



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9TH, 2023
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
Harry Hess, Police Chief
Tammy Martinez, Communications Coord.
Helen Menefee, Admin. Coordinator
Lori Leland, Permitting Coordinator
Kristen Moretz, Capital Projects Manager

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

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

Item #3 **Commissioner Comments**
Commissioner Merriam said she's looking forward to the presentation from MARTA at the work session. Commissioner Shortell commented on the strong storms hitting the neighborhood lately. She's glad the group is looking at stormwater and the land disturbance permitting process. Commissioner Laratte was glad kids were back in school. Mayor Elmore congratulated the city for being named Best Small Town Beer Scene for the third year in a row by USA Today. City Manager Bryant pointed out The Atlanta Business Chronicle determined the Avondale residential real estate market to be the 28th most robust in the state. He also gave a recap of a panel he served on that morning about transportation and development at the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce City Summit.

Item #4 **Approval of Minutes**
July 12th regular meeting
July 12th work session
July 26th regular meeting

July 26th work session

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #5

Land Disturbance Permit Ordinance

Mayor Elmore said this was the first read of this ordinance and he read the full title. There will be a second reading in two week, he added. City Manager Bryant explained that after feedback and input after the presentation on this matter was given, the current draft ordinance will be updated slightly. Updated drafts should be distributed in the next day or so. Mr. Elmore asked that any changes be highlighted so they're clear.

Item #6

Application by Toll Brothers Land Developers for Final Plat Approval for the Subdivision known as "Henley" Townhomes

Commissioner Shortell made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

City Manager Bryant explained why this is needed. He said the final plat must be approved by the city since the city is taking on responsibility for the new infrastructure. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher asked what infrastructure that included and Mr. Bryant confirmed it would be items like roads and stormwater. Mr. Fisher said he's happy to see the project moving forward.

Item #7

Public Comment

Jan Hover asked that the issue of sanitation services and any potential changes to it be added to the agenda in the near future.

Item #8

Adjournment

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

APPROVED AUGUST 23rd, 2023



Gina Hill, City Clerk