



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 24, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

ACTION MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager
Shannon Powell, Asst. 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 Shortell)

Item No. 3 Pledge to the Flag

Item No. 4 Adoption of Agenda

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

Item No. 5 Commissioner Updates – Subject of General Interest and Concern

Item No. 6 Citizens' Comments:
"It's another beautiful day in Avondale Estates" – Thomas P. Samford

Item No. 7 Old Business:

Third and Final Reading of Revised Sanitation Ordinance

This ordinance changes the regulations and payment structure for commercial entities.

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

Item No. 8 New Business:

Resolution to Adopt University of Georgia Archives Record Retention Schedule

This retention schedule is the gold standard for agencies on the local and state level. By officially adopting it, city staff can manage documents more efficiently, free up space in city hall, and respond more quickly to open records requests, for example.

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

Resolution in Opposition to Pending State Legislation Regarding Design Standards

HB 302 AND SB 172 would prohibit cities from establishing building design elements for single and double-family dwellings.

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moves to amend the resolution to include opposition to HB 937 as well. Commissioner Merriam seconds. All ayes.
- Commissioner Shortell motions to adopt the resolution as amended. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

Resolution in Opposition to Pending State Legislation Regarding Short-Term Rentals

HB 523 would pre-empt local elected leaders from establishing oversight of short-term rental properties like AirBnB lodging.

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

Arbor Day Proclamation

Item No. 9 Announcements (Commissioner Shortell)

There are many opportunities coming up for residents and business owners to learn about and weigh in on the zoning rewrite and town green plans. For dates and times, please check the calendar on the homepage of the city's website.

And don't forget to vote in the presidential primary election on Tuesday, March 24th. The polling place for residents is right here in the courtroom of city hall. It will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For a sample ballot and early voting details, visit: <https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/voter-registration-elections/current-election-information>

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moves to enter into Executive Session. Commissioner Shortell seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 10 Executive Session – Real Estate

- Commissioner Shortell makes a motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 11 Adjournment

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