

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JUNE 9TH, 2021
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager
Paul Hanebuth, Asst. City Manager
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

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

Item #3 **Conditional Use Permit for Chiropractor's Office**
The applicant seeks to open an office at 8 N. Clarendon Avenue, Suite 300.

There was discussion about where the office would be located. Members of the BOMC were supportive of the application. This will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Item #4 **Discussion of Zoning Code Adoption Schedule**

City Manager Bryant outlined the proposed next steps for adoption of the zoning code. Members of the BOMC were supportive of the most recent changes to the draft code. Commissioner Merriam pointed out some language that was unclear and Mr. Bryant said it would be corrected. Ms. Merriam shared her concerns about allowing PUDs in the residential areas. She also felt that citizens should be able to weigh in on bigger projects earlier in the process. Commissioner Laratte was only mildly concerned with PUDs and felt like it was a good document overall. Mr. Bryant said that absent of any consensus changes, the draft would move forward. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher's opinion was that PUDs can be applied for but still require approval. Mayor Elmore also noted

that any future board can add or remove PUDs. Mr. Fisher added that the draft code follows the Downtown Master Plan and is also economically feasible. Mr. Bryant said this code was unique to Avondale Estates and not just copied from another city. Commissioner Shortell cited the granular detail in the draft code.

Item #5

Amendment to City's Classification and Compensation Plan

City Manager Bryant explained that he recommended combining the vacant positions of communications manager and event planner/mainstreet manager. He added that potential benefits of the change. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher pointed out that even having a classification and compensation plan was a benefit to the city. He added that the BOMC has asked a great deal of city staff in the last five years and he's been impressed with those hired to carry out the board's vision. There was discussion about how the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will share the cost of the new hire's salary. Commissioner Merriam wanted to ensure that volunteer coordination would be part of this new role. Mr. Bryant confirmed that it would. Other BOMC members were in favor of the change. Mr. Bryant added that the plan may also be amended in the near future for public works employees. Mr. Fisher said that public works employees have been doing a great job lately.

Item #6

Public Comment

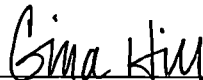
Sharon Saliba said it was difficult to hear for those watching online. Mayor Elmore said staff would work on the issue.

Item #7

Adjournment

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

APPROVED AUGUST 11TH, 2021



Gina Hill, City Clerk