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City Council Announces a Proposed Property Tax Increase

HINESVILLE, Ga. (Oct. 20, 2020) – The City of Hinesville Mayor and Council today announces its intention to increase the property taxes it will levy this year by 2.97 percentage over the rollback millage rate.

> *Each year, the board of tax assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in the county. When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the county indicate there has been an increase in the fair market value of any specific property, the board of tax assessors is required by law to re-determine the value of such property and adjust the assessment. This is called reassessment.*

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by City of Hinesville Mayor and Council requires that a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate, therefore, before the City of Hinesville Mayor and Council may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three (3) public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at City Hall, 115 East M.L. King, Jr. Drive, November 10, 2020 at 11:00 am and 6:00 p.m. and on November 19, 2020 during the City Council meeting which begins at 3:00 pm.

For more information, please contact Whitney Morris-Reed at wmorrisreed@cityofhinesville.org or 912.408.3569.

ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:
The City of Hinesville was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to more than 35,000 people. For more information, visit cityofhinesville.org.