



**MINUTES**  
**City of McDonough**  
**Special-Called City Council Meeting**  
McKibben Chambers City Hall  
136 Keys Ferry Street  
August 11, 2025  
10:00 A.M.

The Special-Called Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Sandra Vincent called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The City Clerk called roll for the meeting, as follows:

Mayor Sandra Vincent	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Kamali Varner	Absent
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Absent
Councilmember Darryl Payton	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Absent
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present

Others in attendance: Deputy City Administrator, Andrew Baker; City Attorney, Emilia Walker; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Community Development Director, Sylvia Smith; Finance Director, Dr. Ralph Igwedibie; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; Assistant Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; Budget Manager, Dana Strickland; Building Official, Ayiende Toby; City Planner, Aaron Hypolite; and Help Desk Technician, Rob Monnelus.

Councilmember Stewart gave the Invocation; and Councilmember Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Payton seconded. The vote was four in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, and Councilmember Reeves were absent from the meeting.

Dr. Ralph Igwedibie, Director of Finance presented the proposed 2025 Millage Rate of 3.033, as opposed to the Tax Commissioner's Rollback Rate of 3.009. He noted that the City of McDonough has adopted a Millage Rate of 3.033, every year since 2022; and that remaining with the rate of 3.033, would impact citizens with homes valued at \$150,000, with an increase of only \$1.44, and those with homes valued at \$500,000, would see an increase of \$4.80. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor; and no one spoke in opposition. Mayor Vincent closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Vincent then called for the Applicant for the discussion regarding a Council-Proposed rezoning from R-75 to a PUD on or about Legion Road for the Public Purpose of Assisting Homeless Veterans; however, the Applicant was not present.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Christy L. Taylor, CMC  
City Clerk

OPEN MEETINGS COMPLIANCE NOTICE: This is a regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council of the City of McDonough duly noticed pursuant to the requirements of the Georgia Open Meetings Law (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1, et seq). Notice of the meeting was published in the *Henry Herald* on August 02, 2025; at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.