



Meeting Minutes - Preliminary
City Council

Monday, December 18, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Max Bacon, Councilmember Derek Norton, Councilmember Maryline Blackburn, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Doug Stoner and Councilmember Ron Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Andrea Blustein

Also Present: 10 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Scott Cochran, Scott Andrews, Terri Graham, David Lee, Ken Suddreth, Russell Martin, Jennifer Bennett, Maxwell Ruppensburg and Ashley Youmans

Call to Order

Mayor A. Max Bacon Called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00 PM

1. Invocation and Pledge:

The invocation was given by Pastor Richard L. Bush of Mt. Zion First Baptist Church located at 1789 Hawthorne Avenue, Smyrna Ga; he then led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

Mayor Bacon announced agenda changes for Items 4 (A) and (B) were to be tabled to January 16, 2018 at the request of the applicant.

3. Mayoral Report:

A. Approval of the recording of the Official City Election Results for the Special Election Run-off for Ward 3 held December 5, 2017.

Sponsors: City Council

The Mayor called City Clerk, Terri Graham to discuss the official city election results for the special run-off election for Ward 3, which was held December 5, 2017. Ms. Graham stated that the general election was held on November 8, 2017 with five candidates. This election required a run-off between Maryline Blackburn and Travis Lindley. The December 5, 2017 election total votes casted were 957. Maryline Blackburn received 53.73% of the vote with total of 511 votes and Travis Lindley received 46.27% of the vote with a total of 440 votes. Maryline Blackburn was the winner of the Ward 3 election.

The Mayor noted that City Councilmember Andrea Blustein was not in attendance for the meeting due to a family emergency.

***Maryline Blackburn would not vote on this item until the election results had been approved to be recorded and she was sworn in as the Council representative for Ward 3.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch to approve the recording of the Official City Election Results for the Special Election Run-off for Ward 3 held December 5, 2017; seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson. The motion for approval carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

B. Swearing in Ceremony to complete the current term of the Ward 3 Council Member seat for Maryline Blackburn by Superior Court Judge Ann Harris

Sponsors: City Council

Mayor A. Max Bacon called Ms. Maryline Blackburn to come forward with her family members and supporters to be sworn in by Cobb County Superior Court Judge Ann B. Harris. Mayor presented Ms. Blackburn with a Bible with her name and the date of the meeting on it. Ms. Blackburn stated thather friend, Chief Magistrate Judge Joyette Holmes would hold the Bible as Judge Harris delivered the oath.

The Mayor commented that he is pleased that the there is a full slate of Councilmembers and that Ward 3 is represented.

Ms. Maryline Blackburn came forward with her family members and supporters to be sworn in by Cobb County Superior Court Judge Ann B. Harris. Mayor presented Ms. Blackburn with a Bible with her name and the date of the meeting on it. Ms. Blackburn stated thather friend, Chief Magistrate Judge Joyette Holmes would hold the Bible as Judge Harris delivered the oath.

C. Proclamation in Recognition of Ms. Betty Hammond for 77 Years of Service at Mount Zion First Baptist Church

Sponsors: Blustein and Blackburn

The Mayor called Betty Hammond, along with Pastor Bush to the podium to be recognized for her 77 years of service at Mount Zion First Baptist Church. Councilmember Blackburn read aloud the proclamation honoring Ms. Hammond. Ms. Blackburn presented the proclamation to Ms. Hammond.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn took her seat on the council and the next item on the agenda was in Ward 3. Ms. Blackburn read aloud the Proclamation recognizing Ms. Betty Hammond for 77 years of service playing the piano at Mount Zion First Baptist Church.

