



TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024 – 5:30 PM
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1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and asked Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock to take the roll call.

2. Roll call

PRESENT:

Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett
Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund
Councilmember Sergia Cardenas

Also present was Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith. Councilmember Linnie Richardson and Councilmember Brandy Peterson were absent.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bennett gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proposed Millage Rate discussion and action

Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith advised the Council that the purpose of the meeting was to select a preliminary millage rate. Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock said that two upcoming meetings in September 2024 would be held to further discuss the millage rate and adjust the rate, if necessary. Ms. Braddock reminded the Council that the millage rate could be lowered in the two subsequent meetings, but that it could not be increased to an amount higher than the preliminary rate being selected at the current meeting.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated that he did not want to increase the millage rate above the previous year's rate of 5.2439 mills because people were struggling due to inflation and other economic factors. Mayor Samuel Bennett agreed.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to set the preliminary millage rate at 5.2439 mills; seconded by Councilmember Sergia Cardenas. Motion carries on a roll call vote 3-0.

5. ADJOURNED

47 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.**

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49 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Ryan Smith, Deputy Town Clerk

Samuel G.S. Bennett, Mayor