



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**October 4, 2018**

**6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager  
Gina Hill, City Clerk  
Lynn Thomas, Police Chief

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:

August 16 <sup>th</sup> special called meeting	Executive session minutes for:
August 22 <sup>th</sup> work session	Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>
August 27 <sup>th</sup> public hearing	Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>
August 27 <sup>th</sup> regular meeting	May 25 <sup>th</sup>
August 30 <sup>th</sup> public hearing	June 7 <sup>th</sup>
August 30 <sup>th</sup> regular meeting	July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> special called work session	Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>
Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup> special called work session	
Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup> special called meeting	
Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup> public hearings (2)	

Commissioner Shortell makes a motion to engross. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

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

Commissioner Laratte says he had a great time at the Sip & Stroll this past weekend. He added that he met younger people that came from

other parts of Atlanta for the event. Commissioner Yelton says she's excited about having the new city manager on staff and all the positive things happening in the City. Commissioner Shortell says she also met new people at the Sip & Stroll but some of them were older empty nesters who were considering moving to Avondale. She then announces a few upcoming events. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher mentions how happy he is with The Willis development. He's looking forward to working towards getting the City-owned four acres developed and says that process will keep them busy. Mayor Elmore says they had a great special called work session with the new city manager that morning. He then reminds everyone of the meeting about the four acres that's coming up Monday.

Item No. 7                      Monthly Report by the City Manager Concerning the Status of Matters in Progress and Upcoming Issues and Events

City Manager Patrick Bryant says he's still figuring out the priorities of the BOMC and how to execute them. He will look inside the organization to figure out how City Hall can work at peak efficiency. Also, he says he would like to provide information to the BOMC and the public that goes beyond the weekly city manager's report.

Item No. 8                      Citizens' Comments: None

Item No. 9                      Old Business:

**Second Reading of Ordinance Amendment Regarding Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control**

As per the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act (GESA), Local Issuing Authorities (LIA) must amend their Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance (ES&PC) ordinances within 12 months of any amendments to GESA. Continuing certification of a LIA is conditioned upon implementation of an ordinance that meets or exceeds the provision of GESA. The City of Avondale Estates has updated to the model ordinance. The Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC) is required to adopt this ordinance to remain a certified LIA.

**Second Reading of Amendment to Floodplain Management and Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance**

A request for ordinance changes to Chapter 20, Article V-Floodplain Management and Flood Damage Prevention was made by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Floodplain Management office. Clark Patterson Lee has confirmed these changes need to be made to comply with the state ordinance but that our administrative process will remain the same.

Item No. 10                      New Business:

**Conditional Use Permit for a Specialized School at 106 N. Clarendon Avenue, Suite A**

The applicant, Tricia Froedge, proposes a specialized school that will focus on using movement and music in small class settings, workshops and individual sessions. This was discussed in a public hearing Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> and at the work session Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. It requires approval by the BOMC. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moves to approve. Commissioner Shortell seconds. All ayes.

Commissioner Yelton welcomed the owner to Avondale. There was no public comment.

### **Conditional Use Permit for Medical and Health Services at 151 Locust Street**

The applicant, Anne Rice, proposes a co-working space exclusively for therapists to host mental health-related workshops/seminars and therapy sessions. This was discussed in a public hearing Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> and at the work session Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. It requires approval by the BOMC. Commissioner Laratte moves to approve. Commissioner Yelton seconds. All ayes.

Commissioner Yelton and Mayor Elmore welcome the owner to the neighborhood. Joe Anziano says he has met the owners and feels they are good people.

### **Laredo Drive Request for Proposal (RFP) and Contract Award Recommendation**

The City received grant funds in the amount of \$40,000 from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to complete a feasibility study and demonstration project for the Laredo Drive/Parry Street/North Clarendon Avenue intersection. The City is responsible for a 20% match, which is \$10,000. The City received two (2) responses to the RFP for the project from Stantec and Pond. Interviews with both firms were conducted and staff recommends awarding the contract to Stantec. Commissioner Shortell makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

Kathy Kingsbury asks what the final contract amount was. There was some discussion. The amount paid by the City cited on the resolution is \$9,000.

### **Resolution in Support of Live, Work, Play Application**

The Live, Work, and Play Award recognizes cities that are committed to increasing the quality of life for all residents – a place well managed but with a “sparkle” that makes for a great place to live, work and play. City staff is drafting the application (due Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>) and supporting documentation and would like to include a resolution of support from the BOMC. Winners will be notified at the end of October. Commissioner Laratte moves to approve. Commissioner Yelton seconds. All ayes.

**Resolution in Support of Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant**

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources has opened up grant funding under the 2018-2019 LWCF. The minimum grant request is \$25,000 with a maximum of \$100,000 and the recipient must provide a 50% match. Pre-applications are due October 31<sup>st</sup>. Grant funds can be used for acquisition, development and rehabilitation efforts. The BOMC chooses to use any grant funds for the Lake Avondale Stormwater Mitigation Facility & Recreation Area (North Woods). Commissioner Shortell moves to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 11                    Announcements (Commissioner Laratte)

Item No. 12                    Adjournment  
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Shortell seconds. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2018

  
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Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gina Hill, City Clerk