



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES–2022 Millage Rate Meeting
Thursday, June 9, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The 2022 Millage Rate Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds. A roll call was taken, and the following City Council Members were present: Diane Howard, Amelia Inman, and Yolanda Sheppard. Councilman Honore and Councilwoman Wynn were absent.

II. Discussion

Mayor Reynolds asked if anyone were on the call, in favor or against the proposed millage rate.

State Representative Doreen Carter (resident) did not know the city was having a meeting, if the city plans to raise taxes her biggest concern is home values are inflated this year, for a homeowner the millage rate is set on the value, asked if the city completed its budget and is the increase based on a budget. City Administrator Sands stated the city had its first budget meeting and a second meeting is scheduled on Friday, same fees and revenues are not a lot to cover the city's basic needs and an increase in millage rate is warranted and is based on the city's budgetary needs.

Ms. Carter does not agree with the city's perspective and would like to see a copy of the budget summary, residents should not bear the brunt of the city's financial issues, home values are inflated, decisions were made no fault to residents. People are not aware of the meeting. Mayor Reynolds and City Administrator Sands indicated the meeting is posted on the city website since beginning of June, on the digital sign, and posted in the paper. Mayor Reynolds stated the city will look at other options to make the public aware. Ms. Carter's recommended to put in the subject line of the email that goes out on Monday, Millage Rate Public Hearing, or the placement of yard signs.

Mayor Reynolds asked if anyone else was on the line to provide comment for or against, allowing an additional 5 minutes.

Councilwoman Sheppard asked City Administrator Sands if she has the document showing what neighboring cities current millage rates are to see this visually and indicated the City of Lithonia's millage rate is nowhere comparable to other cities, a lot of things budgeted for are necessary, plans to jump on the roundtable discussion call to gather ideas from citizens who are on that call. City Administrator Sands will provide that document to everyone.

III. Adjournment

Councilwoman Sheppard motioned to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard, and approved by a vote of 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.