



CITY MANAGER REPORT

Week Ending July 28, 2017

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- Staff organized and participated in two conference calls with the proposed small-batch craft brewery owner at 161/163 Pine Street and Washington Street and Department of Community Affairs and Georgia Cities Foundation representatives to discuss their revolving loan programs. A site visit will occur next week. Both agencies offer low interest rates, flexible loans for downtown development projects.
- A local developer met with City staff to discuss plans for a future development outside the City limits but adjacent to the Kensington MARTA Station and Department of Juvenile Justice building. The development is called Phoenix Station and consists of 244 new affordable housing units reserved for families with children, individuals and persons with disabilities with incomes at or below 60% of the area medium income. The developer has yet to close on the properties needed.
- The draft Tree Ordinance will be ready to review first of next week and will be sent to the Greenspace Ad Hoc Committee, Tree Board, Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC), sent out to the community via an e-news and put on the City website. The draft Tree Ordinance will be discussed in an upcoming BOMC work session.
- A conference call was held with Calfee Zoning to discuss the Zoning Code Audit process, mutual expectations, report format and content, and next steps. Staff will organize a joint special called meeting in August with the consultant, BOMC, Planning and Zoning Board, Downtown Development Authority and the Architectural Review Board/Historic Preservation Commission. There will also be a meeting for community stakeholders.
- The City received questions from four (4) firms regarding the Stratford Green Stormwater Mapping Infrastructure Project. An addendum was produced, sent to all firms who submitted questions and posted on the website. Three (3) proposals were submitted before the deadline on Friday.

- City Planner Stevens attended the Land Use Coordinating Committee (LUCC) meeting at the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). The Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) program and upcoming opportunities were discussed.
- City staff met with Georgia State University (GSU) history professor and Avondale Estates resident Kate Wilson about a Heritage Preservation Plan which will be drafted by her GSU graduate class. Students would do historical research about the City through surveys, interviews, and cataloging City archives. The end result would be recommendations for preserving and sharing what they found now and in the future.
- A Conditional Use Permit for a one-story in-law cottage at 3221 Kensington Rd. was received. Staff contacted the applicant to submit additional materials needed for a completed application. The application will appear before the BOMC on August 23rd and 28th.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Chief Thomas attended the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) Summer Conference held in Savannah. The conference provided training for executives that count as hours toward mandated certification in the state of Georgia.
- Capt. Conroy attended the monthly BOMC meeting to monitor and answer any questions that might have been brought forward by citizens.
- Sgt. Allen will be attending the initial 40-hour block of Supervision training at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth next week. The training is mandated for all AEPD officers at or above the rank of Corporal.
- AEPD Officers provided security and traffic direction for the production of a television series shoot at the Waffle House Museum.
- A speed study was conducted on Covington Road monitoring eastbound traffic with the speed display set in the “ON” position. The study covered the seven day period 07/18/2017 to 07/24/2017. The report revealed that 36,866 vehicles traveled the roadway at an average speed of 35 mph in a posted 35 mph zone; 36,124 of the 36,866 documented vehicles were operating within acceptable limits.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Trimmed hedges in front of City Hall and at the corner of Washington St. and Oak St. for better visibility.
- Contacted Dekalb County Traffic Engineering about traffic light not working at the intersection of S. Avondale Pl. and Clarendon Ave.

- Removed sweet gum balls and debris from the corner of Lake Avondale at Berkeley Rd. and Wiltshire Dr.
- Filled in utility hole at the corner of Lakeshore Dr. and Kingstone Rd.
- Removed fallen limbs from various areas around the city following the storm.
- Inspected tree at Willis Park.
- Inspected driveway apron at 33 S. Avondale Rd.
- Household Waste Removed – 26 tons
- Yard Waste Removed – 10 tons
- Sign Violations – 8
- Special Pickups – 8
- Site Visits - 4