



# City of Smyrna

2800 King Street  
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

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Monday, August 3, 2015

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

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### Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Mayor Max Bacon, Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Melleny Pritchett, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Teri Anulewicz, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Wade Lnenicka and Councilmember Ron Fennel

**Also Present:** 16 - Toni Jo Howard, Ken Suddreth, Tammi Saddler Jones, Jennifer Bennett, Scott Cochran, David Lee, Roy Acree, Dan Campbell, Scott Stokes, Ann Kirk, Steve Ciaccio, Mary Moore, Rachelle Ballard, Amy Snider, Terri Graham and Heather Corn

### Call to Order

*Mayor Max Bacon called the Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:30 PM.*

#### 1. Invocation and Pledge:

*Mayor Bacon announced that Reverend Whit Martin from Smyrna First United Methodist Church was unable to attend the meeting and Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch would be providing the invocation and lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance*

#### 2. Agenda Changes:

*Mayor Bacon announced there were two agenda changes. Under Land Issues, Zoning and Annexations item 4 A and item 4 B would be tabled.*

#### 3. Mayoral Report:

*There was no Mayoral Report.*

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

##### A.

**Public Hearing** - Zoning Request Z15-009 - Rezoning from R-15 to RAD-Conditional for the development of two single-family homes - 0.35 Acres - Land Lot 489 - 2680 Grady Street - Pritchard Builders, Inc.

**The applicant has requested that this zoning request be tabled indefinitely.**

**Sponsors:** Anulewicz

A motion was made by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz to table until Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the applicants request, public hearing for item 2015-165, for a Zoning Request (Z15-009) for a rezoning from R-15 to RAD-Conditional for the development of two single-family homes on 0.35 Acres, Land Lot 489 located at 2680 Grady Street by Pritchard Builders, Inc.; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Melleny Pritchett. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

- B.** **Public Hearing** - Zoning Request Z15-008 - Rezoning from R-15 to RAD-Conditional for the development of five single-family homes - 1.27 Acres - Land Lot 488 - 1091, 1107 & 1121 Bank Street - Pritchard Brothers, Inc. **This item was tabled on October 5, 2015 to be heard on October 19, 2015 at the request of the applicant.**

**Sponsors:** Anulewicz

A motion was made by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz to table until Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the applicants request, item 2015-166 for a public hearing regarding Zoning Request (Z15-008) for a rezoning from R-15 to RAD-Conditional for the development of five single-family homes on 1.27 Acres, Land Lot 488 located at 1091, 1107 & 1121 Bank Street by Pritchard Brothers, Inc; seconded by Mayor Pro tem / Councilmember Melleny Pritchett. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

## **5. Privilege Licenses:**

- A.** Public Hearing - Privilege License Requests 2015-211 - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Pouring- 2772 Cumberland Boulevard - AKSM LLC dba Bollywood Zing Indian Restaurant with Sailesh Makhijani as agent.

**Sponsors:** Pritchett

*Interim City Administrator Toni Jo Howard read the following background: This is a new application for privilege licenses for AKSM LLC dba Bollywood Zing Indian Restaurant for the sale of beer, wine, and liquor (retail pouring). AKSM LLC dba Bollywood Zing Indian Restaurant is the owner and Sailesh Makhijani is the agent applicant and will be responsible for the sale of alcohol at the referenced location. Sailesh Makhijani has been given a copy of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and attended the mandatory alcohol awareness workshop. (Certificate attached)*

*A background investigation conducted by the Smyrna Police Department failed to reveal information that would preclude issuance of this license. Sailesh Makhijani has agreed to abide by the guidelines set forth by the City of Smyrna ordinance governing the sale of alcohol. Staff recommended approval of a privilege license for the sale of beer, wine, and liquor (retail pouring) for AKSM LLC dba Bollywood Zing Indian Restaurant with Sailesh Makhijani as the registered agent. Mayor Bacon called the public hearing and no one came forward to speak against or make comment on this item.*

*The applicant was called forward by Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Melleny Pritchett. She asked him if he had any questions regarding the privilege license and he did not have any. He was asked if there was a policy in place to assure alcohol would not be sold to minors and he stated that everyone who purchased would have their ID checked. He understood the alcohol ordinance and agreed to abide by it and also understood that random Police Department stings would be conducted and if an employee sold beer to a minor, they would be arrested and would go immediately to jail.*

*Councilmember Ron Fennel reiterated the Police Departments expectance for compliance, welcomed the business to Smyrna and thanked them for investing in the City.*

*There were no additional questions from Mayor or Council.*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Melleny Pritchett to approve item 2015-211 a Privilege License Request for Beer, Wine, and Liquor Pouring located at 2772 Cumberland Boulevard the applicant is AKSM LLC dba Bollywood Zing Indian Restaurant with Sailesh Makhijani as agent.; seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

**B.**

Public Hearing - Privilege License Request 2015-219 - Beer, Wine (Retail Pouring) - 1651 Roswell Street - Gursha Ethiopian Cuisine with Genet Tenaye as agent.

