



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 25, 2019  
6:30 p.m.**

**ACTION MINUTES**

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor  
Adela Yelton, Commissioner  
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner  
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner

Members Absent: Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager  
Keri Stevens, Asst. City Manager  
Lynn Thomas, Police Chief  
Paul Hanebuth, Finance Director  
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney  
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 Shortell seconds.  
All ayes.

Item No. 5 Approval of Minutes:  
January 23<sup>rd</sup> work session  
January 25<sup>th</sup> retreat  
January 28<sup>th</sup> public hearing  
January 28<sup>th</sup> executive session  
January 28<sup>th</sup> regular meeting  
February 13<sup>th</sup> work session  
Commissioner Shortell motions to engross. Commissioner Yelton  
seconds. All ayes.

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

Item No. 7 Citizens' Comments:  
"It's another beautiful day in Avondale Estates" – Thomas P. Samford

Item No. 8 Old Business: None

Item No. 9 New Business:

**First Reading of the Sign Ordinance Amendment**

The Sign Ordinance requires any monument sign to be setback 10' from the right of way (Section 5-368 (c)). The right of way (ROW), in many cases, substantially exceeds the width of the pavement. This regulation is causing sign visibility problems for new and existing businesses. Staff proposes a change to the ordinance to address this issue while keeping City-owned ROW clear of signage for the purpose of redevelopment later.

**Letter Opposing House Bill 302**

The bill would prohibit local governments from adopting design standards for one and two-family residences unless the property is historic (local district, national district, and/or historic landmark).

Item No. 10 Announcements (Commissioner Fisher)

Don't forget that tomorrow through February 28<sup>th</sup> consultants on the US 278 project will be working at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can stop by or make an appointment through Keri Stevens to speak with them. They will also host a public information open house the 28<sup>th</sup> here from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Avondale Art Walks are starting up again with the first one being Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. And be sure to check out the inaugural Fruhlingsfest, which means spring festival, on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, First Baptist Church Avondale Estates will hold its annual Community Day Celebration starting with a worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Keep an eye on the City website and E-news for more details on these and other upcoming events.

Item No. 11 Adjournment  
Commissioner Laratte moves to adjourn. Commissioner Yelton seconds.  
All ayes.