



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager  
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager  
Ellen Powell, Communications Manager  
Harry Hess, Police Chief  
Adrian Langston, Greenspace Manager  
Gina Hill, City Clerk  
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda  
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adopt. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Commissioner Comments**  
Mayor Elmore spoke in support of Commissioner Merriam who has had several absences while her husband recovers from an accident. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher praised the work done on the abelia hedge. Commissioner Shortell discussed several issues before the state assembly that will affect the city. She asked residents to get involved. Commissioner Laratte said that someone on his tennis team told him that Avondale is a hot destination for those outside the city. City Manager Bryant added that cellphone data shows the city has had many more outside visitors than in the past.

Item #4 **Resolution to Approve Contract for Curb & Sidewalk Repair Services**  
Avondale Estates has chosen Chattahoochee Group as the contractor for the sidewalk and curb repair that would begin early March. The project is expected to be completed in a month.

Commissioner Laratte motioned to approve. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

City Manager Bryant recapped the conversation about this at the previous work

session. He added the total amount will be \$156,000.

Item #5

**Resolution to Become an Atlanta Regional Commission Green City**

Passing this resolution allows us to work with the ARC to help identify areas that we can move forward with green initiatives and over the next two years achieve the Bronze Green Communities Certification. DeKalb County, Norcross, Woodstock, and Decatur have all achieved Bronze or higher.

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

This was also discussed at a previous work session, said City Manager Bryant. He gave an overview of the program.

Item #6

Public Comment

Lyda Steadman said she was concerned the city hasn't submitted its annual financial report to the state. City Manager Bryant explained that staff has yet to receive it from the auditing firm. Bill Hover appreciated the repairs and improvements to the curb at the North Woods project.

Item #7

Adjournment

Commissioner Shortell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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Gina Hill, City Clerk