



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 21st, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Members Absent: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Ellen Powell, Communications Manager
Lori Leland, Permitting Coordinator
Helen Menefee, Admin Coordinator

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Shortell motioned to adopt. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Receive Public Comment on the 2023 Tax Millage Rate**
The Governing Authority of the City of Avondale Estates has tentatively adopted a 2023 millage rate of **9.8** mills, the same rate as the past five years.

Lyda Steadman spoke in favor of adopting the rollback millage rate. Paul Dorroh spoke in favor of a strong police force and having the lake dam inspected. He also commented on property tax relief, the Town Green debt service, and other matters. Mr. Dorroh also requested that financial information be made public more often. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher clarified some budgetary matters. He announced when the audit would be completed. Phil Feibish shared his own analysis about tax relief. Ms. Steadman said the city's spending reports were difficult to decipher. Stacey Bearden asked about financial reports and Mr. Fisher responded with some explanation about the millage rate process. There was discussion about budgeting out more than one year ahead. Ms. Steadman urged the BOMC to take a second look at the 2023 budget. Mr. Dorroh spoke again, this time about the tax allocation district. Staff member Helen Menefee read comments typed online. Commissioner Shortell said that there was information related to some of the budgeted amounts in the capital plan that could not be shared with the public yet and that she would be very cautious

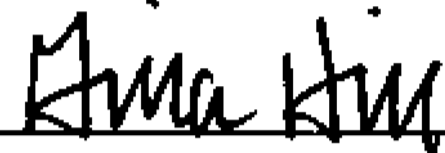
about reducing those amounts. Commissioner Merriam voiced appreciation for the public's involvement. Commissioner Laratte agreed. Mr. Fisher announced future meetings on the millage rate and answered some questions about process.

Item #4

Adjournment

Commissioner Shortell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED JULY 12TH, 2023



Gina Hill, City Clerk