



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 29TH, 2020
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING
VIA ZOOM**

ACTION 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 Mgr.
Gina Hill, City Clerk

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Larattel motioned to adopt agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Third Reading of the 2020 Tax Millage Rate Ordinance**
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.

Commissioner Laratte moved to adopt. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #4 **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to Accept Payment in Lieu of Taxes in the Sale of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Building**
This item was discussed at the March 25th Board of Mayor and Commissioners special called meeting. Please refer to the minutes or audio from that meeting for more details.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

Item #5 **City Manager Updates Regarding Employee Compensation**

Item #6 Public Comment

Item #7 Adjournment
Commissioner Merriam made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.