



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

***Immediately following the Public Hearing***

**MINUTES**

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

Member Absent: Adela Yelton, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Planner  
Gina Hill, City Clerk  
Lynn Thomas, Police Chief  
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

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 Commissioner Updates – Subject of General Interest and Concern  
Commissioner Laratte said he and his family attended the most recent Art Walk and discovered a music teacher who works out of the Tudor Village. He plans to send his son to him for guitar lessons. Commissioner Shortell thanks volunteers who worked on the new Avondale Elementary School playground, planted new trees with the Tree Board, and refurbished the City's wreaths. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher said it was another great Halloween in the City. He was also impressed to see so many neighbors heading to the Atlanta United game the previous night. Mayor Elmore recognizes Veteran's Day and said he'd like to consider closing City Hall for Veteran's Day in the future. City Manager Bryant thanks the Mayor for the consideration.

Item No. 6 Monthly Report by the City Manager Concerning the Status of Matters in Progress and Upcoming Issues and Events

City Manager Bryant mentions projects underway that week, including the request for proposals (RFPs) for the zoning rewrite and a public forum with Stantec to discuss the US278 redesign. City staff is also working on a job description for city planner and video streaming the BOMC meetings.

Item No. 7

Citizens' Comments:

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

Clai Brown asks if the Assistant and Deputy City Manager jobs were posted publicly. City Manager Bryant responded that they were not.

Item No. 8

Old Business: None

Item No. 9

New Business:

**Resolution to Approve Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Trammell Crow Residential (TCR) Bonds for Title Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

The DDA unanimously approved a MOU for tax abatement with TCR for their multi-family, mixed-use project. The arrangement requires approval from the Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC). They discussed the matter at the November 7<sup>th</sup> work session.

Commissioner Shortell states that she believes this move is in the best interest of the City. She's confident the City will not lose money and she also cites permitting fees that will be paid to the City. Commissioner Laratte says he is also supportive of the abatement. But he wishes the process and details of the abatement were more transparent for the public. Mayor Elmore also feels this is a good move for the City. Joe Anziano speaks in favor of this agreement. Candace Jones is against the deal. She feels the City did not get enough of a benefit from the developer and that the abatement is too large.

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

**Resolution to Allow City Manager to Enter Into a Contract for Highway US 278/North Clarendon Avenue Road Milling**

The City selected POND to complete the engineering drawings and work with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to permit the North Clarendon/US 278 Approach and Intersection Project. POND has submitted all documents to GDOT and is waiting for approval. POND has also suggested milling the road as part of the improvements and while GDOT is funding the project, milling is not something they will pay for. The BOMC will decide if they wish to proceed with milling the road, which is projected to cost about \$10,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher explains the reasons behind the milling. Commissioner Shortell adds that most of the money for this project is

received through a grant. The cost of the milling the City has to pay is a small portion.

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

**Open Area, Deck and/or Patio Alcohol Sales – Kafenio**

The restaurant owner has proposed outdoor patio sales at Kafenio at the new development on the corner of East College and Sams Crossing (The Willis). Section 3-73 of Official Code of Ordinances states that: "No consumption and/or sale of alcoholic beverages shall be allowed in open areas, decks, patios ... unless written application is made to and approved by the governing authority under such conditions as it may deem appropriate for the protection of public health, safety and welfare."

Mayor Elmore says this was discussed at the work session and he feels everyone on the Board is in favor of helping the City's businesses.

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

**Open Area, Deck and/or Patio Alcohol Sales – Banjo Coffee**

The owners of Banjo Coffee have also submitted an application for patio sales (see above). These applications are subject to approval by the BOMC.

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

**Open Area, Deck and/or Patio Alcohol Sales – The Lost Druid**

The owner of The Lost Druid has also submitted an application for patio sales (see above). These applications are subject to approval by the BOMC.

Commissioner Laratte says he enjoys watching the building progress.

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

**First Reading of the 2019 Budget Ordinance**

**First Reading of the Sunday Brunch Alcohol Sales Ordinance**

Through a referendum on November 6, 2018, voters of Avondale Estates approved a measure to allow local governments to change the time of alcohol sales in restaurants on Sundays. An amendment to the current ordinance would change the time from 12:30 p.m. to 11 a.m.

Mayor Elmore says he would like the Board to consider fast-tracking this ordinance to help businesses. Commissioner Shortell agrees as does

Commissioner Laratte. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher notes that it was supported by voters in the referendum. The Mayor asks City staff to set up meetings for the upcoming readings in the next week or so.

Item No. 10                      Announcements (Commissioner Shortell)

Please join us for a meeting about the US 278 Redesign Project on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. here at City Hall. The Stantec Consulting Team will also attend. The first half of the meeting will be presentation style and the last half will be interactive. This will be the first in a series of meetings on the topic.

We'd like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! In observance, City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

That Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup> is Small Business Saturday. We encourage folks to shop local for the holidays.

Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> will be the annual lighting of the Christmas tree at the intersection of Clarendon and South Avondale. Festivities begin just before 6 p.m. Please check the City's website for details.

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

APPROVED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2018

  
Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Gina Hill, City Clerk