

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 27TH, 2021
5:30 P.M.
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
Commissioner Laratte moved to adopt. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit Application**
The applicant would like to open a hair salon in the Tudor Village in the former Avondale Barber Shop location.

No comments.

Item #4 **Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit Application**
This application is for a physical therapy and wellness clinic at 120 Olive Street, Suite 300.

No comments.

Item #5 **Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit Application**
This applicant seeks to open a semi-permanent make-up business at 120 Olive Street, Suite 200.

No comments.

Item #6

Approval of Minutes

December 9th work session
December 14th public hearing
December 14th regular meeting

Commissioner Shortell motions to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconds. All ayes.

Item #7

Conditional Use Permits

The BOMC plan may vote on the above permit applications as a group.

- Commissioner Shortell motions to approve the application for the hair salon. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.
- Commissioner Laratte moves to approve the application for the semi-permanent makeup studio. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconds. All ayes.
- Commissioner Merriam motions to approve the application for the physical therapy/wellness clinic. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

Item #8

Third Reading of Amendment to Ordinance Reading Process

Discussed at previous meetings, this change would decrease the number of readings required to pass an ordinance if a vote is unanimous.

Commissioner Laratte motioned to approve the amendment. Commissioner Shortell seconded. Four ayes, one nay (Merriam)

Commissioner Merriam had a question about the process should this pass. She said she is opposed. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher and Commissioner Shortell also weighed in on the process. Mayor Elmore felt this amendment allows some flexibility where there is currently none. Mr. Fisher appreciated the residents that have reached out to him on this matter. He added he thinks this is a good compromise and potential changes are always discussed at length before the first reading of a proposed ordinance. He was in favor of this change. Commissioner Shortell also voiced support in part because technology has changed the landscape of communicating with the community. Mr. Elmore said because this is a charter change it will need to be voted on again at the next regular meeting February 10th.

Item #9

Resolution to Reappoint City Solicitor and Judge for 2021

The city solicitor serves as the prosecuting attorney in the municipal court of Avondale Estates. The solicitor and judge must be appointed by the BOMC each year.

- Commissioner Shortell motioned to adopt resolution appointing Judge Stephen Nicolas. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.
- Commissioner Shortell motions to adopt resolution appointing Josephine Stevens as Solicitor. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconds. All ayes.

Commissioner Merriam asked if there was a requirement to have items on the work session agenda ahead of a regular meeting. City Manager Bryant responded that there is no such requirement and this is standard annual

procedure. Ms. Merriam said her preference would be for items to be discussed in a work session ahead of a vote. After it became clear that this was two separate resolutions, earlier motions were disregarded. Commissioner Laratte asked if anyone else was ever considered for these roles. City Manager Bryant offered that continuity was important in these positions but the BOMC can make that decision. Commissioner Shortell thanked staff for sending out the contracts. Ms. Merriam concurred and again asked if these items will be on the work session agendas ahead of time. She also felt it might be better to address this at the end of the previous year.

Item #10

Resolution to Set 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.

Commissioner Laratte motioned to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

Item #11

Vote to Reschedule Time for February 10th Regular Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher motions to make this change. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

City Attorney Quinn clarified the need for this change in meeting time.

Item #12

Public Comment: None

Item #13

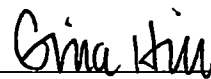
Adjournment

Commissioner Merriam motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021


Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:


Gina Hill, City Clerk