



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 13, 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 Laratte moved to adopt. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Commissioner Comments**  
Commissioner Shortell extended sympathy to Commissioner Merriam for recent losses in her family. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher spoke about his family's spring break trip. City Manager Bryant introduced the new police chief and members of the BOMC welcomed him.

Item #4 **Approval of Minutes**  
March 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting  
March 9<sup>th</sup> work session  
March 16<sup>th</sup> retreat  
Commissioner Shortell moved to approve. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

Item #5 **Garden Week Proclamation**  
Mayor Elmore read the proclamation and approved it. He thanked the garden club members in attendance.

Item #6 **Lord Aeck Sargent Contract for Special Projects & Design Review**  
Commissioner Shortell motioned to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

City Manager Bryant recalled this has been discussed before in a couple of different meetings. He described the projects this proposal covers: a Covington Highway corridor study, a study of corner lot setbacks, and in house review for large development projects. He also mentioned the positive work relationship the city has had with LAS. Commissioner Merriam wanted to ensure they would not review their own work and that there would be ample public participation in the LAS-led projects. Commissioner Shortell and Mayor Pro Tem Fisher voiced their support for the measure.

Item #7

**Georgia Power Easement at Public Works Location**

Commissioner Laratte moved to adopt. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

City Manager Bryant explains the work to be done and how it's related to the public works building. City Attorney Quinn gave more detail from a legal perspective. Mr. Laratte asked if any new owners of the property would have to abide by the easement. Commissioner Merriam shared concern that the city did not have a broader plan for utilities.

Item #8

Public Comment\*

Valerie Smith had questions about the stormwater project about to be underway on Majestic Circle. Shelly Groves requested that some sidewalks be repaired and traffic calming measures be employed on Covington Highway near Stratford Green. A meeting participant asked about the timeline for the opening of the Town Green.

Item #9

Adjournment

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

APPROVED MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

  
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Gina Hill, City Clerk