



City of Smyrna

2800 King Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, April 2, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mayor Max Bacon, Councilmember Derek Norton, Councilmember Maryline Blackburn, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson and Councilmember Ron Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Charles Welch

Also Present: 9 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Scott Cochran, Scott Andrews, Terri Graham, Lisa Ochoa, Dan Campbell, David Lee, Ken Suddreth and Ashley Youmans

Call to Order

Mayor A. Max Bacon called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:06 PM.

1. Invocation and Pledge:

The Invocation and Pledge was led by Pastor Ken Wagner of Life Church Smyrna Assembly of God located at 4100 King Springs Road.

2. Agenda Changes:

Mayor Bacon announced there was one agenda change, which was to add item 6 (E) to Formal Business.

A. Suspend the rules to add an item to formal business item 6 (E).

A motion was made by Councilmember Derek Norton to suspend the rules and add an item to formal business 6 (E), seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel. The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Welch

B. Approval to add an item to delay the implementation date of the Hands Free Ordinance to July 2, 2018 to Formal Business 6 E

A motion was made by Councilmember Derek Norton to add an item to delay the implementation date of the Hands Free Ordinance to July 2, 2018 to Formal Business 6 E, seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel.

The motion to approve the implementation date carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Welch

3. Mayoral Report:

Mayor Bacon asked if there were any candidates present that wanted to speak. There were none.

Mayor Bacon announced Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch was unable to attend the meeting due to vacation plans.

4. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

There were no Land Issues, Zonings or Annexation

5. Privilege Licenses:

There were no Privilege License requests.

6. Formal Business:

A. Consideration and adoption of Personnel Policy BEN 6-0 Longevity Pay, effective 7/1/2018 and authorize the Mayor to execute related document

Sponsors: Blackburn

Mayor Bacon gave the background for the consideration of adoption of Personnel Policy BEN 6-0 Longevity Pay and asked that it be tabled until the April 16, 2018 meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to table item 2018-39 for the adoption of Personnel Policy BEN 6-0 Longevity Pay, seconded by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn.

The motion to table carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Welch

B. Approval of the re-appointment of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) members for the 2018-2019 term to begin April 2018 for the following members: Kevin Drawe, Jim Duelder, Larry Freeman, Kimberly Gangemi, Travis Lindley, Dianne Rasin and Jason Saliba, with Mayor Max Bacon serving as Chairman. The term will expire April 2019.

Sponsors: Fennel

Mayor Bacon gave the background for the approval of reappointment of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) members for the 2018-2019 term to begin April 2018 for the following members: Kevin Drawe, Jim Duelder, Larry Freeman, Kimberly Gangemi, Travis Lindley, Dianne Rasin and Jason Saliba, with Mayor Max Bacon serving as Chairman. The term will expire April 2019.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to re-appoint the Development Authority (DDA) members for the 2018-2019 term to begin April 2018 for the following

members: Kevin Drawe, Jim Duelmer, Larry Freeman, Kimberly Gangemi, Travis Lindley, Dianne Rasin and Jason Saliba, with Mayor Max Bacon serving as Chairman. The term will expire April 2019, seconded by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn. The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Welch

C. Approval of the Ward 2 appointment of Phoebe Frank to the Smyrna Tree Board to fulfill term to expire August 2020

Sponsors: Blustein

Mayor Bacon gave the background for the approval of the Ward 2 appointment of Phoebe Frank to the Smyrna Tree Board to fulfill the term to expire August 2020.

A motion was made by Councilmember Andrea Blustein to approve Ward 2 appointment of Phoebe Frank to the Smyrna Tree Board to fulfill the term to expire August 2020, seconded by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Welch

D. Authorize the acquisition of real property, by all lawful means, for 601 Windy Hill Road and a portion of 2390 Old Spring Road. This authorization includes adopting a Resolution and Declaration of Taking for each parcel.

Sponsors: City Council

Mayor Bacon called on City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones to give the background. The item would authorize the acquisition of real property, by all lawful means, for 601 Windy Hill Road and a portion of 2390 Old Spring Road. This authorization included adopting a Resolution and Declaration of Taking, if necessary, for parcels that are not purchased through negotiated sale. Ms. Saddler Jones stated staff recommended approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve the authorization of the acquisition of real property, by all lawful means, for 601 Windy Hill Road and a portion of 2390 Old Spring Road. This authorization includes adopting a Resolution and Declaration of Taking for each parcel, seconded by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Fennel

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Wilkinson

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Welch

E. Delay the implementation date of the Hands free ordinance to July 2, 2018

Mayor Bacon called on Councilmember Derek Norton to give the background. Councilmember Norton explained the agenda item would delay the effective date for the Hands Free Ordinance until July 2, 2018. When the City passed the Ordinance in January of this year the effective date was slated for April 2, 2018. Since that time, the state legislature passed a law that the governor is expected to sign July 1, 2018. Upon his signing, the City's Ordinance would no longer be needed because this would become a state wide law. Mr. Norton shared that he personally became invested in this and worked hard at the Capital to see this endeavor through. The Bill was voted on at 11:40 PM on the last day of Session and passed. Mr. Norton expressed his pride in the City of Smyrna for taking the lead in ensuring the safety of all citizens. This law would now help unify Municipalities pertaining to the use of hand held devices while driving.

A motion was made by Councilmember Derek Norton to approve the delay for the effective start date of the Hands Free Ordinance implementation until July 2, 2018, seconded by Councilmember Andrea Blustein.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Welch

7. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no Commercial Building Permits.

8. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilmember Derek Norton to approve the Consent Agenda as read aloud by City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones, seconded by Councilmember Andrea Blustein.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Welch

A. Approval of the March 19, 2018 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the March 19, 2018 Pre Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: City Council

C. Approval of the March 15, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

9. Committee Reports:

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson announced that Ms. Mary Moore, Director of the Smyrna Public Library would be hosting author, Ms. Melissa Beck, as part of the Sunday Lecture Series. Ms. Beck's book, "The Blue Ridge Scenic Railroad", would take attendees on an armchair trip through North Georgia on April 15, 2018 hosted by the Friends of Smyrna Library. On Monday, April 23, 2018, at 11 AM, Smyrna Library

would like to invite the public to a free one hour Money Smart Workshop. Ms. Wilkinson added that this would be held in conjunction with the Money Smart Week and a Professor from Fifth 3rd Bank would speak concerning, slashing debt, budgeting and using credit wisely.

Councilmember Ron Fennel advised that the Finance committee had been working towards completing the final FY19 budget and would publish the dates for citizen input at the appropriate time. Mr. Fennel reported that Community Relations presented a social media policy that would assist with how the City communicates internally and externally and this proposed policy would be presented at the next Council Meeting, April 16, 2018. Councilmember Fennel announced that the City of Smyrna would host the next Cobb Municipal Association meeting (CMA), at the Reed House on April 10, 2018. The meeting is slated to include legislative information enacted upon and pending.

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones announced there would be a Splost funded Windy Hill Road Project Public Information meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Community Center in the large gym and the public is encouraged to attend.

10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no Show Cause Hearings.

11. Citizen Input:

There was no Citizen's Input.

12. Adjournment:

Mayor A. Max Bacon adjourned the meeting of the Mayor and Council at 7:21 PM.