

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10TH, 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 motioned to adopt. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Public Comment on a Conditional Use Permit Application**
The applicant seeks to open a repair shop for computer and device screens at 8 N. Clarendon Avenue, Suite 200.

The applicant, Beth Wheeler, was on the call and gave more detail about her business. There were no further questions or comments from the public.

Item #4 **Commissioner Comments**

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher thanked Gardeners for the Common Good for all their hard work on Willis Park and other greenspaces. He welcomed students back to The Museum School for in person classes. Commissioner Shortell shared condolences to the family of resident Pat Maddox since her passing. She also happy to see so many older residents getting vaccinated for Covid. Mayor Elmore also shared his condolences. He also praised the Georgia legislature for its action on the citizen's arrest law. City Manager Bryant commented that they are working towards getting as many city employees vaccinated as possible. Once that's done, he hoped city hall could reopen to the public.

- Item #5 **Approval of Minutes:**
January 13th regular meeting
January 13th work session
January 27th regular meeting
January 27th work session
Commissioner Shortell motioned to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.
- Item #6 **Conditional Use Permit Application**
The BOMC will vote on the application mentioned above.


Mayor Pro Tem Fisher motioned to approve. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.
- Item #7 **Resolution to Set Residential Sanitation Fees for 2021**
Prior meetings have included discussions of appropriate fees for different service level options. The BOMC will need to set residential sanitation fees by resolution so that DeKalb County can include the proper amount on property tax bills.

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

City Manager Bryant said the fee would change from \$508 per household to \$567 per household. He explained the reasons for the change. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher praised city staff as well as residents for their input. Commissioner Shortell agreed and said this is a good road map for the future. Mr. Bryant said staff will continue to evaluate service in order to optimize resources. Mayor Elmore explained how the sanitation fund should operate.
- Item #8 **Purchase and Sale Agreement for 2950 Franklin Street**
Commissioner Laratte motioned to approve. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Mayor Elmore said the purchase price is \$1,000,000. City Manager Bryant gave an update on negotiations with the property owner. At Commissioner Laratte's request he also explained why the city is making this purchase.
- Item #9 Public Comment
- Item #10 Adjournment
Commissioner Shortell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

MINUTES APPROVED 4.28.2021



GINA HILL, CITY CLERK