

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 12TH, 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING URA MEETING**

MINUTES

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Member Absent: Lionel Laratte, 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
Anthony Cappuccio, Deputy Police Chief

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda

- Commissioner Shortell moved to add an executive session to the end of the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.
- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Dekalb County Service Delivery Strategy**

The Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) governs the services the county provides for Avondale Estates. The city and county go through this process on a regular basis. No changes have been made since 2019, and staff is recommending adoption without any amendments.

City Manager Bryant explained the meaning behind this agreement. He said this was standard procedure. This will be voted on at the next meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher had questions about traffic signals and 911 services. Police Chief Hess responded with the alternatives to using Dekalb County for emergency calls that the city could explore. Any changes would be at least a year away, he added.

Item #4 **Urban Redevelopment Agency (URA) Bond Anticipation Note (BAN)
Maturity Extension Documents**

After approving the BAN extension term sheet at the last regular meeting, the city's bond counsel, Terri Finnister has prepared legal documents required to extend the maturity date of the URA BAN per those terms.

City Manager Bryant offered a recap of this item, which has been discussed previously. He said Ms. Finnister, the bond attorney, will be at the next meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher had a question about process and timing. This will be voted on at the next meeting as the URA and as the BOMC.

Item #5

City Financial Picture and Introduction of 2023 Draft Operating Budget

Staff will present the BOMC with an update on the city's financial condition and debut the city's 2023 draft operating budget.

City Manager Bryant gave the BOMC an updated document and he explained the change from the previous version. Mr. Bryant pointed out other features of the draft budget. He also talked about discussions to take place at the next meeting and at a fall strategic planning session. Questions and discussion points included SPLOST and other funding sources, future economic conditions and potential impact on the operating budget, personnel and salaries, changes in how the budget will be done in the future. The group also touched on a timeline for possible changes to sanitation discussed at previous meetings as well as issues to be discussed at the retreat. Commissioner Shortell mentioned there's a need to talk about events and the various boards and committees. A brief conversation about events followed. Mr. Bryant fielded several more questions and comments from the BOMC.

Item #6


Public Comment: None

Item #7

Adjournment

- Commissioner Merriam moved to enter executive session for litigation. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.
- Commissioner Merriam moved to exit executive session. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.
- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adjourn. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED OCTOBER 26TH, 2022



Gina Hill, City Clerk