D. Mayor's assignment of Council Committees

Sponsors: Bacon

Mayor Bacon stated that the Committee assignments needed to be changed with the new Councilmember taking their seat. He announced the Smyrna City Council Committee Chairman Assignments. The chairman for Finance and Administration & Community Relations is Councilmember Ron Fennel. The chairman for Human

Resources and Court Services Chairman is Councilmember Maryline Blackburn. The chairman for Public Works, Keep Smyrna Beautiful, Historical Review and Cemetery is Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch. The chairman for Community Development, Alcohol Beverage/Annexation/Economic Development & Redevelopment is Councilmember Doug Stoner. The chairman for Parks & Recreation and Library is Councilmember Susan Wilkinson. The chairman for Public Safety; Police/Fire/E-911 is Councilmember Derek Norton. The chairman for the Vision Committee is Councilmember Andrea Blustein.

4. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

- A. Public Hearing - Zoning Request Z17-013 - Rezoning from R-15 to RAD-Conditional for the development of four single-family residences at a density of 3.39 units per acre - 1.18 Acres - Land Lot 593 - 1505 & 1515 Spring Street - Neighborhood Commercial, LLC**

Sponsors: Blackburn

The Mayor reiterated that the Public Hearing for this item is to be tabled until the January 16, 2018 meeting. He asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak on the issue and no one came forward.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn to table zoning request Z17-013, Rezoning from R-15 to RAD-Conditional for the development of four single-family residences at a density of 3.39 units per acre for 1.18 Acres on Land Lot 593 at 1505 & 1515 Spring Street by Neighborhood Commercial, LLC; seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel.

The motion to table the request carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

- B. Public Hearing - Zoning Request Z17-019 - Special Land Use Permit for the installation of a cell tower - 2.8 Acres - Land Lot 634 - 1700 Roswell Street - Verizon Wireless.**

Sponsors: Blackburn

The Mayor stated that the Public Hearing for this item is to be tabled until the January 16, 2018 meeting. He asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak on the issue and no one came forward.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn to table zoning request 2017-362 - Special Land Use Permit for the installation of a cell tower - 2.8 Acres - Land Lot 634 - 1700 Roswell Street - Verizon Wireless; seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson.

The motion to table the request carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

C. Public Hearing Only - Zoning Request Z17-024 - Rezoning from R-20 to RAD-Conditional for the development of five single-family residences - 1.3 Acres - Land Lots 490 & 519 - 2475, 2485 & 2495 Dixie Avenue - Longo Homes, Inc.

Sponsors: Blackburn

Mayor A. Max Bacon asked City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones to read the background on the request. The applicant, Longo Homes, Inc. is seeking approval of an annexation and rezoning for 2475, 2485 & 2495 Dixie Avenue from R-20 (Cobb County) to RAD-Conditional for the development of five single-family detached residences at a density of 3.82 units per acre. The Planning and Zoning Board heard the request at the November 13, 2017 meeting and made a recommendation for approval by a vote of 6-0. Community Development recommends approval of the rezoning with conditions. Ms. Saddler Jones called Senior Planner Rusty Martin to give additional background information.

The Mayor called anyone who is interested in making a comment about this issue to come forward. There was no one who came to speak for the Public Hearing.

Mr. Martin stated this is an annexation and rezoning from Cobb County. Currently there are 3 single family homes on the property; the proposal is to demolish those homes and build five new homes. This will be 3.82 homes per acre. In the county, this property is low density residential. This rezoning will change the future land use to moderate density residential. The proposed site plan was shown. Each home will front onto Dixie Avenue. There are four requested variances on the request and staff supports the variances. The proposed home elevations were shown. Community Development recommends the rezoning of the subject property with the following conditions:

Standard Conditions

(Requirement #2, 8, 9, 10, and 17 from Section 1201 of the Zoning Code is not applicable)

