



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING
June 20, 2019
6:01 p.m.**

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 Yelton seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 3 **Receive Public Comment on the 2019 Tax Millage Rate**
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 public hearings before the Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC) votes to set the millage rate. The other public hearing is on Monday, July 1st at 6:01 p.m. The BOMC will vote to set the millage rate at the regular meeting on July 1st immediately following the public hearing.

Ernelle Fife requested some financial relief for those with disabilities and/or low incomes and/or seniors. Candace Jones agreed with the proposed millage rate and also agreed with Ms. Fife regarding financial

relief. Jane Howe and Melissa O'Shields also spoke in favor of tax relief for the same groups.

Item No. 4

Adjournment

Commissioner Laratte moved 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