



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Mayor and Commissioners

FROM: Clai Brown, City Manager

DATE: December 19, 2014

SUBJECT: **WEEKLY REPORT**

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- Mayor Pro Tem Giager, Commissioner Beebe, Downtown Development Chair James and City staff met with Euramex, the company that purchased the Fenner Dunlop property. Items discussed were processes and procedures for site plan approval, closure of roads, zoning, development agreement and available TAD (tax allocation district) funding. Euramex is working toward a rendering that will display what the possible master development plan of the property may look like.
- The City of Avondale Estates Board of Mayor and Commissioners voted unanimously Monday, December 15, to annex the Stratford Green Townhomes into the City limits, effective January 1, 2015. Stratford Green is located just east of City Hall on Covington Road and is comprised of 154 townhomes built in the mid-1980s. This annexation will bring the City's population up to approximately 3,360, an increase of roughly 400 new residents.
- A conditional use permit application was submitted for a home business to host quarterly home trunk sale events. Staff reviewed the application, completed the necessary sections and drafted the legal ad.
- Staff completed a conference call with the Main Street representative from the Department of Community Affairs to ensure compliance with all Main Street Program requirements.
- The City presented seven households and one business (Finders Keepers Fashions) with Christmas Spirit Awards. Judges drove through the City at night and looked for a variety of traits including attractive use of light and color; overall effect; originality and creativity; creative display of theme; animation; use of non-lighting decorations; yard decoration; and entry and window decor.

- Staff finished compiling and editing the January-February 2015 City newsletter. The issue is being laid out by KDA Communications and is expected to be delivered the week of January 5.
- Google contacted the City and has made an announcement they are delaying decisions nationwide regarding the Google Fiber project. They expect to make a public update sometime in early 2015. Google released the following statement: “This year gigabit Internet has moved from idea to reality, as mayors and city leaders across America have stepped up and made high-speed broadband access a priority for their community. We’ve been working closely with cities around the U.S. to figure out how we could bring them Google Fiber, and we’re grateful for their vision, commitment, and plain old hard work. While we were hoping to have an update for cities before the holidays, we have a bit more work to wrap up; we’ll be back in touch early next year.” The City will continue to work with Google as needed, should they request any additional feedback on the potential implementation process for Google Fiber.
- A representative from DeKalb Medical led an associates’ Wellness Program class on healthy resolutions. Associates talked about how to stay healthy over the holidays and two prizes were randomly given out to class attendees.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- A meeting was conducted to narrow the number of vendors for the possible future purchase of body cameras. The City is considering the strengths and weaknesses of different systems, including price, durability, easy usage, data storage and retrieval and legal issues.
- The new speed and vehicle count unit was placed into service, initial/trial locations have been Clarendon and Dartmouth Avenue.
- In-Service (classroom) training was conducted both last and this week. The courses of instruction included: Domestic Violence, Bias-based Policing (racial profiling), Ethics, ASP (expandable baton) and OC (pepper) Spray and are required annually by Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T) for officers to maintain their certification and power of arrest.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Contacted DeKalb County Traffic Engineering regarding exposed wiring on a pole located at Clarendon Avenue and South Avondale Road.
- Repaired damaged lights on the Christmas tree after it was hit by a large truck.

- Removed fallen limbs from all parks.
- Contacted the irrigation company to inspect the excess water in an area at Lake Avondale.
- Repaired the split rail fencing at the Community Club.
- Site Visits-18
- Sign Violations-16
- Household Waste Removed-23 tons
- Yard Waste Removed-25 tons
- Special Pick-ups-5