



CITY MANAGER REPORT

Week Ending August 26, 2016

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- South City Partners was approved for the CBD-PD (Central Business District-Planned Development) Zone for a mixed-use development located at Sams Crossing and U.S. Highway 278 (East College Avenue). Staff worked with the City Attorney to assemble the required packet for execution and with the Atlanta Regional Commission to make the required changes to the Official Zoning Map to reflect the approved change.
- Mayor Elmore, City Manager Brown, Nelson/Nygaard and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) officials met to discuss and revisit the road diet concept for U.S. Highway 278. The group reviewed the original concept of removing two travel lanes from U.S. Highway 278 to provide for more robust sidewalk amenities and bike lanes as well as refuge islands. The concept was not originally supported by GDOT officials and an alternative concept was developed based on the community needs. Avondale Estates residents and elected officials are interested in pursuing the original concept and requested the meeting to determine if there is any support for the original concept prior to bidding out the alternative concept, which received funding for Phase I (engineering). The group walked the corridor and discussed the options. No resolution or next steps were determined.
- Members of the Ad Hoc Greenspace Committee have drafted a Tree Ordinance to govern residential property in the R-12/R-24 Zoning Districts. The Board of Mayor and Commissioners directed staff to review the proposed ordinance for challenges, unintended consequences and possible costs associated with the proposed text. Administration and Public Works Staff are currently developing a list of questions and comments associated with the proposed text.
- City Planner Stevens applied for, and was awarded Level 1 certification from the Georgia Downtown Development Professional Certification Program. To receive certification it is required that applicants pass a test and receive a passing grade on a presentation. The certification signifies that the professional has demonstrated a thorough working knowledge in the professional practice of downtown development in Georgia. Candidates who successfully pass the oral presentation and written exam requirements will be formally recognized at the Awards for Downtown Excellence presentation during the Annual Georgia Downtown Conference.

- Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) recently launched a new service – Human Resources (HR) Express, which the City signed up for, to help cities stay informed and compliant on HR laws and regulations. Through an arrangement with the Atlanta law firm, Elarbee Thompson, GMA gives cities low-cost access to experts in city-related human resources law and compliance. Some of the items that HR Express offers are monthly webinars, quarterly E-newsletters and HR seminars. Staff participated with the HR Express webinar, “Avoid becoming the EEOC’s next Statistic.”

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Staff Sergeant Browen attended the annual state TAC (Terminal Agency Coordinator) conference hosted by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, in Savannah, Georgia.
- Sergeant Conroy has been appointed to interim Sergeant and Watch Commander of Adam Team pending a promotion.
- A speed data study was conducted on Exeter Road, monitoring southbound traffic during the period of August 17-23, 2016. The report revealed that 547 vehicles traveled the roadway at an average speed of 18 mph; 546 of the 547 were operating within acceptable limits during the seven-day study.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Cleaned up debris from fallen tree at 3181 Wynn Drive.
- Trimmed the Russian Olive trees at the Dewey Brown Plaza.
- Contacted DeKalb County about a sinkhole at 3221 Kensington Road.
- Followed up with Traffic Engineering about the missing, “No Turn on Right” sign at the intersection of North Clarendon Avenue and North Avondale Road.
- Met with a plumber at Willis Park to inspect a potential water leak.
- Inspected the storm drain across from 100 North Avondale Road.
- Performed a golf cart inspection.
- Repaired a pothole in the crosswalk at Stratford Road next to Avondale Estates First Baptist Church.
- Household Waste Removed – 27
- Site Visits – 23

- Sign Violations – 30
- Special Pickups – 9
- Parking Violations-2
- Yard Waste Removed – 9
- Grass and Weed Violations - 5