



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 10, 2024

Council Meeting Room

Regular Session

9:00 AM

**7224 GA HIGHWAY 21
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Norton called the meeting to order.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Rufus Bright Led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Gary Norton	Mayor	Present
Thomas Barbee	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
ArtLise Alston-Cone	Council Member	Present
Gabrielle Nelson	Council Member	Present
Mark Stephens	Council Member	Present
Rufus Bright	Council Member	Present
Shawn Randerwala	Council Member	Present

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS

7. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

8. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

9. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. CONSENT AGENDA

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of FY2025 Budget

• Public Hearing

City Manager Steve Davis and Assistant City Manager Thomas Kilmartin gave a presentation on the Proposed FY25 Budget and discussed the following topics:

- Changing Economic Conditions
- City Growth Challenges
- Service Snapshot
- Budgeted Positions
- Objectives
- Revenue and Expenses
- Capital Projects
- Annual Goals

B. Adoption of Millage Rate

• Public Hearing

City Manager Steve Davis explained to Council that they are asking for an increase in the millage rate increase of 1.056, which is the exact millage of the transit tax district. Even though we have added the Chatham Area Transit service we are not in the transit tax district, and therefore not in the taxing authority of CAT and we have to fund the cost through the general fund. He also stated that it is the intent to go and seek legislation to not only be put into the transit district, but to also ask for a seat on the CAT Board. He also explained that in addition to the CAT services the cost of all the new employees. Mr. Davis also shared a presentation with Council discussing the following:

- Notice of Tax Increase and Five-Year Digest
- Computation of Millage Rate

14. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman Barbee made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nelson. Approved Unanimous.

Mayor Gary Norton

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Zahnay Smoak, Clerk of Council