

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8TH, 2022
6:01 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem (via Zoom)
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner
Dee Merriam, Commissioner (via Zoom)

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Ellen Powell, Communications Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney
Harry Hess, Police Chief
Kayla Green, Admin Assistant

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Shortell moved to adopt. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Commissioner Comments**
Commissioner Shortell praised the inaugural event on the city's new town green the previous Sunday. She promoted upcoming events. She was told it brought new and old Avondale together. Commissioner Laratte agreed. Mayor Elmore also agreed and complimented staff for putting it together. He also reiterated that a resident was coordinating the July 4th parade this year. City Manager Bryant said anyone can call city hall for contact info. Mr. Elmore also praised residents and Druid Hills High School seniors Liam Sitz and Townes Purdy for calling attention to the issues at the school that needed correcting. He added that resident and senior Reese Fisher also spoke about those needs at a county school board meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher also spoke highly of the event at the town green and praised students of Druid Hills High School for bringing about change. City Manager Bryant reminded the group of upcoming meeting changes due to vacations and the millage rate process. He added that while he and Assistant City Manager Powell were out of town, Police Chief Hess will be in charge in case of emergency.

Item #4

Consider Resolution, Order and Declaration of Taking for Acquisition of 0.8143 Acres of Property Located at 154 Olive Street, 2804 and 2816 Franklin Street (Tax Parcel Numbers 15 248 21 016, 15 248 21 014, and 15 284 21 012) by Eminent Domain for City Street/Public Transportation Purposes

City Manager Bryant told the group that TBG Residential, who seeks to build a low-income senior living facility on the property, brought a new proposal to staff the night before. He gave a summary of the new proposal and explained the process the developer would need to go through to get it approved, including requesting a new variance. Mr. Bryant added the BOMC needed to decide if it wanted to move forward with condemnation. Based on previous comments by the BOMC, staff recommends moving forward.

The property owner, David Ladet, spoke in opposition to the condemnation of the property and was in support of the TBG development. TBG representative, Sarah Buckner, agreed and felt the city was attempting to block affordable housing. Joe Garguilo asked the BOMC why they have not condemned his property in downtown since there are plans to put a road through it. Resident Carol Stewart was in support of Mr. Ladet. She was also concerned about the amount of money the city plans to spend on the condemnation and road construction. Stacey Bearden had concerns about any environmental damage to the property from years of being used as a junk yard. She urged the BOMC to look at ways to mitigate costs.

Commissioner Laratte moved to approve. Commissioner Shortell seconded and clarified the price of the property. All ayes.

Item #5

Resolution to Set 2022 Residential Sanitation Fees

City staff recommends setting the fee at \$596 per household, an increase from \$567 in 2021.

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

City Manager Bryant explained how staff came to the amount they're recommending for residential sanitation fees. Cost increases of the sanitation program necessitates an increase in fees.

Item #6

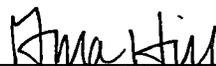
Public Comment: None

Item #7

Adjournment

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

APPROVED JULY 13TH, 2022



Gina Hill, City Clerk