

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 29th, 2020
NOON
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
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Shortell moved to adopt agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher 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


Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adjourn. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY 2020



Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gina Hill, City Clerk