



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2021
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
Paul Hanebuth, Asst. 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. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Commissioner Comments**
Mayor Elmore read a statement about the police department failing to attain accreditation from the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Chiefs. He outlined steps to be taken to improve the police department in the near future. Commissioner Shortell thanked the interim chief Paul Conroy for stepping in to that role. She asked everyone to support the police during this change. Commissioner Laratte pointed out that the wine shop, Purple Corkscrew, has received attention in Food & Wine magazine.

Item #4 Public Comment
Patti Ghezzi asked that staff hire a new police chief from outside the organization. Lisa Cottrell read a statement on the same topic as a member of the Avondale Alliance for Racial Justice. Israel Korn asked if the city manager received monthly or quarterly updates from the police chief about the accreditation. City Manager Bryant responded that the information he received through the process was faulty.

Item #5 Adjournment

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

APPROVED ON OCTOBER 28, 2021


Gina Hill, City Clerk