



CITY MANAGER REPORT

Week Ending March 11, 2016

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- Daylight Savings Time (DST) starts at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 13. Move your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. DST ends November 6. In addition to providing more light in the evening, DST serves as an important reminder to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and other life-saving devices in your home and office.
- Staff attended the Georgia Downtown Association Conference. Topics discussed were economic tools for downtown development/redevelopment, historic preservation and infill development, successful community engagement, arts and tourism, parking and the importance of community participation in downtown. Attendance at this conference meets one of the training requirements for the Main Street program.
- A Focus Group Meeting for local business and commercial property owners was held to start to determine marketing needs. The City is working with a graduate student from the University of Georgia to develop a report regarding needs/wants and best practice recommendations for marketing Avondale Estates businesses.
- A second review has been completed of the Comprehensive Plan by City staff. The comments/questions have been sent to the Atlanta Regional Commission. A draft will be sent back to the City and given to the Planning and Zoning Board and Steering Committee for review.
- The [Rail Arts District \(RAD\) Studio Cruise](#) is on Saturday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Staff assisted with property and business owner notification.
- The organizer of one of the new Community Promotion Program events contacted staff about organizational details for the event. Staff is working with the representative and will have an organizational meeting soon. The Avondale May-Ham Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 7.

- Mayor Elmore, Commissioner Yelton and City Manager Brown attended the State of the County held by Interim CEO May.
- The February 2016 Financial Statement was reviewed. The total General Fund revenue for the month amounted to \$294,696.22. The total General Fund expenditures for the month amounted to \$269,944.09. The cash balance in the General Fund operating account, General Fund Reserve and the combined investments totaled \$2,889,473.70.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Final approval was received and a service agreement signed, to proceed with the purchase of body cameras for the Avondale Estates Police Department.
- A speed study was conducted on North Clarendon Avenue, monitoring northbound traffic during the period of February 26-March 3. The report revealed that 30,501 vehicles traveled the roadway at an average speed of 23.8 mph; 30,489 of the 30,501 vehicles were operating within acceptable limits during the seven-day study.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Investigated a water leak from the water fountain at Avondale Swim and Tennis Club.
- Filled pothole at Parry Street and Laredo Drive.
- Repaired trip hazard at the corner of South Avondale and Exeter Road.
- Repaired wooden fence at the Avondale Community Club.
- Trimmed the fountain grasses at Lake Avondale.
- Removed graffiti from the traffic signal box on East College Avenue leaving the Twin Oaks Shopping Plaza.
- Cleaned various street signs throughout the City.
- Met with the Chair of the Avondale Estates Tree Board to straighten various trees throughout the City.
- Site Visits – 19
- Sign Violations – 27
- Household Waste Removed – 28 tons

- Yard Waste Removed – 7 tons
- Special Pickups - 13