- 1. The composition of the homes in a residential subdivision shall include a mixture of elements including; but not limited to: brick, stone, shake, hardy plank and stucco. No elevation shall be comprised of 100% hardy plank siding. The residences whose lots abut external roadways shall not be permitted to utilize hardy plank for any elevation facing these roads.*
- 2. There shall be protective covenants on all lots. These protective covenants shall be supplied to the city prior to the issuance of a building permit.*
- 3. The developer shall provide at least 200 square feet of common space per lot. This common space shall be developed with improvements for the residential subdivision such as: gazebos, fountains, recreational/playground equipment or walking trails. The common space shall be controlled and maintained by the Homeowners Association.*
- 4. The retention pond shall be placed and screened appropriately to be unobtrusive to homes inside and outside the development. The storm water detention plan shall be designed to create at least a ten percent reduction in a 100-year storm event. The city engineer shall approve all plans.*
- 5. All utilities within the development shall be underground.*

6. The developer shall be responsible for any traffic improvements (including additional right-of-way dedications) deemed necessary by either the City or the County during construction plan review. Sidewalks shall be provided by the developer inside the subdivision and outside the subdivision adjacent to any public right-of-way consistent with City's requirements for the extent of the development. A grass buffer with a minimum width of 2' shall be provided between the back of curb and sidewalk.

7. No debris may be buried on any lot or common area.

8. The developer will install decorative streetlights within the development, subject to approval by the City Engineer. Utilization of low intensity, environmental type lighting, the illumination of which shall be confined within the perimeter of the subject property through the use of "full-cutoff lighting".

9. The developer will comply with the City's current tree ordinance (unless noted elsewhere). All required tree protection measures shall be adhered to by the developer during construction.

10. All landscape plans must be prepared, stamped, and signed by a Georgia Registered Landscape Architect for any common areas or entrances.

11. All yards and common areas are to be sodded, and landscaped. Irrigate as appropriate.

12. All single-family and/or duplex residential lots shall provide the following at the time of certificate of occupancy: either four 3" caliper trees or three 4" caliper trees. The following species of trees may be used: Nuttall Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak, Allee Elm, and Village Green Zelkova. Other species may be used if approved by the City.

Special Conditions

13. The development shall maintain the following setbacks:

Front - 25'

Exterior Side - 10'

Interior Side - 5' (with a minimum of 10' between buildings)

Rear - 30'

14. Driveway - 22' minimum length from building face to private driveway.

15. The development shall be developed with a minimum lot size of 7,500 square feet.

16. The lots shall be developed with a minimum lot width at the setback line of 50'.

17. The homes shall have a minimum floor area of 1,800 sq. ft.

18. The developer shall provide a 5' sidewalk with a 2' grass buffer along Dixie Avenue for the length of the development.

19. All structures will be built to a maximum height of 35' as measured from the sidewalk along the front elevation.

20. The maximum allowable lot coverage for the property shall be limited to 45%.

21. The developer shall be responsible for the installation of all water and sewer lines

in accordance with the requirements of the Public Works Director.

22. No stormwater management facility or portion thereof shall be located on any portion of the proposed lots. The stormwater management facilities shall be solely located on the HOA's property.

23. All trees within the limits of disturbance and not located within a tree protection area must be removed during the land clearing and grading phase of the development.

24. Approval of the subject property for the Residential Attached Detached (RAD) zoning district shall be conditioned upon the development of the property in substantial compliance with the submitted site plan dated 10/13/2017 created by London Patterson Engineering Support Services.

25. The applicant shall be build the homes in substantial compliance with the building elevations submitted and dated 10/13/2017. Approval of any change to the elevations must be obtained from the Director of Community Development.

26. The additional stipulations agreed upon by the applicant in the letter by Garvis Sams submitted and dated on November 7, 2017. If there should be a discrepancy between the stipulations in the November 7, 2017 letter and the stipulations stated above, the stipulations stated above shall apply.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson asked if the homes would be front entry. Mr. Martin stated the homes would be front entries off Dixie Avenue. Ms. Wilkinson asked about the proposed driveway to the right of house number five. Mr. Martin said this was a 20' access easement to allow the homeowners association access to the detention facility if needed for maintenance, it is not an actual driveway.

