



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 1, 2019  
Immediately Following Public Hearing**

**MINUTES**

- Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor  
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem  
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner  
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner
- Member Absent: Adela Yelton, Commissioner
- Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager  
Paul Hanebuth, Finance Director
- Item No. 1 Meeting Called to Order
- Item No. 2 Invocation (Commissioner Fisher)
- Item No. 3 Pledge to the Flag
- Item No. 4 Adoption of Agenda
- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adopt. Commissioner Shortell seconds. All ayes.
- Item No. 5 Approval of Minutes:  
May 9<sup>th</sup> executive session  
May 15<sup>th</sup> work session  
May 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting  
May 21<sup>st</sup> special called work session  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> special called work session  
June 13<sup>th</sup> special called meeting  
June 13<sup>th</sup> public hearing (3)  
June 20<sup>th</sup> special called meeting  
June 20<sup>th</sup> public hearing
- Commissioner Shortell moved to engross. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.
- Item No. 6 Commissioner Updates – Subjects of General Interest and Concern
- Item No. 7 Citizens' Comments:  
"It's another beautiful day in Avondale Estates" – Thomas P. Samford

Item No. 8

Old Business:

### **2019 Tax Millage Rate Ordinance – Third and Final 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% 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.

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to approved. Commissioner Shortell seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 9

New Business:

### **Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Contract with Murray Barnes Finister LLP for Legal Services**

This firm's engagement letter outlines the legal duties it would undertake in assisting the City with forming an Urban Redevelopment Agency (URA) and securing a Bond Anticipation Note, or BAN.

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

### **Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Contract with Davenport & Company for Financial Services**

Davenport & Company proposes assisting the City with the financial aspects of securing a BAN. The attached engagement letter offers more details.

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher made a motion to adopt. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

### **Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Terminate Contract with Anthem Blue Cross and Enter Into Contract with Cigna for Employee Health Insurance**

A quote brokered by a2 Benefits would allow for over \$100,000 in annual savings while preserving current coverage levels for employees.

- Commissioner Shortell moved to adopt. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconds. All ayes.

### **Resolution Establishing Sanitation Fees & Regulations**

This resolution is the result of a discussion of various options to reduce residential sanitation fees and tie commercial fees more closely to the level of service received.

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adopt. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 10

Announcements (Mayor Pro Tem Fisher)

Item No. 11

Adjournment

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved adjourn. Commissioner Shortell seconds. All ayes.