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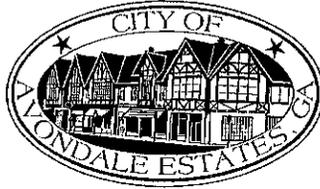
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**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

October 10, 2016

9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Terry Giager, Mayor Pro Tem
Brian Fisher, Commissioner
Randy Beebe, Commissioner

Members Absent: Adela Yelton, Commissioner

Staff Present: Clai Brown, City Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Item No. 1 Meeting Called to Order

Item No. 2 Adoption of Agenda
Mayor Elmore calls meeting to order. Commissioner Fisher seconds.

Item No. 3 Resolution to Renew Service Delivery Strategy

Mayor Pro Tem Giager: I think we should get staff recommendations on this item.

City Manager Brown: There was a meeting of city managers and a few mayors with Dekalb County this past Friday. The county was supposed to provide all the cities with some funding information about the services and they have provided that. They sent a list of services and where the funding is going. I agree with the funding sources. There is an intragovernmental agreement (IGA) on tax billing that will increase by about one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500). That's for them to do our tax billing. It's pretty inexpensive, I think about five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for them to do it all. Some other services that have IGAs, like elections, runs through 2063 so there's nothing that can be done with that. There was talk about where the funding was going to go with transportation. That's road repair, potholes, striping, traffic signals. The county will no longer provide street maintenance for any city. They left the traffic signals up to the city if they wanted to opt out. Some bigger cities like Dunwoody and Brookhaven are doing their own signals. About fifty percent of the others are staying with the county.

The issue was that the county was not going to lower the millage rate even though they were taking away the service of striping and repairing roads. What the county has elected to do for 2017, the road maintenance will go away, the signals will still be there and the unincorporated county will absorb the cost for all the signals. It will be looked at again for 2018. That's a big one the cities weren't clear on. Dunwoody has an issue with the county and their IGA for sanitation. They're working through that. Doraville has an issue with a library IGA with the county. Atlanta, Lithonia and Clarkston all approved and adopted their resolutions last week. It sounds like Stone Mountain, Pine Lake and Decatur are moving forward. City staff recommends moving forward with the agreement with the services shown in attachment A.

Commissioner Beebe: It sounds like we're not going to pay them for the lights?

City Manager Brown: We will for this year because it's already been negotiated. But we won't pay for next year and 2018 is up in the air. For next year, they want to keep doing the signals because it has to do with the county's traffic plan. And some cities like ours is so small that they don't know how much to charge. So they will just absorb the cost for 2017.

Commissioner Beebe: What are they going to do if a city is in charge of their traffic signals about coordination?

City Manager Brown: Highway 278 is a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) road but they contract with the county.

Commissioner Fisher: Does the City actually have any signals?

City Manager Brown: There are the flashing ones.

Commissioner Fisher: The ones along 278 would remain with the GDOT and the county in 2018?

City Manager Brown: Yes.

Commissioner Fisher: But we could absorb a cost in 2018 for them managing those signals. We're already paying into it.

City Manager Brown: I looked at it last year and it was about thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000) that the county received from our taxes to do the road repair and signals.

Commissioner Fisher: They do all the road repair now?

City Manager Brown: We do some but if there's a big pothole they do it. The ones we can do we jump on right away. We have a great relationship with them. Some cities were paying for that service but the county wasn't really coming out and doing anything. I was told they have a huge backlog of requests right now.

Commissioner Fisher: So that will stop with this agreement, right?

City Manager Brown: They're going to stop doing it at all. We could sign up and they would charge us for that but they're not really doing it now. It's not worth it.

Commissioner Fisher: Are we going to continue to pay thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000)?

City Manager Brown: This year, yes. But not in 2017. We won't see that money. It will just be a savings back to the taxpayer.

Commissioner Fisher: So that's something that was paid directly to Dekalb County by the homeowner?

City Manager Brown: Correct.

Commissioner Fisher: Do we have the ability to fill bigger potholes than we do right now?

City Manager Brown: We'll just contract it out. It will be part of our road maintenance in the budget.

Mayor Elmore: There has been some discussion in the Dekalb Municipal Association (DMA) meetings about cities pooling their resources and contracting out for pothole repair to get a group deal but it hasn't really gone anywhere yet.

Commissioner Beebe: What is community development?

City Manager Brown: Community development block grant is usually for low income housing. There's a grant out there that the state provides. The City has opted out of that. It comes around every three years. It ends 2017. We don't participate because we don't really have any homes in that category.

Mayor Pro Tem Giager: I've always thought the county taxed the cities and used the money in unincorporated Dekalb. I see a line in here that basically says they're not going to do that. I think that's a move in the right direction.

Commissioner Beebe: Are there any dissenters with this agreement?

City Manager Brown: Just the two I mentioned, Dunwoody and Doraville.

Commissioner Beebe: But about specific items?

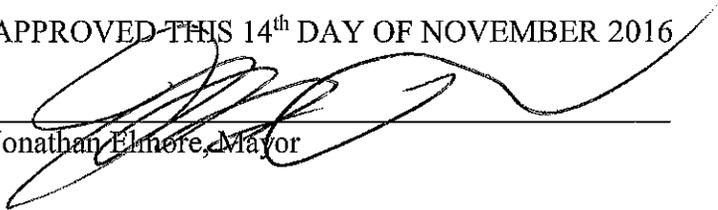
City Manager Brown: Correct. The county basically came through with the information that the DMA requested. This started back in February of this year. The county started off on the right foot and with great intentions. But now we're at the deadline and we just got that information a week ago. They want the resolutions signed by October 14th. They want to go ahead and submit everything for DCA's review.

Mayor Elmore moves to adopt resolution. Commissioner Beebe seconds. All ayes.

Item No. 4 Public Comment: None

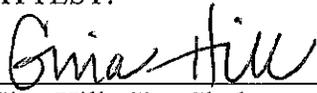
Item No. 5 Adjournment
Mayor Elmore moves to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Giager seconds. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016



Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gina Hill, City Clerk