



CITY MANAGER REPORT

Week Ending January 13, 2017

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17.
- Developer South City Partners closed on the 3.17 acre parcel on the north side of East College Avenue between Hillyer Street and Sams Crossing allowing them to begin construction on their multi-use development. Read the full news release on the City [website](#).
- A feature on the City website allows residents to sign up for email and text message notifications. To sign up for notifications please follow the below steps:
 - Visit www.avondaleestates.org
 - Click on the notifications button in the middle of the page.
 - You will be redirected to a new page. On the new page you will see a box that says, "Sign Up for Notifications." Underneath this wording there are three-step directions on how to sign up for email and text message notifications. Please follow these instructions.
- The City's annual Bring One for the Chipper event was postponed till Saturday, January 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. due to the inclement weather that was expected on Saturday, January 7. All are invited to recycle their Christmas trees at the old composting area by Lake Avondale, near Wiltshire Drive and Berkeley Road.
- A draft of the red line tree ordinance can now be viewed on the City [website](#).
- The January-February City Newsletter hit mailboxes earlier this week. Read the current and past issues on the City [website](#).
- The Lake Avondale Advisory Board continues their search for a new board member. Learn more about the board on the City [website](#). Get information about the position and how to apply by emailing Gina Hill at ghill@avondaleestates.org.
- The property database in the Opportunity Zone was updated. Staff is working with other departments on additional data required for the report due January 31, 2017.

- The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) agreed to assist the Historic Preservation Commission/Archetectural Review Board with updating their design guidelines. A content meeting will be held in the near future.
- Solarize Decatur-DeKalb held a meeting at City Hall to educate the community on the benefits of solar power. Learn more about them and solar power by visiting their [website](#).
- Two conference calls were held with City staff and the U.S. Highway 278 GDOT project manager to discuss the status and progress of the U.S. Highway 278 Project. Staff indicated that a meeting was held with City Staff and the GDOT Commissioner and Chief Engineer where GDOT staff was instructed to review options for the U.S. Highway 278 Corridor. City staff indicated that the meeting and review of corridor options were the reasons for the delayed status of the project.
- Amendments have been made to the application and instruction packet for the Community Promotions Program (CPP). The Downtown Development Authority/Main Street Board will now be administering this program. Information about the program can be found on the City [website](#).
- The property located at 2864 Franklin Street received approval for a Conditional Use Permit for a dance studio. Plans for the space have been submitted for approval. Staff is working with the business owner for permitting.
- Organizers of the yearly beer tasting competition have submitted an application for an Alcohol and Event Permit. The event will be held on February 25.
- City Manager Brown and Communications Manager Revzin met with Commissioner Yelton and residents Marti Schallern and Carol McCullough in reference to communication.
- Paving continued this week on North Clarendon Avenue from the intersection of North Clarendon Avenue and Clarendon Avenue to Rockbridge Road.
- The December 2016, Financial Statement was reviewed. The total General Fund revenue for the month amounted to \$216,396.74. The total General Fund expenditures for the month amounted to \$334,191.23. The cash balance in the General Fund operating account, General Fund Reserve and the combined investments totaled \$3,563,722.52.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Avondale Estates Police Department (AEPD) participated in a follow-up conference call with a representative from the Carl Vision Institute in reference to the draft of the City's feasibility study.

- After school traffic and activity was monitored around Willis Park this week in reference to complaints of congestion during afternoon pick up times.
- Chief Thomas met with City Manager Brown and Public Works Director Griffin for a debriefing on the winter weather preparedness plan.
- AEPD was represented at the monthly DeKalb County Chief's Association.
- A speed data study was conducted on Washington Street monitoring westbound traffic with the speed display set in the "on" position. The study covered the seven-day period of December 12-18, 2016. The report revealed that 774 vehicles traveled the roadway at an average speed of 17 mph in a posted 25 mph area; the majority of vehicles (773) were operating within the acceptable limits of the roadway.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works associates treated the streets with a sand/salt mixture in preparation for the winter storm.
- Repaired a pothole in the crosswalk at the First Baptist Church.
- Installed temporary signs at Lake Avondale and Willis Park.
- Several storm drains were vacuummed and cleaned out.
- Contacted SEC Utility Contractors about fixing the pothole on Wiltshire Drive.
- New hand-rails were installed at the step on Dartmouth Avenue leading into Willis Park.
- Repaired damaged stop signs at the corner of Melford Place and Windsor Terrace and the corner of Windsor Terrace and Covington Road.
- Inspected a fallen tree on the City-owned property on Stratford Road.
- Household Waste Removed – 22 tons
- Yard Waste Removed – 12 tons
- Sign Violations – 12
- Special Pickups – 14
- Site Visits - 17