



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
June 20, 2019
*Immediately Following Public Hearing***

MINUTES

Members Present: Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem
Adela Yelton, Commissioner
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner

Members Absent: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager
Paul Hanebuth, Finance Director
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney
Gina Hill, City Clerk

Item No. 1 Meeting Called to Order

Item No. 2 Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Shortell moved to adopt. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 3 **2019 Tax Millage Rate Ordinance – Second of Three Required Readings**

The millage rate is a number set each year to calculate property taxes. A millage rate of 9.8 mills is proposed for 2019. This is the same as the 2018 millage rate. The rate in 2017 was 9.957 mills. City staff estimates this will result in a 3.4% increase in total property tax revenues.

From 2014 to 2018, City expenditures have 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.

This is the second of three readings before the Board of Mayor and Commissioners votes to set the millage rate. The third and final reading is on Monday, July 1st, following public hearings at 6:01 p.m. The BOMC will vote to set the millage rate at the same time.

Item No. 4 **Reschedule the June Regular Meeting from June 24th to July 1st in Order to Obtain a Quorum**

Commissioner Shortell moved to approve. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 5 Public Comment

Jan Hover asked how the building of The Willis will impact property taxes. City Manager Patrick Bryant responded that it will not impact individual residents. He gave an explanation as well as described how tax abatements work. Candace Jones asked about the millage rate for commercial and industrial properties and was told they are the same as those for residences. City Attorney Stephen Quinn added that a uniform millage rate is required in the state constitution. Commissioner Shortell addressed the audience and asked for their patience in looking at tax breaks for vulnerable populations. She said it is not an easy or quick process, especially with new staff on board.

Item No. 6 Adjournment
Commissioner Laratte moves to adjourn. Commissioner Yelton seconds. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF JULY 2019


Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:


Gina Hill, City Clerk
Patrick Bryant, City Manager