

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 23rd, 2022
5:30 p.m.**

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
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Ellen Powell, Communications Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Merriam moved to moved to remove item #6 from the agenda.
Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.
Commissioner Laratte moved to adopt the amended agenda. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Commissioner Comments**
Commissioner Laratte said he's happy to see so much resident and business input and feedback recently. Commissioner Merriam advertised the upcoming abelia hedge work day. Commissioner Shortell pointed out the success of Fruhlingsfest and she thanked Dodge Hill and his fellow boy scouts for their work on the path in the park at the corner of Oakham and Windsor Terrace. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher encouraged everyone to listen to the BOMC retreat audio if they get a chance. Mayor Elmore also commented on the success of Fruhlingsfest. City Manager Bryant encouraged volunteers to come to the abelia hedge work day.

Item #4 **Laredo Drive Improvements**
The City is requesting approval of a contract for engineering services with Pond Engineering in the amount of \$28,300 for Laredo Drive improvements. The scope of work includes:
1. A survey of the area to use.
2. Evaluation of the subgrade conditions and pavement rehabilitation options.
3. Concept design for pedestrian and landscaping improvements.

4. Construction documents.

This was discussed at the March 9th work session.

Commissioner Shortell moved to adopt. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

City Manager Bryant explained that stretch of road is the highest priority in the city. Commissioner Merriam asked for confirmation that the design would be presented to the public before improvements begin. Commissioner Shortell mentioned improvements for bicyclists that are part of the project.

Item #5

US 278 Design Fees & Grants

The BOMC approved two change orders in the amount of \$107,636 for additional fees. Staff is now requesting approval for two new change orders for additional costs due to the number of unexpected planning documents required by GDOT during the concept development phase and additional engineering associated with the signal designs in the amount of \$93,673. The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has granted an additional \$160,909 in federal funds with a local match of \$40,400 to be allocated for all of the above design costs. This was discussed at the March 9th work session.

Commissioner Merriam moved to approve. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

City Manager Bryant provided more detail about the cost overruns and the help that the ARC has provided.

Item #6

Variance for 3125 Kensington Road

The owners of this property on the corner of Kensington and Stratford request a reduction in front and side setbacks. They plan to demolish the current home and rebuild. This was discussed at the March 9th work session.

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Item #7

Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Code for Stormwater Extent of Service Policy

These policies concern stormwater infrastructure maintenance and repair on public versus private property. This has been discussed at several previous work sessions.

Commissioner Merriam moved to adopt policy option #1. Commissioner Shortell seconded. Three ayes, two nays (Fisher and Laratte)

City Manager Bryant said the policy must first be adopted by resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher asked for an update on the stormwater situation on Hess Drive and its role in this new policy. Mr. Bryant responded that added infrastructure in the future would be done through an easement process. Mr. Fisher wanted a plan for that area before adopting a policy. Mayor Elmore supported policy #1 but was open to easements. Commissioner Shortell agreed and listed reasons why. Commissioner Laratte preferred option #2 since it would spread the cost of stormwater issues evenly among taxpayers. Commissioner Merriam favored

policy #1. She was not in favor of the city doing work on private property. Jan Hover made an inaudible comment.

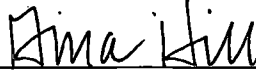
Commissioner Shortell moved to incorporate the new policy into the city code. Commissioner Merriam seconded. Three ayes, two nays (Fisher and Laratte)

Item #8 Public Comment*

Item #9 Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adjourn. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED MAY 10TH, 2022



Gina Hill, City Clerk