

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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

Member Absent: Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager  
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager  
Ellen Powell, Communications Manager  
Gina Hill, City Clerk  
Harry Hess, Police Chief

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

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

Item #3 **Commissioner Comments**  
Commissioner Shortell announced that the previous night the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) signed a development agreement with a developer for the commercial portion of the Town Green project fronting US 278. Mayor Elmore said he had attended the swearing in of Representative Amari Crawford. He is our new representative after some redistricting. City Manager Bryant noted that he'd been working on the project Ms. Shortell mentioned since he started his job with the city. He added that Assistant City Manager also put in a lot of work on this agreement.

Item #4 **Approval of Minutes**  
November 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting  
November 21<sup>st</sup> work session  
December 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting  
December 7<sup>th</sup> work session  
December 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting  
Commissioner Shortell moved to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

Item #5 **Resolution to Donate 0.21 Acres (904.18 sq/ft) of Lanier Gardens**

**Property to GDOT as Right of Way for US-278 Project**

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to approve. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

City Manager Bryant noted that this had been discussed in a previous work session. He added that staff is nearing the end of the right-of-way acquisition phase of this project and then construction can begin.

Item #6

**Amendment to City Manager Contract**

Commissioner Laratte moved to adopt. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

Mayor Elmore read a portion of the amendment citing City Manager Bryant's achievements during 2022. Member of the BOMC commented on the positive changes in the city within the past year and Mr. Bryant's role in making them happen. Mr. Bryant praised the working relationship with the BOMC.

Item #7

Public Comment

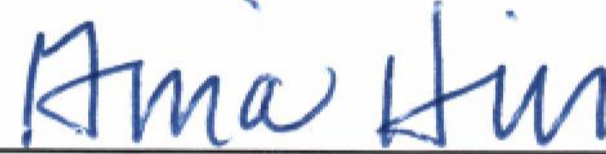
Bill Hover applauded the changes in the city. He also noted how major rain affects the North Woods area of Lake Avondale.

Item #8

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adjourn. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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Gina Hill, City Clerk