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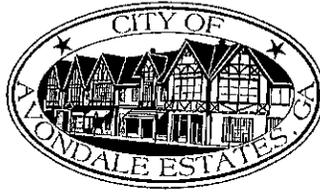
JONATHAN ELMORE
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TERRY GIAGER
MAYOR PRO TEM

RANDY BEEBE
COMMISSIONER

BRIAN FISHER
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ADELA YELTON
COMMISSIONER



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CITY MANAGER

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CITY CLERK

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CITY ATTORNEY

STEPHEN W. NICHIOLAS
CITY JUDGE

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

August 22nd, 2016

(Immediately Following Public Hearing)

MINUTES

- Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Terry Giager, Mayor Pro Tem
Randy Beebe, Commissioner
Brian Fisher, Commissioner
Adela Yelton, Commissioner
- Staff Present: Clai Brown, City Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Lynn Thomas, Police Chief
Oscar Griffin, Public Works Director
Keri Stevens, City Planner
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney
- Item No. 1 Meeting Called to Order
- Item No. 2 Invocation (Commissioner Yelton)
- Item No. 3 Pledge to the Flag
- Item No. 4 Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Yelton moves to adopt agenda. Commissioner Beebe seconds. All ayes.
- Item No. 5 Approval of Minutes:
- May 25th Regular Meeting
 - June 29th Public Hearing
 - June 29th Special Called Meeting with the DDA
 - July 13th Special Called Meeting
 - July 20th Special Called Meeting
 - July 20th Work Session
 - July 21st Special Called Meeting
 - July 27th Public Hearing
 - July 27th Regular Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Giager moves to engross the minutes. Commissioner Fisher seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 6

Commissioner Updates – Subjects of General Interest and Concern

Commissioner Yelton: I do want to congratulate Dekalb School of the Arts for being named one of the top high schools in the state of Georgia, according to Newsweek. We're grateful to have them adjacent to our City. I appreciate being included in the Leadership Dekalb class of 2017. I went to an orientation last week and I'm excited to be part of a great group of new and emerging leadership for Dekalb County.

Commissioner Fisher: I continue to be encouraged. We've had a lot of meetings lately. We've got a lot of things on our plate and they're all moving in a great direction. We've had fantastic public input. The coming months will be busy too with new PZB appointees.

Mayor Pro Tem Giager: My only grandchild turned five today. I just want to thank City staff, the police, and Oscar's department. Everyone is doing a great job. We appreciate you.

Item No. 7

Monthly Report by the City Manager Concerning the Status of Matters in Progress and Upcoming Issues and Events

City Manager Brown: I'd like to thank Chief Thomas and Director of Public Works Oscar Griffin for coming tonight as well as our City Planner, Keri Stevens. Our City Attorney, Stephen Quinn, is here too. I'd like to thank City Clerk Gina Hill for keeping up with all the minutes. I'd like to mention a letter to Mr. Griffin. The resident praised the public works crew for making the extra effort to pick up her yard waste in difficult circumstances. She thanked them for a job well done.

Skyline Engineering is putting together the final draft of the drainage analysis in the Clarendon and Berkeley Road area which I should have in the next ten days. It will include their recommendations for fixing the drainage issues in that area. It will call for all new infrastructure, not tapping into current infrastructure.

The City is finalizing the contract with HEH Paving. Four roads will be paved. City staff will get a date out to all the residents.

I'd like to congratulate Director of Public Works Oscar Griffin for completing all the requirements for the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement level one certificate program.

Don't forget the Labor Day Race is coming up. The one mile fun run starts at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K starts at 9 a.m. City associates will be walking in the race. Please come out and run, walk or cheer.

Item No. 8

Citizens' Comments:

"It's another beautiful day in Avondale Estates" – Thomas P. Samford

Sidney Murphy/5 Clarendon Pl: I'd like to thank the City for taking care of the bushes in the triangle outside my house.

Lisa Shortell/6 Clarendon Pl: When you say all new infrastructure will be needed for the drainage issues, are you talking about behind the homes?