The Mayor called Mr. Garvis Sams, legal counsel for the applicant, Longo Homes, Inc. to come forward for comment. Mr. Sams welcomed Ms. Blackburn to the council. The application does not seem to have any community opposition to the plan. Mr. Sams invited the council to review the documents presented to them which included the information that was presented and the details of the homes proposed to be built. These are five custom-built, quality homes. There no opposition from Cobb County about the annexation. The applicant is agreeable to all stipulations. The homes will be sold at around \$450,000 - \$550,000. There will be a mandatory homeowners association, which will be managed by a third party. He asked for the council's approval.

Ms. Wilkinson asked if the homes will be a mixture of hardy plank and cement board. Mr. Sams stated it will be a mixture of hardy plank, stacked stone, and other elements.

Public Hearing only, no vote taken. Zoning Request Z17-024 - Rezoning from R-20 to RAD-Conditional for the development of five single-family residences - 1.3 Acres - Land Lots 490 & 519 - 2475, 2485 & 2495 Dixie Avenue - Longo Homes, Inc.

D.

Approval of Ordinance 2017-14 - Annexation request (100% owners requesting annexation) - of all tracts of land lying and being in Land Lots 490 and 519, 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, a total of 1.3 acre tract, being known as 2475, 2485 & 2495 Dixie Avenue, Smyrna, Georgia. Effective date January 1, 2017.

Sponsors: Blackburn

A motion was made by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn to approve Ordinance 2017-14 - Annexation request (100% owners requesting annexation) - of all tracts of land lying and being in Land Lots 490 and 519, 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, a total of 1.3 acre tract, being known as 2475, 2485 & 2495 Dixie Avenue, Smyrna, Georgia. Effective date January 1, 2018. Ward 3 Smyrna; seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel.

The motion for approval carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

- E.** **Final Vote** - Zoning Request Z17-024 - Rezoning from R-20 to RAD-Conditional for the development of five single-family residences - 1.3 Acres - Land Lots 490 & 519 - 2475, 2485 & 2495 Dixie Avenue - Longo Homes, Inc.

Sponsors: Blackburn

A motion was made by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn to approve zoning request Z17-024 - Rezoning from R-20 to RAD-Conditional for the development of five single-family residences - 1.3 Acres - Land Lots 490 & 519 - 2475, 2485 & 2495 Dixie Avenue by Longo Homes, Inc with conditions; seconded by Councilmember Doug Stoner.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

5. Privilege Licenses:

There were no Privilege License hearings.

6. Formal Business:

- A.** Approve the re-appointment of Planning and Zoning Board Members as follows: Tom Bartlett (Ward 1), Leslie Lightfoot (Ward 2), Earl Rice (Ward 4), Denny Campo (Ward 6), and David Monroe (Ward 7), for terms to expire December 2019.

Sponsors: Stoner

A motion was made by Councilmember Doug Stoner to approve the re-appointment of Planning and Zoning Board Members as follows: Tom Bartlett (Ward 1), Leslie Lightfoot (Ward 2), Earl Rice (Ward 4), Denny Campo (Ward 6), and David Monroe (Ward 7), for terms to expire December 2019; seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

B. Approve the re-appointment of Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board Members as follows: Lisa Castleberry (Ward 2), Karleen McNabb (Ward 4) and Eric Dennis (Ward 7), for terms to expire December 2019.

Sponsors: Welch

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch to approve the re-appointment of Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board Members as follows: Lisa Castleberry (Ward 2), Karleen McNabb (Ward 4) and Eric Dennis (Ward 7), for terms to expire December 2019; seconded by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

C. Approve the re-appointment of Parks and Recreation Commission Members as follows: Nicholas Bergeron (Ward 1), Irene Aggrey-Antwi (Ward 2), Tom Sconzo (Ward 4), Paula Weeks (Ward 6), and J. Barrett Carter (Ward 7), for terms to expire December 2019.

