



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2020  
5:30 P.M.  
VIA ZOOM**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor  
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem  
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner  
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner  
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager  
Paul Hanebuth, Asst. City Manager  
Rebecca Long, Communications Manager  
Gina Hill, City Clerk  
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda

- Commissioner Shortell made a motion to adopt. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Receive Public Comment on the 2020 Tax Millage Rate**  
The Governing Authority of the City of Avondale Estates has tentatively adopted a 2020 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by **3.63** percent.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of **9.8** mills, an increase of **0.343** mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the mill rate will be no more than **9.457** mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of **\$375,000** is approximately **\$129**. The proposed tax increase on non-homestead property with a fair market value of **\$525,000** is approximately **\$293**.

The reason for the tax increase is as follows: from 2014 to 2018, City expenditures increased by an average of **6.53** percent, so a similar increase in the dollar amount collected from property tax is likely necessary to maintain the same level of service to City residents and businesses in 2020.

- No public comment.

Item #4 Adjournment

- Commissioner Shortell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2020

  
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Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gina Hill, City Clerk