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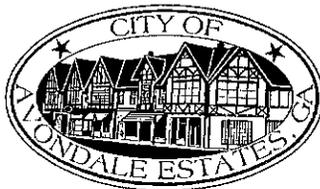
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**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

July 13, 2016

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Terry Giager, Mayor Pro Tem
Randy Beebe, Commissioner
Adela Yelton, Commissioner
Brian Fisher, Commissioner

Members Absent: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

Staff Present: Clai Brown, City Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk

Item No. 1 Meeting Called to Order

Item No. 2 Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Giager: Item numbers three and four should be together. So we won't even have an item number four. That's because the resolution is appendix A for the intergovernmental agreement. With that change I seek a motion to approve.

Commissioner Beebe moves to approve. Commissioner Fisher seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 3 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) With DeKalb County for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from One Percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)

Mayor Pro Tem Giager: The county has been working with the cities and the Dekalb Municipal Association to work out a special tax called a SPLOST. We have to give them the signed IGA and resolution, which pretty much explains everything that's going on.

We just got the IGA and in it we have to add our name, city, things like that. That's why we're approving the resolution. It can't be executed until those changes are made. I want to go over the project list. There is road resurfacing, transportation improvements, US278 LCI, parks and recreation, a new public works building and city hall upgrades. We would get about three million three hundred thousand over a six year period. That's all in addendum "B".

Commissioner Beebe: Why is US278 on the project list? Isn't that a state highway?

City Manager Brown: SPLOST is a 1% sales tax for the entire county. To get SPLOST money, you have to have a capital project list. That money can't be used for anything else. But you can use that money for grants. We have a LCI grant of \$2.8 million for improvements on that road.

Commissioner Beebe: Would US278 improvements only be within Dekalb County then?

City Manager Brown: It's only US278 from Sams Crossing to Ashton within the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Giager: Dekalb County has their own list.

City Manager Brown: We would get three million three hundred thousand dollars (\$3.3 million) and the county would get close to four hundred million dollars (\$400 million). There are two different charts. One is the ARC (Atlanta Regional Commissioner) chart and the other is from the 2010 census. The population depends on which chart is used. The Dekalb Municipal Association met with the mayors and city managers and decided to use the higher of the two numbers.

Commissioner Beebe: Would Stratford Green's money just go towards their roads?

Mayor Pro Tem Giager: No. Annexations are covered in the agreement.

Commissioner Beebe: If we're suspending HOST and picking up E-HOST, will that be affected if SPLOST doesn't go through?

City Manager Brown: Yes. There will be two questions on the ballot – one for E-HOST and one for SPLOST. They both have to pass or neither will pass and we would go back to HOST.

Commissioner Beebe: You said all the cities have come together and talked about this and agreed to the numbers and all the attorneys have agreed to it.

City Manager Brown: Commissioner Fisher and I went to a meeting about two weeks ago with a lot of the local officials. Mayor Pro Tem Giager just went to a meeting with all the mayors last week.

Commissioner Yelton: If our population were to grow through annexation, that wouldn't impact the allocation of funds?

Mayor Pro Tem Giager: If money is attached to a project in any area we annex, the county would complete the project. We wouldn't lose or gain any funds.

Commissioner Yelton: Is it true that projects on the list have to be open to everyone, not just city residents?

City Manager Brown: Yes.

Commissioner Fisher: I went to a meeting and got more information. I'm supportive of it. There are several things that are good for the City. Right now we have a HOST which is split between paying existing bonds and reducing our ad valorem taxes. That's how we come to a 7% sales tax. This would take that up to 8% which is comparable to what Atlanta, Cobb County, and other areas do. The E-HOST would go to reduce their Dekalb County taxes. They'll see a reduction in the tax they pay to the county, especially if they have their homestead exemption. The SPLOST funds go to the state and they then send it right to the municipalities. From what I understand, the HOST money would go from the Department of Revenue to Dekalb County and then they would send it to you. This would eliminate some of that. As more cities are formed, we will get less money to do our roads from HOST. I think it's good for residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Giager: We have treated this meeting kind of like a work session. Do we have a motion to pass the IGA and resolution?

Candace Jones/9 Fairfield Dr: If this doesn't pass, does the HOST stay in effect?

City Manager Brown: Yes. It has no expiration date.

Candace Jones/9 Fairfield Dr: I'm surprised at the amount listed for the public works building. I'm not in favor of replacing that building. It's just storing trucks and hopefully that land will be developed soon.

Commissioner Fisher: If it's not on this list with a dollar amount then we can't use the money for it. That's why the dollar amount listed here is high. We don't know how much it will cost.

Candace Jones/9 Fairfield Dr: I would like to start thinking of alternatives for how US278 will be designed and I'd like to have a prioritized list that everyone can agree on.

Sharon Saliba/56 Clarendon Ave: What would you do to the public works building?

City Manager Brown: Either demolish it or renovate it.

Sharon Saliba/56 Clarendon Ave: Why do you need to renovate it if it's just storage?

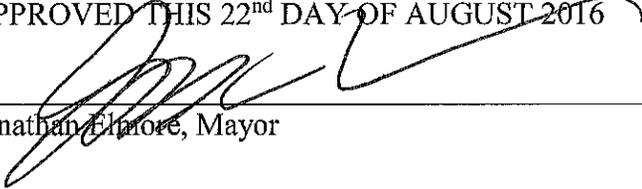
City Manager Brown: It's not. It's the office of the public works director and code enforcement. It's the break room and rest rooms for the public works department. The conditions are deplorable.

Commissioner Fisher moves to adopt. Commissioner Yelton seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 4 Resolution Supporting E-HOST and SPLOST Referendum November 8, 2016
Agenda amended to include this item with item number three.

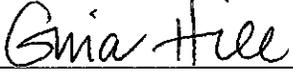
Item No. 5 Adjournment
Commissioner Fisher moves to adjourn. Commissioner Yelton seconds. All
eyes.

APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF AUGUST 2016



Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gina Hill, City Clerk