



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
21 N. AVONDALE PLAZA
SEPTEMBER 27TH, 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
Helen Menefee, Admin Assistant
Kristen Moretz, Capital Projects Manager
Harry Hess, Police Chief

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adopt. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Commissioner Comments**

Mayor Elmore read a statement announcing an end to back door sanitation service effective the following week. Commissioner Merriam asked how the change would be communicated to residents, especially those who don't get the message by next week. City Manager Bryant said that issues will occur during the transition. He listed the ways staff will address them, including flyers at every household, email blast, etc. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher explained the rationale behind this change and how it will improve efficiency in public works. Commissioner Laratte asked how those who are physically unable to take their trash to the curb will be accommodated. Mr. Bryant said that process will remain the same and those residents can fill out a form for exemption. Mr. Laratte praised an event held in previous days hosted by Avondale ACTION that included Senator Elena Parent. Mr. Bryant announced the city had received an award for the Town Green project from the Urban Land Institute.

- Item #4 **Approval of Minutes**
September 13th regular meeting
Commissioner Laratte motioned to approve. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.
- Item #5 **Ordinance to Amend to the 2023 Operating Budget**
This will be the second reading of this ordinance and it will be considered for a vote.

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

City Manager Bryant said no changes have been made to the draft since the first reading of this ordinance.
- Item #6 Public Comment
Bill Hover was sad to see a metal place already on freshly paved Clarendon Avenue. He asked for an update on the North Woods project and was told that would be covered in the work session. Stacey Bearden was disappointed the sanitation change occurred so quickly without further discussion or information. Mayor Elmore responded that more information would be coming after responses to proposals are received for outsourcing sanitation in the next month. That information will help the group decide how to move forward. Lyda Steadman urged the group to consider Dekalb County to conduct the city's sanitation.
- Item #7 Adjournment
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adjourn. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED OCTOBER 11TH, 2023



Gina Hill, City Clerk