

BOARD OF MAYOR
AND COMMISSIONERS

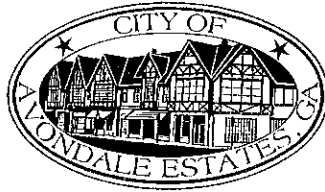
JONATHAN ELMORE
MAYOR

TERRY GIAGER
MAYOR PRO TEM

RANDY BEEBE
COMMISSIONER

LINDSAY FORLINES
COMMISSIONER

JOHN QUINN
COMMISSIONER



R. CLAI BROWN
CITY MANAGER
JULIETTE SIMS-OWENS
CITY CLERK
ROBERT E. WILSON
CITY ATTORNEY
STEPHEN W. NICHOLAS
CITY JUDGE

BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

February 23, 2015

7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Terry Giager, Mayor Pro Tem
John Quinn, Commissioner
Randy Beebe, Commissioner

Members Absent: Lindsay Forlines, Commissioner

Staff Present: Clai Brown, City Manager
Juliette Sims-Owens, City Clerk
Oscar Griffin, Director of Public Works
Gary Broden, Chief of Police

- Item No. 1 Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Giager.
- Item No. 2 Invocation (Commissioner Quinn)
- Item No. 3 Pledge to the Flag
- Item No. 4 Adoption of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Beebe, seconded by Commissioner Quinn, passed with all ayes (3-0).

Item No. 5 Approval of Minutes

October 1, 2014, Special Called Work Session *re: Annexation*
October 15, 2014 Regular Work Session
October 20, 2014 Regular Meeting
October 27, 2015 Special Called Meeting
November 17, 2014 Regular Meeting
December 3, 2014 Special Called Work Session
December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting
January 5, 2015 Special Called Meeting *re: Resolution for Annexation*
January 21, 2015 Regular Work Session
January 26, 2015 Public Hearing *re: Conditional Use Permit Application for Mingei World Arts*
January 26, 2015 Regular Meeting

A motion to engross and approve the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Quinn, seconded by Commissioner Beebe, passed with all ayes (3-0).

Item No. 6

Commissioner Updates - Subjects of General Interest and Concern

Commissioner Quinn stated that he attended the Arbor Day event this past week and noted that the City celebrated its 31st year as being a Tree City. City staff attended the event, as well as members of the garden club; a tree was planted in memory of one of their members who passed away. Commissioner Quinn stated that he appreciated the opportunity to attend.

Commissioner Beebe thanked everyone who attended the candidate's forum, it was standing room only.

Mayor Pro Tem Giager thanked the Tree Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee for the great work they did on the recommendation for a residential tree ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Giager recognized each of the members. Mayor Pro Tem Giager noted that Commissioner Forlines is not in attendance tonight because she has a sick child. Mayor Pro Tem Giager stated he wanted to address one issue that needs to be put on public record. Mayor Pro Tem Giager stated that at the candidates forum there was an issue brought up about transparency, there was talk about secret meetings and violations of the Sunshine Act and as the interim acting Mayor, he noted that he has been in office for five years, and has never been aware of any secret meetings or participated in one, their board works together and he can vouch for Commissioner's Quinn, Forlines and Beebe that they have never had any secret meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Giager noted that the board has had attorney's on the board for the past five years since he has been in office and he guarantees attorneys are not going to break any laws and there were no violations of the Sunshine Act and he would suggest people read it and see what it involves and tonight he stands and defends this board and what they stand for and how they operate.

Item No. 7

Monthly Report by the City Manager Concerning the Status of Matters in Progress and Upcoming Issues and Events

City Manager Brown gave the following monthly report:

- City Manager Brown welcomed Chief Broden and Oscar Griffin, Director of Public Works to the meeting.
- City Manager Brown read a letter thanking the Clerk, Police Department and the Public Works Department for outstanding service.
- Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 3rd here at City Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm. Representative Karla Drenner will be holding a Town Hall meeting to discuss legislative issues.
- Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 5th here at City Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. DeKalb County Interim CEO Lee May will be doing a Town Hall meeting to discuss his outlook for 2015 and most importantly addressing questions, comments and concerns on County related issues.
- The City is launching a branding and website project. The first step is to see how in-depth we must go with the branding for the City. Residents, businesses and business owners are encouraged to take a brief online survey by the end of Friday, March 13. The link went out in the City e-news today. The survey will also be available in the upcoming newsletter. After that, the City will start working on the new website which will improve City efficiency by expanding City services offered online and allowing site visitors to more quickly and easily find answers to their questions.
- City Manager Brown thanked the Avondale Women's Club for their donation to the Avondale Estates Citizen's Patrol.

Item No. 8

Citizens' Comments

"It's another beautiful day in Avondale Estates" - Thomas P. Samford

Mary Ann Anziano, 3242 Wiltshire Drive welcomed Emory Students to the meeting tonight, they are doing a classroom project on government.

The board welcomed the students.