Sponsors: Wilkinson

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson to approve the re-appointment of Parks and Recreation Commission Members as follows: Nicholas Bergeron (Ward 1), Irene Aggrey-Antwi (Ward 2), Tom Sconzo (Ward 4), Paula Weeks (Ward 6), and J. Barrett Carter (Ward 7), for terms to expire December 2019; seconded by Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

D. Approval of the Ward 2 appointment of Jane Berman to the Smyrna Tree Board to fulfill term to expire August 2020

Sponsors: Blustein

A motion was made by Councilmember Derek Norton to approve the Ward 2 appointment of Jane Berman to the Smyrna Tree Board to fulfill term to expire August 2020; seconded by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

E. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) budget amendment for staff merit increases

Sponsors: Fennel

The Mayor asked the City Administrator to give the background on the budget amendment. A budget amendment is necessary for staff merit increases effective January 1, 2018. Merit increases are determined based on an employee's job performance appraisal. A budget amendment of up to \$286,000 from general fund contingency is needed for this increase. Applicable taxes are included in the total. It is recommended that this amendment be approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel for approval of the Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) budget amendment for staff merit increases; seconded by Councilmember Doug Stoner.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

F. Approve the amendment to the City of Smyrna's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 entitled "Animals" Article 1, Section 14-11 "Control of Animal" amending (a) "General Control" (2) adding (c) which prohibits tethering of animal.

Sponsors: Fennel

Mayor A. Max Bacon called on Ms. Saddler Jones to read the background. Several years ago, the city began outsourcing animal control services to Cobb County. To ensure the City of Smyrna Code of Ordinances aligns with amendments adopted by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, staff has recommended to amend to Amend Chapter 14 "Animals," by adding language that states, "It shall be unlawful for any owner of a dog to chain, tie, fasten or otherwise tether the dog to a stationary object or pulley run as a means of confinement, except that the dog may be temporarily confined by a tether while attended by its owner." Staff recommends approval.

Councilmember Fennel stated that in order for Cobb County to continue to provide services through the county for the citizens in Smyrna, this ordinance must be adopted.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve the amendment to the City of Smyrna's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 entitled "Animals" Article 1, Section 14-11 "Control of Animal" amending (a) "General Control" (2) adding (c) which prohibits tethering of animal; seconded by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

- G.** Authorize the City of Smyrna to accept and the Mayor to execute the 2018 LMIG, Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant application from the Georgia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$495,374.87 and to supplement this grant with a required 30% match.

Sponsors: Welch

Mayor Bacon asked City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones to provide the background. The Georgia Department of Transportation has informed the City of the availability of an LMIG grant in the amount of \$495,374.87 for the FY 2018. The funding from this grant will allow the city to resurface several streets in 2018. The matching 30% will be matched through the 2016 SPLOST. Public Works recommends approval for the Authorize the City of Smyrna to accept and the Mayor to execute the 2018 LMIG, Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant application from the Georgia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$495,374.87 and to supplement this grant with a required 30% match.

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch to approve and authorize the City of Smyrna to accept and the Mayor to execute the 2018 LMIG, Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant application from the Georgia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$495,374.87 and to supplement this grant with a required 30% match; seconded by Councilmember Doug Stoner.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

- H.** Approval of the 2017 Purchasing Card Policy Manual for the City of Smyrna VISA Purchasing Card Program and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents

Sponsors: Fennel

Mr. Bacon asked Ms. Saddler Jones to read the background on the policy. The Purchasing Card is a VISA program, managed by State of Georgia and Bank of America and monitored by the City of Smyrna. The Purchasing Card has been implemented to provide departments with a more efficient program for making single purchases less than \$5000.00. Staff recommends approval of the Purchasing Card Policy.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve the 2017 Purchasing Card Policy Manual for the City of Smyrna VISA Purchasing Card Program and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents; seconded by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