**Sponsors:** Welch

*Interim City Administrator Toni Jo Howard read the following background:*

*This is a new application for privilege licenses for Gursha Ethiopian Cuisine for the sale of beer and wine (retail pouring). Gursha Ethiopian Cuisine is the owner and Genet Tenaye is the agent applicant responsible for the sale of alcohol at the referenced location. Genet Tenaye has been given a copy of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and attended the mandatory alcohol awareness workshop. (Certificate attached) Gursha Ethiopian Cuisine desires a waiver of the distance requirement as listed in City Ordinance Sec 6-118 (600' from a school) as amended in City Ordinance 2015-09 which permits waiver of distance requirements for restaurants requesting a pouring license.*

*A background investigation conducted by the Smyrna Police Department failed to reveal information that would preclude issuance of this license. Genet Tenaye has agreed to abide by the guidelines set forth by the City of Smyrna ordinance governing the sale of alcohol. Approval of privilege licenses for the sale of beer and wine (retail pouring) for Gursha Ethiopian Cuisine with Genet Tenaye as the registered agent. Mayor Bacon called the public hearing and no one came forward to speak against or make comment on this item.*

*The applicant was called forward by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz. She questioned them as to the training of their employees and they replied that they had gone through the necessary training as well as reviewed the ordinance in its entirety. They assured Mayor and Council that all employees would be trained appropriately and all purchasers of alcohol would be checked for ID. Councilmember Anulewicz asked if they were aware of the police stings and they were.*

*Councilmember Ron Fennel reiterated the Police Departments expectance for compliance, welcomed the business to Smyrna and thanked them for investing in the City. He also asked if they had held an alcohol registration at any previous location and they responded no.*

*Councilmember Welch asked what their business hours were and it was asked as to the type of food that would be served.*

*There were no additional questions from Mayor or Council.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz to approve 2015-219 a Privilege License Request for Beer, Wine (Retail Pouring) located at 1651 Roswell Street the applicants are Gursha Ethiopian Cuisine with Genet Tenaye as agent; seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

**C.** Public Hearing - Privilege License Request 2015- 14 - Beer, Wine Pouring - 2350 Spring Road, STE 800, Mint Leaf LLC dba Mint Leaf with Om P Arora as agent.

**Sponsors:** Blustein

*Interim City Administrator Toni Jo Howard read the following background:*

*This is a new application for a privilege license for Mint Leaf LLC dba Mint Leaf for the sale of beer and wine (retail pouring). Mint Leaf LLC is the owner and Om P. Arora is the agent applicant, responsible for the sale of alcohol at the referenced location. Om P Arora has been given a copy of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and attended the mandatory alcohol awareness workshop. (Certificate under separate cover...attending class 7/23/2015)*

*A background investigation conducted by the Smyrna Police Department failed to reveal information that would preclude issuance of this license. Om P Arora has agreed to abide by the guidelines set forth by the City of Smyrna ordinance governing the sale of alcohol. Staff recommended approval of a privilege license for the sale of beer and wine (retail pouring) for Mint Leaf LLC dba Mint Leaf with Om P. Arora as the registered agent.*

*Mayor Bacon called the public hearing and no one came forward to speak against or make comment on this item.*

*The applicant was called forward by Councilmember Andrea Blustein. She asked him if he had any questions regarding the privilege license and neither the owner nor the manager had any at this time. They both stated they understood the alcohol ordinance and agreed to abide by it. They also both understood that random Police Department stings would be conducted and if an employee sold beer to a minor, they would be arrested and would go immediately to jail.*

*Councilmember Ron Fennel reiterated the Police Departments expectance for compliance, welcomed the business to Smyrna and thanked them for investing in the City.*

*There were no additional questions from Mayor or Council.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Andrea Blustein to approve LIC2015-14 for a Privilege License Request for Beer, Wine Pouring located at 2350 Spring Road, STE 800, Mint Leaf LLC dba Mint Leaf with Om P Arora as agent; seconded by Councilmember Charles (Corky) Welch. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

**6. Formal business:**

**A.** Approval for the Intergovernmental Agreement for Lease Payments Portable and Mobile Radios Capital Outlay Project with Cobb County for \$1.5 million and to authorize the mayor to sign all related

documents.

