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10. Adjournment



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 27TH, 2021
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING
VIA ZOOM**

AGENDA

- Item #1 Meeting Called to Order
- Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
- Item #3 **Project Management Agreement with Fabric Developers**
An agreement between the Urban Redevelopment Agency (URA) and the developer is necessary to facilitate the construction of the Town Green.
- Item #4 **Policy for Expressing Condolences**
The BOMC will discuss a policy for paying respects when any employee of DeKalb County or any of its cities dies or is killed in the line of duty. They will have a draft resolution to review.
- Item #5 **Discussion of Change in Ordinance Reading Process**
Discussed at previous meetings, the BOMC is considering decreasing the number of readings required to pass an ordinance.
- Item #6 **Sanitation Fees for 2021**
First discussed at the previous work session, staff and the BOMC will continue to talk about sanitation fees for the coming year. Commercial sanitation fees need to be set at the first regular meeting in February.
- Item #7 **Zoning Review Process**
A discussion of the current and possible changes to the zoning review and approval process.
- Item #8 Public Comment
- Item #9 Executive Session – Real Estate
- Item #10 Adjournment

**A RESOLUTION
TO SET A POLICY FOR EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES**

WHEREAS, the City of Avondale Estates is one of many cities within DeKalb County;
and

WHEREAS, the Avondale Estates Board of Mayor and Commissioners understands the importance of building and maintaining strong relationships with our neighbors, both in the cities and countywide; and

WHEREAS, part of that relationship building includes showing support and compassion in times of tragedy and grief; and

WHEREAS, these times include the death of fellow leaders or the passing of city and county employees in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, while steps taken may vary on a case-by-case basis, correspondence sent to the leader of the fellow organization shall be standard procedure;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a condolence letter on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Commissioners, signed by the Mayor, shall be sent in the occurrence of a DeKalb municipality or county leader's death or an employee's passing in the line of duty.

SO RESOLVED, this 27th day of January 2021.

**CITY OF AVONDALE ESTATES BOARD OF
MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS**

Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gina Hill, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF AVONDALE ESTATES TO AMEND SECTION 2.21 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO REDUCE THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN ORDINANCE MUST BE READ AT THREE MEETINGS BEFORE IT MAY BE ADOPTED TO REQUIRE READING AT ONE PRIOR MEETING BEFORE ADOPTION, WITH AN EXCEPTION WHEN THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO PROCEED WITHOUT A PRIOR READING; TO REQUIRE INTRODUCED ORDINANCES TO BE POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE; AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING CHARTER PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the City Charter, Section 2.21(b), currently requires an ordinance to be read at three separate meetings (i.e., two prior meetings) before it may be adopted; and

WHEREAS, this “three readings requirement” has proven to be an undue impediment to the efficient administration of City business; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Commissioners desires to eliminate the “three readings requirement” while still providing ample opportunity for public input and participation; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides for reasonable means of providing notice of introduced ordinances under consideration to the public but has not been updated to address the role of the internet in modern life; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to amend its Charter by adopting an ordinance to such effect at two consecutive regular meetings pursuant to its home rule powers as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Avondale Estates as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection (b) of City Charter Section 2.21, City of Avondale Estates, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(b) An ordinance may be introduced by any member of the board of mayor and commissioners and be read at a regular or special meeting of the board of mayor and

commissioners. Upon introduction of any ordinance, the city clerk shall as soon as possible: (i) distribute a copy to the mayor and to each commissioner, (ii) make available to the public a reasonable number of copies of the ordinance at city hall and (iii) post an electronic copy of the introduced ordinance in a prominent place on the city's official website. Ordinances shall be considered and adopted or rejected by the board of mayor and commissioners in accordance with the rules which it shall establish; provided, however, an ordinance shall not be adopted until such time that the title and purpose of the ordinance has been read at a prior regular or special meeting of the board of mayor and commissioners. However, this requirement that the ordinance have been read at a prior meeting shall not apply when the board of mayor and commissioners votes unanimously to waive the requirement, or in the case of an emergency ordinance as provided for in Section 2.23 of this charter.”

SECTION 2. All charter provisions, ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This Charter amendment shall become effective upon its final adoption by the Board of Mayor and Commissioners at the second of two consecutive regular meetings.

First Reading: _____
Second Reading: _____
Third Reading: _____

FIRST APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20__.

FINAL ADOPTION THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20__.

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF AVONDALE ESTATES, GEORGIA**

Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gina Hill, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen G. Quinn
Stephen G. Quinn, City Attorney