Betty Jones, 10 Lakeview Place, spoke about a dog found at Walmart and commended Chris Hughes for taking care of the dog.

Andy Larocco, 41 Wiltshire Drive spoke about annexation, storm water issues and asked for the board to reconsider proceeding with a feasibility study.

Joe Anziano, 3242 Wiltshire Drive spoke about how proud he is of the BOMC and the work they have done.

Lisa Shortell, 6 Clarendon Place asked what would be the cost for an outside feasibility study.

Mayor Pro Tem Giager stated the board looked at the numbers and it would be around \$20K and they did not feel it was worth it and they believed in our City staff that they could do a better analysis.

Item No. 9

Old Business:

- a) Second of Three Readings of Sign Ordinance Amendment to Address Office Directory Signs.

Mayor Pro Tem Giager read the second of three readings of the sign ordinance amendment to address office directory signs. Mayor Pro Tem Giager noted that one more reading and the board can vote on the ordinance.

Item No. 10

New Business:

- a) Annual Evaluation of City Manager Employment Agreement

Mayor Pro Tem Giager stated that this is the Annual Evaluation of City Manager Brown's Employment Agreement. The board commended City Manager Brown on the outstanding job he does for the City.

A motion to approve the Annual Evaluation of City Manager Employment Agreement was made by Commissioner Quinn, seconded by Commissioner Beebe, passed with all ayes (3-0).

b) 2015 Community Promotion Program (CPP)

Mayor Pro Tem Giager stated that the board discussed this item at the work session last week and they felt the following applications should be approved for funding for the 2015 Community Promotion Program (CPP). The board thanked all the applicants who applied.

AutumnFest 2015, \$6K
Avondale Estates Farmers Market, \$4K
Rail Arts District (RAD 2016), \$5K

A motion to approve the Community Promotion Agreements for AutumnFest 2015, \$6K, Avondale Estates Farmers Market, \$4K, and the Rail Arts District (RAD 2016), \$5K was made by Commissioner Beebe, seconded by Commissioner Quinn, passed with all ayes (3-0).

c) Piedmont Preservation Agreement for Consultant Services for Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and Architectural Review Board (ARB).

Mayor Pro Tem Giager noted that Monica and Ken Kocher do a great job as the consultants for the HPC and ARB.

A motion to approve the Piedmont Preservation Agreement for Consulting Services for Historic Preservation Commission and Architectural Review Board was made by Commissioner Quinn, seconded by Commissioner Beebe, passed with all ayes (3-0).

d) Ethics Board Appointment

Mayor Pro Tem Giager noted that the Ethics Board has one board opening for an attorney due to the resignation of Donald Horace. Mayor Pro Tem Giager noted that one application was received from Patrick O'Connor and the Ethics Board recommends that he be appointed to the board.

Mayor Pro Tem Giager noted that he agrees with the recommendation of the Ethics Board that Patrick O'Connor be appointed to the board. This appointment is made by the Mayor.

e) Ethics Ordinance Resolution – Georgia Certified City

Mayor Pro Tem Giager stated that the City is scheduled to recertify in 2015 as a Georgia Certified City and to remain certified, the City must submit to the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) a resolution signed by the BOMC readopting the five ethics principles.

A motion to approve the Ethics Ordinance Resolution to recertify the City was made by Commissioner Quinn, seconded by Commissioner Beebe, passed with all ayes (3-0).

f) Resolution in Support of SB63, The "Beer Jobs Bill"

Mayor Pro Tem Giager stated that the house has a bill before it, SB 63, to allow manufacturers of malt beverages to make limited retail sales of malt beverages. Mayor Pro Tem Giager stated that a request was made by Wild Heaven Brewery asking the BOMC to review the bill and do a resolution and get it to the general assembly.

A motion to approve the Resolution in Support of SB63, The "Beer Jobs Bill" was made by Commissioner Quinn, seconded by Commissioner Beebe, passed with all ayes (3-0).

Item No. 11 Announcements (Commissioner Quinn)

- The Rail Arts District (R.A.D.) Studio Cruise 2015 will be held on Sunday, March 15th from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. FREE trolley service is back again this year! For more information and the schedule of events, visit www.railartsdistrict.com.
- The Special Election to fill the Unexpired Term and Vacancy of Mayor will be held on Tuesday, March 17th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall.
- State of the City will be held on Monday, March 30th at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- We regretfully announce the death of:
Gregory Clough, 51 Chelsea Court
Walter Lee Bishop, 51 Devon Lane
William "Dave" Skinner, 67 Dartmouth Avenue

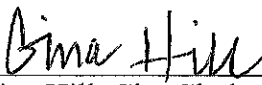
Item No. 13 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. was made by Commissioner Beebe, seconded by Commissioner Quinn; passed with all ayes (3-0).

APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF MARCH 2015


Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:


Gina Hill, City Clerk

Current Mayor Jonathan Elmore signed in lieu of former mayor Ed Rieker.