



Meeting Minutes - Final
City Council

Monday, November 4, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Max Bacon, Councilmember Derek Norton, Councilmember Maryline Blackburn, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson and Councilmember Tim Gould

Also Present: 8 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Scott Cochran, Scott Andrews, Terri Graham, Russell Martin, Dan Campbell, Landon O'Neal and Tina Monaghan

Call to Order

Mayor A. Max Bacon called the November 4, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Pastor Bush wished Mayor Bacon well on his future endeavors and thanked him for all that he has done for the community during his years of service.

Pastor Richard L. Bush, Mt. Zion Baptist Church (1789 Hawthorne Ave) delivered the Invocation and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

There were no agenda changes.

3. Mayoral Report:

Mayor Bacon announced that November 5th was Election Day and encouraged everyone to get out and exercise their right to vote.

A. [2019-327](#)

Proclamation in Recognition of Veterans Day Poppy Weekend (Nov 9-10, 2019)

Sponsors: Welch

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch read aloud the proclamation.

Ms. Cheryl Waybright, from American Legion Post 160 Auxiliary Unit was present to accept the proclamation. She said a few words including announcing that on the 9th and 10th of November, they will be distributing the poppies at the Kroger as well as Walmart. The poppies represent much of what has been given individually as well as a nation.

Mr. Welch presented the proclamation to Ms. Waybright and photos were taken.

B. [2019-398](#) Proclamation in Recognition of Small Business Saturday, November 30, 2019

Sponsors: Gould

Councilmember Tim Gould read aloud the proclamation in recognition of Small Business Saturday.

Smyrna Business Association past President David Monroe and future President Nic Dixon were present to accept the proclamation. Mr. Dixon spoke about owning a small business and the great job that Smyrna has done over the years of attracting small businesses. November 30, 2019 will be Small Business Saturday in the City of Smyrna.

Mr. Gould presented the proclamation to Mr. Monroe and Mr. Dickson and photos were taken.

4. **Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:**

There were no Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations.

5. **Privilege Licenses:**

A. [2019-376](#) **Public Hearing** - Privilege License Request 2019-376 - Wine Manufacturing and Tastings - 300 Jonquil Drive - Arcanum Ventures LLC dba The Viking Alchemist with Robin Kosoris as agent.

Sponsors: Blustein

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones provided the background information for the agenda item. Mr. Robin Kosoris will be the registered agent responsible for the manufacture and tasting of wine at The Viking Alchemist. He has passed the background check and met all requirements including attending the required class. He agrees to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the City. Staff recommended approval of the privilege license.

Mayor Bacon announced the Public Hearing and no one came forward.

City Attorney Scott Cochran swore in the applicant, Mr. Robin Kosoris.

Councilmember Andrea Blustein asked the applicant some questions about his business.

Mr. Kosoris and his company will make, package, and sell meade at the proposed Smyrna location. He hopes to be open for manufacturing as soon as all permits and licenses are in order. A city license is required to get a state licence and the federal license is already in place. The goal to be open to the public for tastings would be for the fourth anniversary in March.

Councilmember Andrea Blustein made a motion to approve Privilege License Request 2019-376 - Wine Manufacturing and Tastings - 300 Jonquil Drive - Arcanum Ventures LLC dba The Viking Alchemist with Robin Kosoris as agent. Councilmember Derek Norton seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

6. Formal Business:

A. [2019-399](#)

Approval of Mayor's Re-appointment to the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board, Liz Davis. This is a four-year term to expire December 2023.

Sponsors: Bacon

Mayor Bacon said a few words about the wonderful job that Ms. Liz Davis has done over the years. Since this is an appointee of the Mayor, he asked a Councilmember to please make a motion.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Mayor's Re-appointment to the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board, Liz Davis. This is a four-year term to expire December 2023. Councilmember Derek Norton seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

B. [2019-400](#)

Approval of Ward 6 Re-appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Paula Weeks. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

Sponsors: Gould

Councilmember Gould spoke of Ms. Paula Weeks dedication to the community.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve the Ward 6 Re-appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Paula Weeks. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

C. [2019-401](#)

Approval of Ward 6 Re-appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, Michael Seagraves. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

Sponsors: Gould

Mr. Gould stated that Mr. Seagraves has been a great addition to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve the Ward 6 Re-appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, Michael Seagraves. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Derek Norton seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

D. [2019-407](#)

Approval of Ward 4 Re-appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Tom Sconzo. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

Sponsors: Welch

Councilmember Welch talked about the great job that Mr. Sconzo has done on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch made a motion to approve the Ward 4 Re-appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Tom Sconzo. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Tim Gould seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

E. [2019-408](#)

Approval of Ward 4 Re-appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, Earl Rice. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

Sponsors: Welch

Mr. Welch noted that Mr. Earl Rice took over when the boundaries of his ward had changed and has been a valuable addition to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch made a motion to approve the Ward 4 Re-appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, Earl Rice. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Tim Gould seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

F. [2019-409](#)

Approval of Ward 4 Re-appointment to the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board, Karleen McNabb. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

Sponsors: Welch

Mr. Welch mentioned that Ms. McNabb has been his appointee to the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board for the past eight years and has done a wonderful job representing Ward 4.

