



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
June 25, 2018
Immediately Following Public Hearing**

ACTION MINUTES

Members Present: Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner

Members Absent: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Adela Yelton, Commissioner

Staff Present: Ken Turner, Interim City Manager
Rebecca Long, Communications Manager

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

Item No. 5 Approval of Minutes:
May 9th special called work session
May 16th work session
May 23rd special called work session
May 23rd regular meeting
Commissioner Shortell moves to approve. Commissioner Laratte
seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 6 Commissioner Updates – Subjects 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:

**2018 Tax Millage Rate Ordinance – Third of Three Required
Readings**

The millage rate is a number set each year to calculate property taxes. A

millage rate of 9.957 mills is proposed for 2018. Even though that is the current rate, taxes would rise 8.32% because of increased property values. For taxes to remain the same, a millage rate of 9.192 mills would be set.

Commissioner Shortell moves to approve a millage rate at 9.8 mills. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 9

New Business:

Laredo Drive Study Contract

“Intersection improvement at Laredo Drive and North Clarendon Avenue” is included in the City’s Downtown Master Plan. To move forward with this project, staff applied for and received a grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission as part of the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) program for a total of \$50,000. The City is responsible for 20% of the total project cost, which is \$10,000. The project will study the intersection and adjacent area to provide options for improving the functionality and aesthetics of this gateway into the City, taking into account projected growth. A demonstration project and report will also be included in the project. The City Manager requires approval to execute the contract.

Approved with all ayes.

Agreement with Stevens & Wilkinson, Inc. for 3D Modeling of Downtown

Bob Hughes of Brilliance Photography made a presentation at the April 25th special called work session. He showed how his drones can scan the central business district and generate a 3D map and database. The information can be used by the City, consultants and developers to facilitate envisioning, zoning discussions and business development. The proposal was again discussed at the May 9th special called work session.

Approved with all ayes.

Resolution to Adopt Communication Plan & Public Comment Policy

One of the BOMC’s strategic priorities is communications. City staff was asked to develop a draft Communications Plan which will be discussed. The BOMC also requested that staff make recommendations for changes in the public comment portion of meetings as well as the format for minutes. This has been discussed at two work sessions and reviewed by the City Attorney.

Last minutes changes to the draft documents by the City Attorney mean it will not be voted on tonight.

Item No. 10

Announcements (Commissioner Laratte)

The day that Avondale Estates is at its best will be here next week! Per tradition, the July 4th parade will make its way north on Clarendon Avenue at 10:00 a.m. Then make sure you're rested up for an evening at Lake Avondale culminating in a spectacular fireworks show. City Hall will also be closed that day.

We regret to announce the passing of City residents Mary Payne and Bob Woodall.

Item No. 11

Adjournment

Commissioner Fisher moves to adjourn. Commissioner Laratte seconds.

All ayes.