

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2020**

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton

**INVOCATION:** Mitchell Moore

**PLEDGE:** Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton

**ROLL CALL:** Members of the City Council present included Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton and Aldermen Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Antonio Carter, Walt Steward, Eric Gaither

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mandy Luke, John Reynolds, Mitchell Moore

The Budget Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2021 was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mandy Luke, City Manager/Finance Director, provided the 2020 Tax Digest and 5-Year History of Levy which shows the net tax millage rate at 9.50 mils and the tax digest actually decreased from 2019 to 2020 based on reassessments on real/personal property and motor vehicles. She explained we do not normally have this information at the time of the Budget adoption since the Budget is normally adopted before July 31<sup>st</sup> each year and the Council will vote at the September 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to set the millage rate which will remain at 9.50 mils.

Mrs. Luke discussed the CARES Act Grant and Budget information that was presented at the September 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Work Session.

She explained a generator grant the City is expecting for reimbursement of a generator the City has already paid for.

She also explained journal entry adjustments have to be made each year according to the Auditors for accounts payable, accounts receivable, depreciation and items that take place after the closeout of each fiscal year. The adjustments are for the items that take place in the new fiscal year that are actually for the previous fiscal year.

Upon questions from the public, Mrs. Luke explained this is the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget (08/01/2020-07/31/2021); the tax millage rate is not changing

so if there are any changes in tax amounts, it would be based on assessment values determined by the County Tax Assessor's Office and not the City's tax millage rate; the charges for services provided by the City are not set to change at this time; tax exemptions are determined by the County Tax Commissioner's Office; tax revenue figures are received from the State through SPLOST which usually runs about two (2) months behind; and, Expenditures are in line with Revenue. Mrs. Luke explained how the City tries to use loans from organizations like GMA to avoid lump sum payments for large purchases.

Alderman Scott Stalnaker also mentioned the NURA redevelopment project which will put that property on the tax digest once purchased and completed which will help Revenue. He also mentioned the change in motor vehicle assessments and people tend to drive their cars longer now than in the past.

The Budget Adoption will be on the Agenda of the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on September 14, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

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Alderman John Clayton

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Alderman Antonio Carter

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Alderman Walt Steward

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Alderman Billy Retterbush

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Alderman Eric Gaither

**ATTEST:**

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Jackie Jordan, City Clerk