



City of Smyrna

2800 King Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Meeting Minutes - Final Committee of the Whole

Thursday, October 31, 2019

2:00 PM

Library Meeting Room
100 Village Green Circle
Smyrna, GA 30080

1. Roll Call

Council: Mayor A. Max Bacon, Charles "Corkey" Welch, Andrea Blustein, Maryline Blackburn 2:11 pm, Derek Norton

Absent: Susan Wilkinson

Staff: Tammi Saddler Jones (City Administrator), Scott Andrews (Assistant City Administrator), Christy Ullman (Ex. Asst. to the M&C), Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Mary K. Arvin (Admin. Svc. Coord.), Terri Graham, Landon O'Neal, Richard Garland, Mary Moore, Jennifer Bennett

Guests: Greg Teague (Croy Engineering)

2. Call to Order

Mayor Max Bacon called the October 31, 2019 Committee of the Whole Board Meeting to order at 2:00 pm

3. New Business

A. Review of the November 4, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting Agenda

2019-327 Proclamation in Recognition of Veterans Day Poppy Weekend (Nov 9-10, 2019). Suggested staff and council bring \$1.00 to support this cause.

2019-398 Proclamation in Recognition of Small Business Saturday, November 30, 2019. David Monroe, SBA will be accepting proclamation.

Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

Privilege Licenses:

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. The company will open in January for producing alcohol; they also have a location in Marietta, GA.

Formal Business:

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Commercial Building Permits:

2019-396 Issuance of a commercial building permit for construction of a warehouse for Perfect Turf Landscaping - 1380 Spring Street - Paulding Commercial Builders, Inc. This is a small warehouse a couple thousand square feet under construction at the corner of Atlanta Road and Spring Street, across from ATT; they are eight weeks out on completion.

Consent Agenda:

2019-406 Approval of the October 21, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting minutes.

2019-373 Approval of the October 21, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting minutes.

2019-403 Approval of the October 17, 2019 Committee of The Whole Meeting minutes.

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. Mayor Bacon consented to make an honorary appearance at the celebration.

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.

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.

2019-402 Approval to use Council Chambers for Smyrna Market Village HOA Meeting, Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm.

4. City Administrator's Report

City Administrator's Report:

On Tuesday, October 29, 2019, the tree ordinance proposed amendment information was emailed to all Council members by Rusty Martin, the packet included the staff memo, a summary, the summary of the changes, and a scenario matrix to say residential property owners are aware of current changes and requirements. One amendment proposed is residents must get a permit to cut down trees in their yard. Mayor Bacon suggested Council to thoroughly read the proposed ordinance in order to resolve this issue by the end of the 2019 year. Council will review this issue over the next Committee of the Whole Board meeting and present any questions. A lot of items were discussed in previous Planning and Zoning Board meetings and there was a split vote; everyone wanted to see change. Future plans are to save trees and protect the community without doing anything unreasonable that ends up hurting the homeowners. Many trees have been leveled at the King Springs elementary school by the Cobb County school board; over 250 healthy trees were cut down.

Sunday, November 2, 2019 is the Keep Smyrna Beautiful 35th anniversary celebration held in the Smyrna Community Center at 3:00 pm.

The Fire Department will be celebrating their 120th anniversary on November 16, 2019 at 10:00 am at Station One. City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones will send out information about the 120 year history.

Census will hold an event on Saturday, November 9, 2019, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. We're partnering with the county and Census folks to hold an event at Camp Chuck Park. There will be activities, food, fun, and giveaways. We want people to engage us and see why Census matters and how it impacts them. This is a community event to target an area with lowest turnout rates. Attending will be folks from the county, census, and diverse multiple language translators will be available.

The Veterans Day ceremony will be held Monday, November 11, 2019 at 11:00 am at the Veterans Memorial park.

Upcoming voting on November 3, 2019: Friday, November 1, 2019 was the last day of voting. There will be no voting on Monday, November 4, but all precincts will be open from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Tabulations will be put up on all the doors at the end when voters get through at each precinct. The official tabulation will not actually be released until after they've had a chance to put the absentee ballots and all the early votes together. We are using paper ballots and have 839 votes cast to date. In the event of a run-off, voting will occur on the same day as "Coming Home for the Holidays"; Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Provisions for reserved parking have been made at the Smyrna Community Center, so voters can get in and out. The county has been contacted about this conflict.

There was an effort by numbers of different groups to provide renovations completed at the Smyrna Library. The carpet was replaced four years ago, and the Public Works Department came up with the money to put in the wainscoting and paint, and the CIP budget paid for the new window treatments and the new chairs were purchased from the 2019 fiscal year budget. Two months ago, the Smyrna "Friends" of the library

supplied the new audio visual equipment and the overhead projector with microphone.

A retirement reception was held for Council member Ron Fennel on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at Atkins Park, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

5. Adjournment

The October 31, 2019 Committee of the Whole Board meeting was adjourned by Mayor Max Bacon at 2:34 pm.