

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 22nd, 2020
6:30 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
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Rebecca Long, Communications Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher motioned to adopt. Commissioner Laratte 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**.

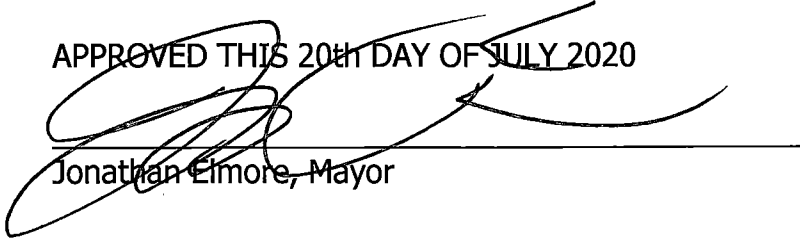
The reason for the tax increase is as follows: from 2014 to 2018, City expenditures increased by an average of **6.53** percent, so a similar increase in the dollar amount collected from property tax is likely necessary to maintain the same level of service to City residents and businesses in 2020.

- No public comment

Item #4 Adjournment

- Commissioner Laratte motions to adjourn. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY 2020



Jonathan Eimore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gina Hill, City Clerk