



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION  
AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2021  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor (left during item #3 but returned via Zoom)  
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  
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 **North Woods Project Update**  
Staff will provide an update to the ongoing North Woods drainage project, including options for moving the project towards construction.

Assistant City Manager Powell started a PowerPoint presentation. She talked about the status of the project, finances, grants, and challenges to starting the construction. Members of the BOMC asked questions about details of the project. Construction would likely be done in phases so the group discussed the best way to move forward. Commissioner Merriam requested the update be also given to the Lake Avondale Advisory Board and Commissioner Laratte asked about the opportunity to get additional grant funding. City Manager Bryant said staff would bid out some of the alternatives and bring the results back to the BOMC.

Item #4 **Extent of Stormwater Service Policy Proposals**  
Discussion of adopting a more nuanced policy for addressing stormwater needs in places where public infrastructure meets private infrastructure. This change would likely increase maintenance costs but reduce liability for the City.

City Manager Bryant noted this has been discussed in a previous meeting. Assistant City Manager Hanebuth said staff has received some proposals for scope of work from Brown and Caldwell. He described the issue at hand reviewed the options for the BOMC. A policy would govern who is responsible for stormwater infrastructure on private property. Commissioner Shortell pointed out how important it is to tackle this issue. More discussion followed and Mr. Bryant concluded by saying this would be brought before the BOMC for approval at the next regular meeting.

Item #5

### **Traffic Calming**

An item introduced by Commissioner Merriam to address traffic flow and patterns in the residential area.

Commissioner Merriam would like to explore the possibility of having a traffic study done to examine the flow of traffic, particularly in the residential area. Board members discussed funding and other large projects in play. Lowering speed limits was mentioned as an option to curb speeding. City Manager Bryant suggested reaching out to other cities to find out what they've done in similar situations. He advised against doing any kind of traffic flow study before the overhaul of US 278 was completed. Mr. Bryant also cited a lack of bandwidth on behalf of city staff to undertake this project at this time. City Attorney Quinn described different types of streets and how their speed limits are determined. Discussion continued about the use of speed detection devices and the law. Ms. Merriam asked for a map of city streets coded as to who controls them: GDOT, the county or the City. Mayor Elmore asked if any of the engineers the city is currently working with could advise where to begin. Mr. Bryant said he's talk with other cities so he would know how to approach the engineers.

Item #6

### **Public Comment**

Kathy Kingsbury suggested staff look at possibly turning down a grant that could end up being a hinderance. Klaus van Den Berg commented on item #4 but was inaudible. Ms. Kingsbury also commented on the item asking how homeowners and builders compensate for having impermeable surface. Some members of the board weighed in as well. Resident David James commented about traffic but parts of his comment was inaudible. Mr. van Den Berg made another comment that was also inaudible.

Item #7

### **Executive Session – Real Estate**

- Commissioner Laratte moved to enter executive session at 7:57 p.m. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.
- Commissioner Merriam moved to exit executive session at 8:08 p.m. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #8

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Laratte motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

*Gina Hill*

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Gina Hill, City Clerk