City Manager Brown: They're going to give us a map of where they think the pipes should be. It does go down all the way between the back parcels of Berkeley. There's more – all down Clarendon and Dartmouth. They went a step further and included Coventry Close. When that comes in, we'll discuss it in a work session and if the Board wants to move forward, put it out for bids for the construction documents to see what's really involved.

Item No. 9

Old Business:

- Board of Mayor and Commissioners Regular Meeting Time Change to 6:30 p.m. -- Third and Final Reading

Mayor Elmore: We want to change the regular meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and an ordinance is required to do that. Work sessions and special called meetings are different.

Mayor Pro Tem Giager: I'm going to vote against this because of the language in the ordinance. It says the time change is to make the operation of city government more efficient and to increase participation. I haven't heard any residents say they could make the earlier time and not the later time. We've been doing it this way for decades. I'm not opposed to change but I think the time change is for convenience for some people and I don't think that's a reason for me to vote for this.

Mayor Elmore moves to approve. Commissioner Fisher seconds. Four ayes, one nay (Giager).

- City Manager Spending Threshold on Non-Budgeted Purchases – Third and Final Reading

Mayor Elmore: Basically this is taking our City Manager's spending threshold from five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

Mayor Pro Tem Giager: This is only for non-budgeted items.

Mayor Pro Tem Giager moves to approve. Commissioner Yelton seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 10

New Business:

- Application for Map Amendment to Rezone 2718 East College Avenue From CBD Zone to CBD-PD Zone Pursuant to a Proposed Written Development Agreement

Mayor Pro Tem Giager: I move to approve the map amendment to rezone the subject property from CBD zone to CBD-PD, to approve the development agreement with South City Partners (SCP) and to authorize the Mayor to execute all the documents necessary to carry out the intent of the development agreement subject to the City Attorney approving such documents as to form. The reason I'm making that motion is

because in our work session we talked about easements that had to be given to SCP and we just received those documents this evening. So this approves the development agreement and subject to form, the easements will be approved as stipulated in our meeting.

Commissioner Fisher: So this approves it except for some loose ends so we don't have to wait another month?

Mayor Elmore: Correct.

Stephen Quinn/City Attorney: The development agreement is in its final form.

Commissioner Fisher: I'm comfortable moving forward.

Commissioner Yelton: What are the checks and balances moving forward?

Stephen Quinn/City Attorney: It's City Attorney review in consultation with the City Manager. I will make sure the documents match up with the development agreement.

Candace Jones/9 Fairfield Dr: The easement allowing the public works department access to the green space is in there, right?

Mayor Elmore: Yes.

All ayes.

- Resolution for Public Works Building Design/Build Services

No Commissioner or public comment

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

- Resolution Adopting the 2016 Comprehensive Plan

City Manager Brown: Once approved, this will go to the DCA (Department of Community Affairs) for review. If they approve it it will come back to us and we will officially adopt the plan in the October meeting.

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

Item No. 11

Announcements (Commissioner Yelton)

- Tomorrow, August 23rd, and Thursday, August 25th, the Dekalb County School system is holding public input sessions about middle and high schools. Both sessions are at 6:30 p.m. Tomorrow's is at Clarkston High School and Thursday's session is at Cross Keys High School.

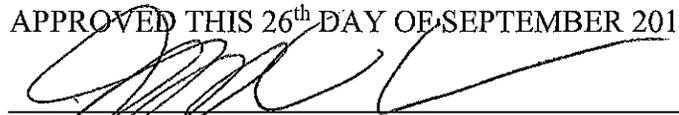
- A school supply drive for Avondale Elementary is taking place this weekend at Garage Door Studio. Items can be dropped off Friday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- City Hall wishes everyone a happy Labor Day on Monday, September 5th. A reminder that City Hall will be closed that day.
- Saturday, September 17th will be a big day in the City. The Citywide Yard Sale is taking place as well as the inaugural Southern Surf Stompfest. Please see the City website for more details.
- We regret to announce the passing of Mattie Moss of Berkeley Road. Our condolences to her family.

Item No. 12

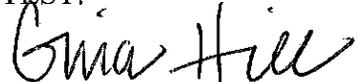
Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Giager moves to adjourn. Commissioner Fisher seconds. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2016


Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:


Gina Hill, City Clerk