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch made a motion to approve the Ward 4 Re-appointment to the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board, Karleen McNabb. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Derek Norton seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

7. Commercial Building Permits:

- A. [2019-396](#) Issuance of a commercial building permit for construction of a warehouse for Perfect Turf Landscaping - 1380 Spring Street - Paulding Commercial Builders, Inc.

Sponsors: Blackburn

According to Ms. Saddler Jones, this agenda item covers a commercial building permit that will be located at 1380 Spring Street for a business by the name of Perfect Turf Landscaping.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn asked if there were any questions and there were not. She also asked if the applicant was present and they were not at the meeting.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn made a motion to approve the issuance of a commercial building permit for construction of a warehouse for Perfect Turf Landscaping - 1380 Spring Street - Paulding Commercial Builders, Inc. Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

8. Consent Agenda:

Ms. Tammi Saddler Jones read aloud the consent agenda for Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Derek Norton made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read aloud by City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones. Councilmember Tim Gould seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

- A. [2019-406](#) Approval of the October 21, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting minutes.
- B. [2019-373](#) Approval of the October 21, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting minutes.
- C. [2019-403](#) Approval of the October 17, 2019 Committee of The Whole Meeting minutes.
- D. [2019-374](#) Approval of 18th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration(s) in the Market

Village Saturday, on March 14, 2020 11:00 am - 11:00 pm (music ending at 10:00 p.m.), Sunday, March 15, 2020 11:00 am - 10:00 pm and Tuesday, March 17, 2020 3:00 pm until 10:00 pm. with request for set up to begin on Friday, March 13, 2020 beginning at 7:00 am. with reopening at midnight on Sunday along with use of the traffic circle in the Market Village for the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, March 17 with associated closure requested for 10:00 a.m. until reopening at 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17.

Sponsors: Welch

E. [2019-377](#)

Approval of Atkins Park Annual Crawfish Boil Saturday, April 25, 2020, from 11:00 am - 11:00 pm and Sun., April 26, 2020, from 11:00 am -10:00 pm., a two-day, outdoor New Orleans style Crawfish and music-centered event. Approval is also requested for placement of a beer trailer/station at the intersection of W. Spring Street and King Street (pavers across from City Hall) to sell to persons attending the Spring Jonquil Festival which is managed by JRM Management on the same dates.

Sponsors: Welch

F. [2019-404](#)

Approve the closing of the following streets for the Smyrna Parks and Recreation's Home for the Holidays: Bank & Stephens (at the dentist parking); W. Spring St. (at the Gazebo); Bank at Village Walk; Village Green Circle at Atlanta Road; Community Center parking lot entrance from Village Green; and library parking at Village from 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

Sponsors: Bacon

G. [2019-402](#)

Approval to use Council Chambers for Smyrna Market Village HOA Meeting, Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Sponsors: Blackburn

9. Committee Reports:

Councilmember Tim Gould encouraged everyone to get out and vote. He spoke about a group of involved citizens who along with the Community Development Department worked for over a year on a Tree Ordinance which will benefit the City's tree canopy.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson invited everyone out to the Veteran's Day ceremony that will take place on Monday, November 11th at 11am at the Veteran's Memorial Park on the corner of Bank Street and King Street.

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch thanked everyone who came out to the Keep Smyrna Beautiful 35th Anniversary celebration. He also encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn welcomed new City employees. She congratulated Keep Smyrna Beautiful on their 35th anniversary. Ms. Blackburn thanked the Tree Board for the tree scarves project. She concluded her report by encouraging everyone to get out and exercise their right to vote.

Councilmember Andrea Blustein reminded everyone that polling stations would be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm and that they should get out and vote.

Councilmember Norton encouraged everyone to get out and exercise their right to vote.

10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no show cause hearings.

11. Citizen Input:

Ms. Andrea Blustein, 2407 Country Park, would love the opportunity to serve one more four year term and to continue working with the residents of Ward 2.

Mr. Steven Jones, 2823 Spring Drive, encouraged the citizens to get out and vote for Mr. Derek Norton for Mayor. He spoke about some of the accomplishments that Mr. Norton has done as the Ward 1 representative.

Mr. Ryan Campbell, 2004 White Cypress Court, spoke about his history in the City of Smyrna. He is running for Mayor and encouraged everyone to get out and vote on November 5th.

Ms. Susan Wilkinson, 2805 Stone Creek Road, spoke about running for re-election and encouraged everyone to get out and vote. She looks forward to another term serving the residents of Ward 5.

Ms. Maryline Blackburn, 1034 Huntington Trace, spoke of her history here in Smyrna and Georgia and about her accomplishments so far as the representative for Ward 3. She asked for support and votes for re-election for Ward 3.

Mr. George Mercurius, 5000 Ridgehurst Drive, paid tribute to the Mayor. He thanked him for his work to make the City what it is today and wished him well on his future endeavors.

Mayor Bacon reminded everyone to get out and vote.

12. Adjournment:

Mayor Bacon adjourned the November 4, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting at 7:44 PM.