

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 13TH, 2020
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING
VIA ZOOM**

MINUTES

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager
Paul Hanebuth, Asst. City Manager
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Rebecca Long, Communications Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda

Item #3 **Update on Stormwater Priority Plan**

In 2020, Brown and Caldwell was contracted to inventory and analyze stormwater infrastructure throughout the city.

City Manager Bryant recapped that Brown and Caldwell had been hired to do this plan which includes an inventory of the city's stormwater infrastructure and recommendations as to what the top priority projects should be. Assistant City Manager Hanebuth pointed to the project schedule posted with the agenda and gave an update about where things stand. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher had questions about some preliminary stormwater infrastructure maps. Commissioner Merriam asked about any plans to address problems on private property. Assistant City Manager Powell said that is beyond the scope of this project. City Attorney Quinn said that stormwater and zoning are very different and the stormwater code had just been updated. Ms. Powell added that some of this is also addressed in the city's MS4 report. Commissioner Laratte asked about engineering costs down the road and Mr. Hanebuth responded that some of the projects will be simple to complete but others may be complex and costly. Mr. Fisher felt that at some point, citizens will need to decide how much money they want devoted to stormwater solutions.

Item #4

Conditional Use Permits

The city currently has three applications. They are for a hair/beauty salon, a physical therapy/wellness clinic, and a salon specializing in permanent makeup.

Mayor Elmore asked if the group was ok with discussing these as a group. They agreed. There were no applicants on the line that wished to speak and no public comment. Mr. Elmore said this item would be voted on in two weeks.

Item #5

Qualifying Fees for 2021 Municipal Election

The terms of two commissioners, Lisa Shortell and Lionel Laratte, end this year. By law, qualifying fees for the November 2nd election must be set by February 1st.

City Manager Bryant explained this item. There was no BOMC or public comment.

Item #6

Policy for Expressing Condolences

The Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC) will discuss a policy for paying respects when any employee of DeKalb County or any of its cities is killed in the line of duty.

Mayor Elmore said this was his initiative. He added the group could discuss what the appropriate response would be to certain situations but he felt the BOMC should write a condolence letter at least every time. He does not want to miss another acknowledgement. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher asked how that policy would be set and City Manager Bryant said it would be a simple resolution. There was discussion about who would be recognized and how with this policy and there was agreement to discuss further.

Item #7

Discussion of Change in Ordinance Reading Process

Discussed at previous meetings, the BOMC is considering decreasing the number of readings required to pass an ordinance if a vote is unanimous.

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher spoke on this matter and had questions about publishing notices in The Champion. City Attorney Quinn agreed this mode of communication is outdated. There was discussion about posting ordinances under consideration on the city website. Commissioner Laratte agreed with Mr. Fisher and said the intent is not to lessen public input but to be more efficient with ordinances that are formalities. Commissioner Merriam supported the idea of putting more information about ordinances under consideration on the city website.

Item #8

Sanitation Fees for 2021

City staff will begin a discussion with the BOMC about sanitation fees for the coming year.

City Manager Bryant explained the contract with Latham Home Sanitation was ended and it was time to put those services out for bid in the form of a request for proposals (RFP). He added that staff wanted to conduct a cost/benefit analysis for all of sanitation to find the best way to allocate resources whether

that be with current public works or contracting with an outside company. Staff hopes to come to the BOMC with a recommendation in early February. These decisions will also be informed by the maintenance plan once complete. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher thanked city staff for looking into this.

Item #9 Public Comment: None

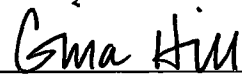
Item #10 Adjournment
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moves to adjourn. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021



Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gina Hill, City Clerk