



## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Weeks Ending Sept. 15, 2017 and Sept. 22, 2017

### **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

- An annexation request was submitted for 711 Hillmont Avenue, Decatur GA 30030. The applicant requested the property to be zoned CBD (Central Business District) Area 3. The proposed zoning was discussed at the [September 18, 2017 Regular Planning and Zoning Board \(PZB\) Meeting](#).
- City Staff and members of the Skyline Engineering Team had a kick-off meeting for the CBD/MD Hydrology Study Project. The Skyline Team will be in the commercial area of the City the week of October 2 to conduct field work. The project should be completed in eight weeks.
- A presentation and summary report for the [Commercial Tree Ordinance \(Division 2\)](#) was drafted by Gary Cornell, Tree Ordinance Consultant. Staff reviewed and made comments in anticipation of the upcoming BOMC discussion of the subject.
- Staff researched eligible entities for Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and Georgia Cities Foundation revolving loan funds regarding possible funding of repairs at 90 North Avondale Road.
- Tradition Trees was contacted to solidify Christmas lights for City Hall, Tudor Village, as well as other possible options.
- Grant funds through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources are available for trails. Staff is working with the Lake Avondale Advisory Board to see if this is an opportunity to implement parts of the Lake Avondale Master Plan.
- A pre-bid meeting was held for the [North Clarendon Intersection and Approach project](#). An addendum has been prepared to address questions regarding this RFP. Bids are due September 29 for design only. Georgia Department of Transportation has awarded the City \$150,000 to complete the construction that is scheduled to begin in 2018.
- City staff met with a possible developer and Clark Patterson Lee, the City's Building and Fire Consultant, to discuss process and regulation questions.

- Staff followed up on the grant application for the US 278 Project with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). Additional funds were requested in 2017 based on the expanded scope which now includes a road diet. ARC indicated that funding awards will be announced in October. An [RFQ](#), due October 13, 2017, has been posted to start the design. Staff also had a conference call with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) project manager for an update.
- Staff signed the City of Avondale Estates/Downtown Development Authority up for Small Business Saturday. This event takes place all over the country on November 25. This will be the third year the City has participated. American Express provides communities with promotional items for the event which focuses on “shopping small.”
- Staff contacted the Main Street Design Studio to assist with illustrating the streetscape standards in the Central Business District. They agreed to assist and will be developing a timeline for completion based on scheduling and project load.
- Commissioner Yelton, City Manager Brown, DDA Chair Collier and DDA consultant Burt met to discuss next steps for the upcoming meeting with the developer Avila.
- City associates responded to areas of the City impacted by Tropical Storm Irma, including downed trees that blocked roads and knocked out power. Roads that were reopened and trees/storm debris removed included - the area between 24 and 28 Exeter Road, 3073 Oakham Place, 3 Berkeley Road, the corner of Covington and Stratford roads (Covington side), 2989 Majestic Circle, at the corner of Wynn Drive and Majestic Circle, 3285 Kensington Road, and 1150 Chatsworth Drive. Additionally, trees were reported down at Willis Park and property at the corner of S. Avondale Rd and Clarendon Avenue. Storm debris remaining is still in the process of being removed. The City would like to thank residents for their patience and understanding.
- On Friday, September 15, members from the Board of Mayor and Commissioners, City associates, and Ronald Sachs Violins Store Owner Chris Johns welcomed the community to an official [Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony](#) at Ronald Sachs Violins new location, 100 North Avondale Road, Avondale Estates.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- City administration, Public Works associates and City Manager Brown met with Command Staff to discuss the emergency preparedness plan for Hurricane Irma.
- AEPD participated in the kick off of the Hurricane Harvey emergency supplies drive event at 64 North Avondale Road.
- AEPD met with City Planner Stevens and event organizers to discuss the traffic/crowd plan for the Art Walk event in front of Tudor Village.
- Law enforcement officers provided security detail, including on street parking and traffic control, at a television show filming on Dartmouth Ave for the new CW show Black Lightning.

- Capt. Conroy attended an active shooter seminar in north Georgia.
- AEPD personnel assisted Public Works with blocking streets and monitoring traffic in areas that needed attention during the Hurricane Irma severe weather event.
- AEPD continued its Citizen Patrol ride-along program. The program is ongoing and current patrollers are encouraged to sign up for a ride along with an officer by contacting Major Browen at 404-294-5400.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Crews worked to prepare for the potential impact of Hurricane Irma by readying equipment and vehicles, cleaning storm drains, and monitoring the situation as the storm approached.
- During and after the brunt of the storm, crews coordinated with tree specialists and Georgia Power to safely remove fallen trees from the roadways in the City and removed storm debris from roadways and public areas to alleviate traffic and safety concerns.
- Dropped off barricades, trash cans, recycle cans, and cones at the Little Tree Studio for [Southern Surf Stomp Fest](#).
- Installed Citywide Yard Sale and Avondale Elementary 5K Race banners.
- Pruned limbs at the intersection of N. Avondale Rd. and Locust St. for better visibility of sign.
- Removed vines from abelia hedges along N. Avondale Rd.
- Cut weeds from plazas along N. Avondale Rd from Center St. to Ashton Place.
- Household Waste Removed – 37 tons
- Yard Waste Removed – 41 tons
- Sign Violations – 9
- Special Pickups – 22
- Site Visits - 21