- I.** Approval of the 2017 City Fuel Card Policy Manual for the City of Smyrna Wright Express Fuel Card Program and authorize the Mayor to sign all

related documents

Sponsors: Fennel

The Mayor called on the City Administrator to provide the background. The WEX Fuel Card program is made available to the City by a contract with the State of Georgia and monitored by the City of Smyrna. The WEX Fuel Card has been implemented to provide employees that are traveling on City business by vehicle with a more convenient way to pay for fuel while on the road. It also offers the City cost savings by exempting all fuel purchases from applicable taxes. Staff recommends approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve the 2017 City Fuel Card Policy Manual for the City of Smyrna Wright Express Fuel Card Program and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents; seconded by Councilmember Derek Norton. The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

- J.** Approval to change the fee schedule for new rental fees for athletic fields and complexes; add rental fees for the Reed House and authorize the mayor to execute any related documents

Sponsors: Wilkinson

The Mayor asked Ms. Saddler Jones to give the background of the fee schedule. Staff requests approval to change the fee schedule for new rental fees for athletic fields and complexes and to add rental fees for the Reed House. These proposed field rental changes and the fees for the Reed House have been reviewed by the Council's Finance, Administration, and Parks and Recreation Committees. Staff recommends approval of the proposed fee schedule changes for the Parks and Recreation Department.

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson to approve the change in the fee schedule for new rental fees for athletic fields and complexes; add rental fees for the Reed House and authorize the mayor to execute any related documents; seconded by Councilmember Doug Stoner.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

7. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no Commercial Building Permits.

8. Consent Agenda:

Mayor Bacon called on City Administrator Tammi Saddler-Jones to read the consent agenda aloud.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve the Consent Agenda as

read aloud by City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones; seconded by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

- A.** Approval of the December 4, 2017 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
Sponsors: City Council
- B.** Approval of the November 30, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Sponsors: City Council
- C.** Approval of renewal with Georgia Municipal Association for 2018 Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage and Administration and authorize Mayor to sign any related documents
Sponsors: Blustein
- D.** Approval to Award RFP 18-006 Concord Road Linear Park Landscape Improvements Phase II to the lowest bidder Ashford Gardeners for \$72,498.21 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.
Sponsors: Welch
- E.** Approval to Award RFP 18-005 Jonquil Park Site Work to the lowest bidder, Integrated Land Design, LLC., CDBG funding for \$58,380.85 and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all related documents.
Sponsors: Wilkinson
- F.** Authorize Atkins Park Tavern to operate a beer/wine/specialty two-item cocktail station, beyond the boundaries of the premises (of Atkins Park Tavern) covered by the license, at the Smyrna Ugly Christmas Sweater Block Party & Movie Night event in the downtown area Wednesday, December 20, 2017 (5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.) at an assigned vendor space within the approved event. The exact location of the cocktail/drink station is to be within the food service area for the event, from W Spring Street to Village Green traffic circle, and from Village Walk/Bank Street to King Street SE. Streets closed during the event will be King Street in front of the Veteran's Memorial, from Bank Street to Village Green Circle in front of Community Center.
Sponsors: Wilkinson

