

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13TH, 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

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to remove item #6 from the agenda. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.
- Commissioner Laratte moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

Commissioner Merriam asked if the removed item would be discussed in a work session before being placed on a regular meeting agenda. Mayor Elmore said that it would.

Item #3 **Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Development Plan**

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.

There was one comment from Klaus van Den Berg. He spoke about planned developments and the mid-century homes in Avonwood and Majestic Acres.

Item #4 **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Shortell promoted upcoming city events and asked for volunteers to help assemble holiday decorations. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher hoped everyone would participate in upcoming Halloween decorations. He also spoke of all the

accomplishments highlighted in the draft Comprehensive Development Plan. He thanked everyone involved. Mayor Elmore touted the Tiny House Festival the coming weekend.

Item #5 **Resolution to Transmit Draft Comprehensive Development Plan**

This resolution is needed to authorize city staff to send the CDP to the Department of Community Affairs so the review process may begin.

Assistant City Manager Powell gave a presentation about the draft plan. She described the process of putting together the plan, as well as changes made since the last plan was done. She and City Manager Bryant then fielded questions and comments from the BOMC. Members of the Board also discussed the role of the Plan as they chart the future. Commissioner Merriam praised Ms. Powell's work. She felt that other boards should weigh in on plans like this in the future. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #6 **First Reading of Amended Tree Ordinance (REMOVED)**

Changes include specifying the desired canopy coverage at 50% as well as alterations to the tree list.

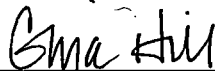
Item #7 Public Comment

Melissa O'Shields asked that beautification of the Columbia Drive entrance into the city be included in the Comprehensive Development Plan. There was discussion about whether the city or county owns various pieces of property in that area. City Attorney Quinn explained how ownership could be determined. Commissioner Merriam asked if bridle paths could be examined at the same time. Commissioner Shortell suggested waiting to discuss this further at the BOMC's strategic planning session in early 2022.

Item #8 Adjournment

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

APPROVED NOVEMBER 10TH, 2021



Gina Hill, City Clerk