



CITY MANAGER REPORT
Week Ending Sept. 1, 2017

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- Calfee Zoning conducted a [Kick-off meeting](#) for a zoning code audit, as well as coordinated stakeholder interviews. Staff worked with the consultant to organize the meetings and content and discuss next steps in the process that will illuminate discrepancies and barriers to development supported by the community.
- Event organizers met with staff about logistics for two upcoming events - [Art Walk](#), starting September 9, 2017, and [Sip n' Stroll](#), starting October 7, 2017.
- A conference call was held to discuss an upcoming grant submittal with the grantor, Southeast Sustainability Directors Network, including ways to strengthen the application, as the grant is very competitive. The grant is for the implementation of the rain garden and watershed improvements in the North Woods of Lake Avondale as defined in the [Lake Avondale Master Plan](#) adopted in 2008. The Lake Board was consulted to discuss the technical aspects of the rain garden proposal.
- Mayor Elmore, Commissioner Yelton, City Manager Brown, DDA Chair Collier, DDA Consultant Burt and developer Avila met to discuss Concept 9 and to receive an update on Avila's progress.
- [Division 2 of the draft Tree Ordinance](#), which applies to all property not zoned R-12 (Low Density Single Family Detached Residential) or R-24 (Very Low Density Single Family Detached Residential), has been distributed to the Board of Mayor and Commissioners, Tree Board and Ad Hoc Greenspace Committee for review.
- Associates were trained on a new phone system that was installed at City Hall, replacing a dated analog system with a VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) system that will provide enhanced features, more stability and better integration between departments.
- Working with Generation Avondale, staff coordinated efforts for a [Donation Drop-Off Point](#) regarding collections of needed supplies and items for Hurricane Harvey victims in Texas and along the Gulf Coast. The drop-off point will be accepting donations from residents of Avondale Estates and other local communities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, September 8 – Sunday, September 10 at 64 North Avondale Road.

Volunteers are also needed for this effort to organize and accept donations. Sign up [here](#) to volunteer.

- Mayor Pro Tem Giager and City Manager Brown attended the DeKalb County public meeting on SPLOST/E-HOST (Special Local Option Sales Tax/Equalized Homestead Option Sales and Use Tax). Topics that were discussed included, the referendum scheduled to be on the November 7 ballot, the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Cities and DeKalb County and the SPLOST/E-HOST Resolution. If passed, a one percent sales tax will be imposed throughout DeKalb County excluding food.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- AEPD staff participated in training for the newly installed City Hall telephone system.
- AEPD Command staff met with administrative associates, Public Works and the City Manager in reference to planning for this year's annual Labor Day 5K.
- AEPD officers completed an eight (8) hour block of on-site training on various topics that are required annually and outlined in the agency policy and procedure manual.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Cleaned out the retention pond located in the bottom parking lot of the Baptist Church.
- Trimmed back overgrowth of ivy from the curbing on Berkeley Road between Chatsworth Drive and the dead end.
- Limbed up low hanging limb on tree next to the crosswalk on Stratford Road by the Avondale Estates First Baptist Church.
- Straightened both crosswalk signs next to the crosswalk on Stratford Road by the Avondale Estates First Baptist Church.
- Replaced No Parking signs on Locust St. between Franklin St. and N. Avondale Road.
- Pruned trees along the right of way on the Pine Street side of Simon Roofing.
- Limbed up tree at 17 S. Avondale Road.
- Relocated crosswalk sign located next to the crosswalk on S. Avondale Road.
- Staked leaning tree in the Church circle.
- Met with contractor to inspect the irrigation system at Lake Avondale.
- Inspected sidewalk in front of Avondale Elementary School.
- Household Waste Removed – 27 tons

- Yard Waste Removed – 9.9 tons
- Sign Violations – 14
- Special Pickups – 7
- Site Visits - 17