

**BOARD OF MAYOR
AND COMMISSIONERS**

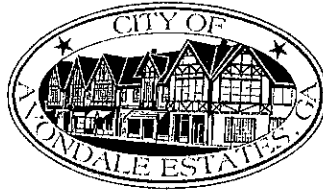
JONATHAN ELMORE
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MAYOR PRO TEM

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ADELA YELTON
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CITY CLERK

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CITY ATTORNEY

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CITY JUDGE

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

February 27th, 2017

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

- Members Present:** Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Randy Beebe, Commissioner
Adela Yelton, Commissioner
Brian Fisher, Commissioner
- Members Absent:** Terry Giager, Mayor Pro Tem
- Staff Present:** Clai Brown, City Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Oscar Griffin, Director of Public Works
Lynn Thomas, Chief of Police
- Item No. 1** Meeting Called to Order
- Item No. 2** Invocation (Commissioner (Beebe))
- Item No. 3** Pledge to the Flag
- Item No. 4** Adoption of Agenda
Mayor Elmore moves to adopt agenda. Commissioner Fisher seconds. All ayes.
- Item No. 5** Commissioner Updates – Subjects of General Interest and Concern

Commissioner Yelton: I'd like to thank the First Baptist Church for hosting the upcoming Community Day Celebration on Sunday, March 26th. I think it will be a great event.

Commissioner Beebe: I'd like to recognize a new group of 6th graders at The Museum School who are campaigning for a dog park in the City.

Commissioner Fisher: I'd like to thank City staff for the improvements at Carl's Corner. It looks great.

Mayor Elmore: We recently had a good meeting with Avila. They have asked for our input and ideas for what we'd like to see in their development. We're going to have a meeting Wednesday night for community input. That meeting will be here at 6:00 p.m.

Item No. 6

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 of Police Lynn Thomas and Director of Public Works Oscar Griffin for being here tonight. It's exciting that our new sanitation truck arrived today.

The code of ordinances section 9-4c allows the City Manager to do interdepartmental transfers in the same fund not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). I'll be making a transfer of nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500.00) from the public works account number 530-291, which is roadways and walkways, to the public safety account #511-100, which is regular salaries.

City staff has applied to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Community Choice Program for a grant to conduct a code audit. It will also look at our downtown master plan and comprehensive plan. We should know something by the end of March.

Another application was to the Georgia Department of Transportation Off Systems Program for funds to improve safety conditions for the intersection of N. Clarendon and N. Avondale. The funds would go to curbing and replacing the sidewalk on the west side of N. Clarendon. Some of the planters would be removed to allow for ADA accessibility for wheelchairs. There are light poles that are blocking the sidewalk. The ADA ramp to the Tudor Village would be replaced. Also part of that application would be pedestrian signals. We'll find out about that in about 45 days.

An RFP is being drafted to remove the asphalt on City-owned property north of Franklin Street. The area is about a half an acre and will include grass seeding and straw and a fence around the area.

An RFP is also being drawn up to have the commercial tree ordinance reviewed and the draft residential tree ordinance reviewed and written. Once those are completed, they'll be advertised for 30 days. Staff will get the applications and bring recommendations to the Board.

Item No. 7

Citizens' Comments:

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

John Mizell/3302 Wynn Dr: There is rumor that the recycling being picked up is just being put in the landfill and is not being recycled.

City Manager Brown: As far as we know, our provider, Latham, is taking it to the recycling center. I also heard that rumor about the county but I don't know if that's true. We will look into it.

Item No. 8

Old Business:

- Second Reading of Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance Sec. 15-2-Same-Permit Required for Fishing in Lake Avondale

City Manager Brown: If this is approved, anyone fishing in the lake will still have to have a state fishing license. But anyone will be able to fish, not just Avondale residents.

Mayor Elmore: And this is the second of three readings.

Item No. 9

New Business:

- First Reading of Ordinance to Remove the Residential Unit Cap in the Central Business District

Commissioner Yelton: I support this. I also support a comprehensive review of our ordinances so they align with our downtown master plan. I believe there are other zoning controls that allows us to remove this cap.

Melissa O'Shields/1170 Bromley Rd: You didn't ask for comment on the fishing ordinance. I've seen people there fishing with buckets the last couple of weeks. I'm there every day. There were toy boats just about every day. I regret those have been abolished. No one is monitoring that.

Mayor Elmore: When will the signs be ready?

City Manager Brown: We will look at the proof tomorrow. It could be another 30 days.

- Resolution Opposing the Passage of House Bill 204 Prohibiting Cities from Billing Municipal Fees on the Tax Bill

Mayor Elmore: This would separate out storm water and sanitation fees so you would get two bills. The Georgia Municipal Association is firmly against this. This resolution is to officially voice our opposition to this bill.

City Manager Brown: If this passes, I will fax it out tonight. It's on the legislative agenda for tomorrow.

Mayor Elmore: If you oppose this, you might want to contact Rep. Karla Drenner tomorrow.

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

- Resolution for City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement to Create Construction Documents for a New Detention Pond for Kensington Drainage Area

Mayor Elmore: We've been talking about this for a while. We bought some property from the First Baptist Church. We'd like to get the construction documents done to build a retention pond. The City received two bids with Clark Patterson Lee being the lowest. The

documents will cost fourteen thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$14,250).

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

John Pomberg/3288 Kensington Rd: Will it be a vault or open pond?

Mayor Elmore: It will be above ground. It will be a bermed concrete structure. There will be a fence around it.

Alan Dion/3316 Wiltshire Dr: Where is the property?

Mayor Elmore: If you're standing on US 278 facing the church's parking lot, it's behind that just behind the tree line. We bought the property for this purpose.

- Resolution to Amend the Zoning Map to Correct an Administrative Error

Mayor Elmore: The home at 1026 Lakeshore Drive is zoned residential but shows up on the zoning map as open space. We need to correct that.

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

- Agreement with Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC to Audit the Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

City Manager Brown: CLHP has been doing the City's audit for about eight years. The cost is the same as the previous two years. They will not only audit all the City's financials but also the DDA's.

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

- Agreement with Professional Probation Services, Inc. to Provide Probation Services

City Manager Brown: Our municipal court contracts with a third party to carry out our probation services. There's a group called the Misdemeanor Probation Oversight Unit that asked that updated agreements be done for the state. PPSI has also requested to increase their fees by five dollars and that doesn't cost the City anything. Judge Nicolas, our municipal judge, says he does not have a problem with the increase. Staff recommends we move forward with this agreement.

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

Item No. 10

Announcements (Commissioner Beebe)

We have a lot of ribbon cuttings coming up and we would love to have as many residents as possible present to welcome our new businesses. Reunion Salon's

ribbon cutting is Tuesday, March 7th at 11 a.m. Banjo Coffee's celebration is Wednesday, March 15th at 10:30 a.m. Similarly, the ground breaking on the South City Partner's development is scheduled for Friday, March 10th, time to be announced. More ribbon cuttings are in the works. Stay tuned for those.

A reminder that daylight savings time is upon us. Move your clocks forward one hour on Sunday morning, March 12th or before going to bed the night before. Along those same lines, the first day of spring is March 20th.

Finally, you won't want to miss our annual State of the City address here at City Hall on March 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Item No. 11

Adjournment

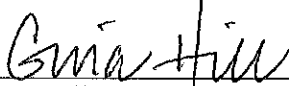
Mayor Elmore moves to adjourn. Commissioner Fisher seconds. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF APRIL 2017



Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gina Hill, City Clerk