meeting Dates**

**Michael Parks** presented for discussion only.

### **Item 7: City of Auburn Indemnity Ordinance**

**Jack Wilson** presented

-placed on November 14, 2024, Council Business Agenda

### **Item 8: Amend City of Auburn Charter Section 5.13**

**Jack Wilson** presented

-tabled until November 21, 2024, Workshop meeting

### **Item 9: Board Appointees Code of Conduct**

**Jack Wilson** presented

- tabled until November 21, 2024, Workshop meeting

### **Item 10: 120 Water System**

**Iris Akridge** presented

-placed on November 14, 2024, Council Business Agenda

**Item 11: LRA College Street**

**Iris Akridge** presented

-placed on November 14, 2024, Council Business Agenda

**Item 12: Bid for Saddle Creek**

**Iris Akridge** presented

-placed on November 14, 2024, Council Business Agenda

**Item 13: Liquidate Police Vehicles**

**Michael Parks** presented

-placed on November 14, 2024, Council Business Agenda

**Item 14: Garage Enclosure Ordinance**

**Jack Wilson** presented

- tabled until November 21, 2024, Workshop meeting

**Mayor Roquemore** asked if there were any citizen comments.

Rob Yoe, 1531 Wynfield Dr, Auburn, Ga 30011

Spoke regarding Board Appointees Code of Conduct.

Expressed concerns on Amend City of Auburn Charter Section 5.13.

James Matthews, 1315 Wyngate Rd, Auburn, Ga 30011

Spoke regarding Amend City of Auburn Charter Section 5.13.

Silvia Barber, 1220 St. Andrews Dr, Auburn, Ga 30011

Spoke regarding Board Appointees Code of Conduct and Amend City of Auburn Charter Section 5.13.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mayor Roquemore** stated that there was a need for an executive session to discuss Pending Litigation and Potential Litigation Matters.

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for a motion to go into Executive session.

**Motion:** Made by **Council Member Sisk** to go into Executive session.

**Second:** Made By **Council Member Bradley**

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for any discussion. There was none. Votes were taken with all members present voting yes.

After the Executive Session, the City Attorney reported that during Executive Session the Council met to discuss potential litigation and pending litigation matters as allowed by the Open Meetings Act. There were no votes taken and no evidence received in the Executive Session. The original affidavit and resolution

have been signed and delivered to the staff to be included within the minutes of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of October 2024 Attest:

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Mayor Richard Roquemore