



Office of the Mayor

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CHANGE OF VENUE **Public Forums on Sales Tax Election**

The site of the second community forum to provide information and gather comments on two Jonesboro sales tax questions has been changed to the City Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday (Oct. 5), or immediately after the City Council meeting adjourns.

This forum is especially for residents of wards 2 and 3, and Mayor Harold Perrin said the Municipal Building is centrally located and therefore more accessible.

The forum will begin with a slide series narrated by the mayor and Jonesboro attorney Robert Jones. Then a panel including Perrin, Jones and former Jonesboro Chief Financial Officer Ben Barylske will field questions and respond to questions. Roy Ockert, editor emeritus of The Sun, will serve as moderator.

The first forum was held Monday for residents of wards 1 and 4. A third one is scheduled for Monday (Oct. 12) at 6:30 p.m. at the Nettleton Performing Arts Center for residents of wards 5 and 6. The forums are open to all citizens.

Two sales tax questions will be on Nov. 10 special election ballots:

- a seven-eighths of 1 percent sales tax, to be collected over 10 years, to fund the city's share street and bridge improvement projects; and
- a one-eighth of 1 percent sales tax, also to expire in 10 years, to finance economic development efforts of a new public corporation to be established for that purpose.

Early voting will start Nov. 3.

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