

**CITY OF JOHNS CREEK
COUNCIL MEETING
June 16, 2008
MILAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING
11:30am**

The City of Johns Creek Mayor and Council held a Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2008 Milage Rate on Monday, June 16, 2008. The Public Hearing was held at 11:30am in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 12000 Findley Road, Suite 300 in Johns Creek, Georgia.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Post 1-Randall Johnson
Post 3-Karen Richardson
Post 4-Ivan Figueroa
Post 6-Bev Miller
Mayor Michael Bodker

STAFF PRESENT: William Riley, City Attorney
John Kachmar, City Manager
Joan Jones, City Clerk
Patty Hansen, Chief of Staff

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Mike Bodker.

Mayor Bodker explained the public hearing process, reminded everyone there will be another hearing this evening at 6:00pm and the opportunity to again speak during public comment time during the 7:00pm council meeting.

Mayor Bodker opened the Public Hearing on the proposed 2008 millage rate.

Viola Kronen addressed council and voiced her appreciation of the job the council is doing, but stated she is opposed to increasing the millage rate. The taxes are too high for retired citizens, who want to stay in the city, but may not be able to afford to live in Johns Creek. Major Thompson appreciated the council decision to reduce the millage rate last year, but stated it did not help too many people. He asked council to consider the fixed income, the elderly and the poor by placing a cap on property appraisals. Bob Frame asked for a clear justification for an increase, knowing that setting millage rate is a tough call, if there is an increase that it support expenditure increases and to continue building the city's reserve.

Mayor Bodker called for any further public comment regarding the proposed millage rate. There being no further comments, he closed the Public Hearing on the proposed 2008 Millage Rate.

Mayor Bodker explained the difference between tax increase, a millage rate increase, the requirements by state law and how property assessments can affect tax bills.

There being no further business, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

Approved:

Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

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Attest:

Joan Jones, City Clerk