



## **It's Official: City Council Eliminates Millage Rate**

PEACHTREE CORNERS, July 2, 2013 – A day after marking the city's first anniversary, Peachtree Corners City Council gave residents two nice gifts to mark the occasion – a millage rate of zero and a brand new city seal.

The seal was designed by Accent Creative Group. The company that designed Peachtree Corners international award-winning city logo. Eliminating the millage rate was the product of a City Council dedicated to managing an efficient and effective city government.

"I couldn't be happier," said Mayor Mike Mason. "I am extremely proud of City Council for adopting a fiscally conservative budget that eliminates the millage rate for our citizens. It shows we're on the right track."

Council also adopted a balanced FY budget of \$3,820,800.

The increase in this year's budget is actually good news because it is the result of new revenue that was not budgeted last year. The city will receive about \$1.8 million in franchise fees and \$1.8 million in business license fees this year. State law requires that municipalities balance revenue and expenditures.

"We'll receive some revenues that weren't available last year, and we have to budget for both revenues and expenditures," Mason said. "Also, this year's budget includes a full year's salary for the City Manager and City Clerk as well as the lease on City Hall." Those expenditures did not exist prior to the Fall of last year.

In other business, council selected Waste Pro to provide sanitation services and authorize the mayor to begin contract negotiations. City Manager Julian Jackson said he expects to have the deal finalized by the July 16 council meeting.

Councilwoman Jeanne Aulbach said Waste Pro stood out because of its excellent customer service record and the fact it offered potential rewards to customers who recycle.

Council also voted unanimously to rezone the 20.6-acre tract of land it purchased across from The Forum from apartment zoning to Mixed Use Development (MUD).

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