

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 23, 2018  
6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

Staff Present: Ken Turner, Interim City Manager  
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 adopt. Commissioner Shortell  
seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 5 Approval of Minutes:  
January 31<sup>st</sup> special called meeting  
January 31<sup>st</sup> special called work session  
February 14<sup>th</sup> work session  
February 26<sup>th</sup> regular meeting  
February 26<sup>th</sup> public hearing  
March 7<sup>th</sup> special called work session  
March 12<sup>th</sup> special called meeting  
March 12<sup>th</sup> special called work session  
March 21<sup>st</sup> work session  
March 29<sup>th</sup> special called meeting  
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moves to engross. Commissioner Laratte  
seconds. All ayes.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher gives a tribute to resident Red Murphey who recently passed away. Mayor Elmore honors Tanya Foster, owner of Bartender on Board on their one-year anniversary.

Item No. 7

Citizens' Comments:

"It's another beautiful day in Avondale Estates" – Thomas P. Samford

Two residents thank Mayor Pro Tem Fisher for his tribute to Red Murphey. He says he was a great asset to the community.

Item No. 8

Old Business: None

Item No. 9

New Business:

**Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between the Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC) and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA)**

The agreement would govern the relationship between the DDA and BOMC for 2018 and has been approved by the attorneys for both parties.

Commissioner Laratte says he's not in favor of this IGA because he feels there is a lack of oversight. Other members say they appreciate Commissioner Laratte's opinion. Mayor Elmore says he would like to have a joint strategic planning session with the BOMC and DDA within the next year. One resident said he also shares some of Commissioner Laratte's concerns.

- Commissioner Shortell moves to approve. Commissioner Yelton seconds. Four ayes, one nay (Laratte)

**Resolution to Appoint Members of the DDA/Main Street Board**

The current DDA is interested in adding a commissioner as a member (called directors) to fill an empty seat as well as clarifying the definition of "economic interest". This was discussed at the last joint special called work session between the DDA and BOMC and also at the BOMC's most recent work session. In addition, the DDA Chair, David Deiters, is up for reappointment.

Commissioner Laratte opposes having a member of the BOMC also serve on the DDA. He feels there should be more separation between the two entities for effective leadership. He says he still looks forward to working with everyone involved. Commissioner Shortell shares that she gave this a lot of thought but ultimately thinks it will be a good move and will increase communication. Mayor Elmore recalls getting feedback from other cities and hearing only positive comments about having a commissioner also serve on a DDA.

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moves to adopt. Commissioner Yelton seconds. Three ayes, one nay (Laratte), one abstention

### **Resolution to Approve the Main Street Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

The BOMC will vote on the 2018-19 Georgia Classic Main Street Program MOU and the 2018 National Main Street Center's sub-licensing agreement. All accredited Main Street cities are required to have these on file with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in order to retain services and use of the Main Street name. The DDA/Main Street Board approved both items at their April 10 meeting.

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

### **Resolution to Amend the 2017 Budget**

Every year, the City revisits the previous year's budget and documents actual revenue and expenditures where they diverged from budgeted line items.

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

### **Resolution Approving City Manager to Execute Contract for Irrigation System at Willis Park**

Recent movie filming at Willis Park has provided the City with \$40,000 in fees paid by the production company. City staff proposes spending part of that amount on an irrigation system for the grass and other landscaping at the park. After getting three estimates, staff recommends contracting with Rainmaker Irrigation, Inc. at a cost of \$19,645.

Commissioner Yelton thanks Interim City Manager Ken Turner for negotiating the fee for the movie production in the park. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher says the irrigation system will save time and money. Mayor Elmore also thanks Public Works Director Bryan Armstead for getting the quotes. A resident requests that the remaining funds be used towards the zoning rewrite.

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

### **Resolution to Approve New Provider of the City's Property and Casualty, Workers Comp Insurance Changes**

City staff has obtained a quote for this coverage that offers significant savings over the City's current provider. Details were presented to the BOMC at the last work session.

Commissioner Laratte thanks Mr. Turner for negotiating this deal. He adds that he likes in in particular because any increase in rates the first few years will stay under the rate of inflation. Other Board members agree. Mr. Turner says the locked in rates were a very important factor.

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

Item No. 10                      Announcements (Commissioner Laratte)

In case you haven't heard, the BOMC is having a special called meeting on issues regarding downtown development this Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Speaking of downtown, some fun events are coming up. The May Ham festival is Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and another Art Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.


And we'd like to pay tribute to a couple of great Avondale residents we lost recently. Roger Holmes and Red Murphey have passed away. Our thoughts are with their loved ones.

Item No. 11                      Adjournment  
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moves to adjourn. Commissioner Shortell seconds.  
All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MAY 2018

  
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Jonathan Zimore, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gina Hill, City Clerk