



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 27, 2020  
6:30 p.m.**

**ACTION MINUTES**

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

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager  
Paul Hanebuth, Assistant City Manager  
Shannon Powell, Assistant City Manager  
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney  
Lynn Thomas, Police Chief  
Gina Hill, City Clerk

Item No. 1 Meeting Called to Order

Item No. 2 Invocation (Commissioner Laratte)

Item No. 3 Pledge to the Flag

Item No. 4 Adoption of Agenda

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moves to amend the agenda to remove item number seven. Commissioner Shortell seconds. All ayes.
- Commissioner Laratte moves to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Merriam seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 5 Approval of Minutes:  
December 11 work session  
December 16 regular meeting  
January 6 special called meeting

- Commissioner Laratte makes a motion to engross the minutes. Commissioner Shortell seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 6 Commissioner Updates – Subject of General Interest and Concern

Item No. 7 **Proclamation Supporting National School Choice Week (NSCW)**  
From public schools, charter schools, and magnet schools to private schools, online academies, and homeschools, NSCW is designed to raise awareness of the different K-12 education options and the benefits of

school choice. NSCW, taking place between January 26<sup>th</sup> through February 1<sup>st</sup>, started in 2011 and is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical, independent effort.

- Removed from agenda.

Item No. 8 Citizens' Comments:  
"It's another beautiful day in Avondale Estates" – Thomas P. Samford

Item No. 9 Old Business:

### **Second Reading of Revised Sanitation Ordinance**

There will be three readings of this ordinance which changes the regulations and payment structure for commercial entities.

Item No. 10 New Business:

### **Resolution to Adopt Compensation & Classification Study**

The project manager for this study (conducted by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia) presented the results at last week's work session. The approval of this resolution would mean compensations would be adopted for the next pay period.

- Commissioner Laratte moves to adopt. Commissioner Shortell seconds. All ayes.

### **Resolution to Approve the Town Green Design Process**

The Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC) has approved the selection of Site Solutions to design the town green. Representatives from the firm proposed a design process – which included a public participation plan and schedule – at last week's work session.

- Commissioner Shortell motions to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconds. All ayes.

### **Resolution to Add Projects to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between the BOMC and Downtown Development Authority (DDA)**

The addition would grant the DDA the ability to improve property at 90 North Avondale Road and the parking lot at the corner of Lake and Franklin Streets, both of which are city owned.

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moves to adopt. Commissioner Merriam seconds. All ayes.

### **Resolution to Approve DDA Funding Request for Geotech Study of Town Green Project**

The DDA seeks BOMC support for this expenditure in the amount of approximately \$21 thousand. Funds would come from extra permitting fees negotiated by the DDA from Trammell Crow Residential.

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Merriam seconds. All ayes.

### **Resolution to Establish Sanitation fees for 2020**

This resolution will call for a residential fee of \$495 annually per household. Business owners will pay a \$895 base fee and \$190 for each additional container.

- Commissioner Laratte moves to approve. Commissioner Shortell seconds. All ayes.

### **Resolution to Approve BOMC Meeting Schedule for 2020**

For this year, several regular meetings will be rescheduled due to travel and holidays. They are:

March 30<sup>th</sup> (rescheduled from the 23<sup>rd</sup>)

May 18<sup>th</sup> (rescheduled from the 25<sup>th</sup>)

July 20<sup>th</sup> (rescheduled from the 27<sup>th</sup>)

September 29<sup>th</sup> (rescheduled from the 28<sup>th</sup>)

December 14<sup>th</sup> (rescheduled from the 28<sup>th</sup>)

- Commissioner Merriam makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

### **Resolution in Support of the DeKalb County Ethics Board**

This resolution would urge the Georgia General Assembly to establish strong ethics legislation which addresses the appointment process for this board. Also, it's requested that any additional proposals to amend the Code of Ethics be considered in an open and transparent manner.

- Commissioner Shortell motions to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconds. All ayes.

### **Resolution to Contract with Lord Aeck Sargent to Update the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Guidelines**

After issuing Requests for Proposals, it's staff recommendation to contract with Lord Aeck Sargent for this project. The contract will not exceed \$37,000.

- Commissioner Shortell makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

### **Resolution for Stormwater Easement at 723 Stratford Road**

The property owner is requesting that the city accept a stormwater easement to allow for access to and maintenance of a stormwater junction box connected to the Kensington Road detention pond.

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moves to adopt. Commissioner Shortell seconds. All ayes.

### **Resolution Supporting Request for Consent to Assignment**

SCP Avondale Owner, LLC has requested that the City consent to assignment of the Development Agreement concerning the Willis development at 2700 East College Avenue to Coastal Ridge Capital, LLC. The proposed Consent to Assignment document and information regarding Coastal Ridge Capital are attached.

- Commissioner Shortell motions to approve. Commissioner Merriam seconds. All ayes.

Please join my colleagues Lisa Shortell and Dee Merriam for a Commissioner Chat this Sunday at Edwin Jarvis, 11 a.m.

Item No. 12

Executive Session – Real Estate

- Commissioner Shortell moves to enter into executive session. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconds. All ayes.
- Commissioner Shortell motions to exit executive session. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 13

Adjournment

- Commissioner Merriam makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.