



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2021
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING**

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

Item #3 **Comprehensive Development Plan Presentation**
Every five years, state law requires cities to update their Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP), a long-range action plan guiding investment, development and allocation of services. With assistance from the Atlanta Regional Commission, City staff has updated ours. The BOMC will discuss the draft CDP.

Assistant City Manager Shannon Powell gave a presentation about the comprehensive development plan. She accepted comments from the BOMC. City Manager Bryant said this was the beginning of a three-week open comment period for the public. Members of the BOMC praised the plan and were pleased with the accomplishments outlined within it. They also offered suggestions for changes or steps they'd like to see taken.

Item #4 **Fabric Developers Proposal for Commercial Area Adjacent to the Town Green**
Jerry Miller will be on hand to propose a development for a commercial area between the Town Green and US278.

City Manager Bryant gave background on this project. Jerry Miller gave a presentation about his company's proposal for the property between the town green and US 278. He explained the financing behind the project. He fielded comments and questions from the BOMC.

Item #5

Public Comment

Dave Deiters had a question about what was included in the cost estimate. Kathy Kingsbury suggested an online portal so residents could leave comments. Klaus van Den Berg commented but it was partially inaudible. Elizabeth Goodstein asked about the economic vision of the downtown and the ownership structure of this development. Mr. Bryant said that many of those questions have not been answered. Commissioner Merriam commented about the development around the Kensington Marta station.

Item #6

Executive Session with the DDA – Real Estate

Motions were made to enter into executive session.

Item #7

Adjournment

APPROVED ON OCTOBER 28, 2021



Gina Hill, City Clerk