9. Committee Reports:

Councilmember Derek Norton began by congratulating new Councilmember Blackburn

as a new member of the Council. He read a note from the previous Councilmember, Ms. Teri Anulewicz, adding her congratulations to Ms. Blackburn. Mr. Norton mentioned the "Hands-free" ordinance and showed a magnetic device that connects to the vents in a car so that drivers can place their phones there and be hands free. These will be handed out by Smyrna Police to drivers who are pulled over and don't have a similar device. The devices have the Smyrna Police logo on them and Mr. Norton thanked Chief Lee for acquiring them. He also wished everyone a happy, safe Holiday season.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn expressed her excitement to be working with and on the Smyrna City Council. She thanked her supporters and family for their work in getting her elected. She congratulated Travis Lindley for conducting a "spirited" campaign; she thanked him for his service to Smyrna and stated she looks forward to working with him on Ward 3 issues. Finally she thanked the citizens of Ward 3 for electing the first African-American to the Council. She pledged to work diligently for the City. She looks forward to working with all members of the Council. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch announced "Bring One for the Chipper" on January 6, 2018 at Home Depot on Cumberland Boulevard to recycle undecorated Christmas trees. From Public Works, Mr. Welch gave the Holiday trash pickup for the Holiday weeks; specific dates are on the City website. He added that the City will only pickup limbs on the right-of-way that are less than 6' long and 8' in diameter. He also gave a welcome to Ms. Blackburn.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson congratulated Ms. Blackburn and welcomed her to the Council. She announced two events on December 19, 2017 at the Library. At 10:30, there will be a "Block Party" for children from 0 – 24 months. The library will have age appropriate blocks for each child to play with. At 4:00, the Library will host "Tinker Tuesday" for children aged 5-12 with accompanying adult. Ms. Wilkinson also announced the rescheduled "Ugly Sweater Block Party and Movie Night" on December 20th from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. There will be a public meeting on January 25, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Community Center regarding plans for North Cooper Lake Park.

Councilmember Doug Stoner also welcomed Ms. Blackburn to the Council.

Councilmember Ron Fennel wished the Finance Director, Kristin Robinson a good recovery from an elective surgery and thanked her for her work in the Finance Department. He thanked Troop 554 of the Boy Scouts for allowing him to speak to them. He is proud of the future leaders. He thanked Chief Lee and the others in the field who helped kick off the Team Georgia, Safe Holiday Campaign for Safe and Sober driving.

Mr. Fennel mentioned that staff has been working with the US Post Office to allow Smyrna citizens that are in zip code 30126, a Mableton zip code, to be able to use Smyrna, GA 30126 as their address. Mr. Fennel stated that this has been approved. Mr. Fennel also noted the historical significance of having Councilmember on the Council.

Councilmember Blackburn thanked the Council and invited people to come to a celebration after the meeting at Atkins Park Restaurant.

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones also welcomed Ms. Blackburn to the Council and looks forward to working with her. Ms. Saddler Jones sent her condolences to the Library Director, Mary Moore on the death of her mother recently. She wished the

Citizens of Smyrna and the staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

City Attorney Scott Cochran added his welcome to Ms. Blackburn. He has enjoyed working with her already. He noted that her swearing in was one of the most moving and special he has seen.

City Clerk Terri Graham also welcomed Ms. Blackburn. They have been working together to prepare for the Council Meeting and she has enjoyed working with her. Ms. Graham wished her a great two year term. She wished everyone Happy New Year.

Mayor A. Max Bacon stated he was excited to have Ms. Blackburn on the Council. He believes she will bring a new perspective to the community. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a very safe holiday season.

10. Show Cause Hearings:

11. Citizen Input:

Allegra Goodman, 3847 Plumcrest Road, Smyrna, stated she is in favor of the hands-free ordinance and supports it. She stated she has traveled areas with these ordinances and feels it is a safer place to drive.

Scott Arnold, 999 Pinfeather Court, Lawrenceville, is in favor of the hands-free ordinance. He is a motorcycle driver and has noticed and photographed people using their phones while driving.

Tom Bartlett, 3270 Isoline Way, Smyrna, also is in favor of the hands-free ordinance.

Nicholas Bergeron, 2153 Nancy Circle, Smyrna, adds his approval of the proposed hands-free ordinance. He observes many people who are distracted while driving.

Richard Shannon, 2060 Nancy Circle, Smyrna, believes the hands-free ordinance will make the streets safer for drivers and pedestrians.

Angie Fees, 4015 Kenway Place, Smyrna, spoke in support of the hands-free ordinance. She thanked Councilmember Norton and the Council for being pro-active on this ordinance.

Six (6) individuals signed up to speak for citizens input.

12. Adjournment:

Mayor A. Max Bacon adjourned the meeting of the Mayor and Council at 8:22 PM.