



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor  
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner  
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner  
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Members Absent: Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager  
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager  
Ellen Powell, Communications Manager

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda  
Commissioner Shortell moved to adopt. Commissioner Merriam 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.

Mayor Elmore said all members of the BOMC wanted to lower the millage rate but hadn't agreed on an amount. City Manager Bryant gave a presentation as a primer regarding revenue and expenditures. There's also comparison with other nearby cities. Phil Feibish Doesn't feel the city is seriously looking for ways to save money. Paul Dorroh summarized a letter he wrote to the BOMC. He wanted money earmarked for Town Green debt service and tax relief. Linda Abram felt it was important to retain staff and it was more economical. Stacey Bearden had a question about process and made other comments. Kathy Kingsbury also had questions about process.

Item #4 Adjournment  
Commissioner Shortell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

  
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Gina Hill, City Clerk