



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**January 6, 2020**

**6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor  
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem  
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner  
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager  
Paul Hanebuth, Finance Director  
Stephen Nicolas, Municipal Judge  
Gina Hill, City Clerk

Item No. 1 Meeting Called to Order

Item No. 2 Adoption of Agenda  
Commissioner Laratte moves to adopt. Commissioner Shortell seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 3 **Welcome**

Mayor Jonathan Elmore wished the audience a happy new year. He recognized DeKalb County officials in the audience and mentioned the upcoming census. Mr. Elmore introduced Avondale Estates Municipal Court Judge Stephen Nicolas.

Item No. 4 **Swearing-In of Commissioner Dee Merriam**

Judge Nicolas read the oath of office with Ms. Merriam repeating.

Item No. 5 **Commissioner Comments**

Mayor Elmore welcomed Ms. Merriam and complimented her election campaign. He also pointed out the education and experience she brings to the Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC). Mayor Pro Tem Fisher said it's an exciting time in the city and Ms. Merriam is familiar with the history having been a long-time resident. Commissioner Shortell thanked all the candidates and voters, including Mr. Elmore and Mr. Fisher. Commissioner Laratte thanked Ms. Merriam for her volunteerism. He thought the current BOMC is a great team. Ms. Merriam said she's looking forward to being a member of the team. She recognized her

family in the audience and thanked them for their support and also fellow candidate Candace Jones.

Item No. 6

Adjournment

Commissioner Merriam moved to adjourn. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2020



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Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Gina Hill, City Clerk