**Sponsors:** Fennel

*The background was read by Interim City Administrator, Toni Jo Howard. She stated that the approved 2016 SPLOST included the purchase of public safety equipment including, but not limited to, portable and mobile radios. Cobb County had entered into a contract for the purchase of portable and mobile radios with the related necessary installation and maintenance of such radios at a discounted rate based on factors such as date of purchase and quantities purchased. The City would like to participate in this capital lease to utilize the advantageous purchase contract pricing and capital lease financing using 2016 SPLOST funds to pay the lease payments. The County will deduct lease payments prior to 2016 SPLOST distributions. Staff recommended approval for the Intergovernmental Agreement for Lease Payments Portable and Mobile Radios Capital Outlay Project and to authorize the mayor to sign all related documents.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve item 2015-249 for the Intergovernmental Agreement for Lease Payments Portable and Mobile Radios Capital Outlay Project with Cobb County for \$1.5 million and to authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents; seconded by Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

**B.**

Authorization to utilize cooperative contract for Fire/Rescue Vehicles under Bid 07-53 of the St. Johns County, Florida contract to purchase one (1) 75' Aerial Ladder Truck from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. through Ten 8 Fire & Safety Equipment of GA in the amount of \$710,000.00

**Sponsors:** Fennel

*Interim City Administrator Toni Jo Howard read the following background: This item is for approval to purchase a new Ladder Truck for the Fire Department. This new Ladder Truck will replace an existing ladder truck that was out of service and not repairable. Ladder 1, a 1996 Simon Duplex-LTI, was out of service and was not repairable. This particular truck manufacturer is no longer in business, making significant repairs costly. This request, if approved, will fund a replacement for the existing Ladder Truck. The new 75' Ariel Ladder Truck will be purchased under Bid 07-53 of the St. Johns County, Florida contract from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc through the vendor Ten 8 Fire & Safety Equipment of GA in the amount of \$710,000. Initial funds for the purchase will come from the City's General Fund and then the General Fund will be reimbursed by 2016 SPLOST funds. The 2016 SPLOST funds were approved through a passing vote initiative that allocates monies for Public Safety apparatus and equipment purchases. Furthermore, since the State of Georgia does not have a standardized contract for emergency vehicles, using the St. Johns County, Florida contract enables guaranteed pricing under purchasing ordinances, rules and regulations. Staff recommends approval to purchase one 75' Aerial Ladder Truck in the amount of \$710,000 from the City's General Fund. Councilmember Ron Fennel stated this was an opportunity for the City to piggy back on the bulk purchase of this ladder truck with the State of Florida. This purchase has been approved with the 2016 SPLOST as stated and as such he will make a motion for approval.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve item 2015-254 for the authorization to utilize cooperative contract for Fire/Rescue Vehicles under Bid 07-53 of the St. Johns County, Florida contract to purchase one (1) 75' Aerial Ladder Truck from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. through Ten 8 Fire & Safety Equipment of Ga. in the amount of \$710,000.00; seconded by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Fennel

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Lnenicka

## 7. Commercial Building Permits:

*There were no Commercial Building Permits.*

## 8. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Councilmember Ron Fennel; seconded by Mayor Pro tem / Councilmember Melleny Pritchett. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Fennel

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Lnenicka

### A. Approval of Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2015

**Sponsors:** City Council

### B. Approval of the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Smyrna and Croy Engineering for the Smyrna 2016 SPLOST Program Management

**Sponsors:** Welch

### C. Approval to award RFQ 16-003 to the lowest responsive bidders, Smyrna Police Distributors and Red the Uniform Tailor, for Police back-up weapons (Glock Model 43 9mm) and back-up weapon holsters for the amount of \$37,965.80 for the weapons, \$37.50 each for ankle holsters, and \$48.99 each for vest holsters. Said items to be purchased from Federal Asset Forfeiture funds.

**Sponsors:** Fennel

## 9. Committee Reports:

*Ward 7 Councilmember Ron Fennel called upon Fire Chief Roy Acree to give a departmental update report.*

*Fire Department report:*

*The Smyrna Birthday Celebration went very well and the Fireworks were easily contained with only a few minor fall outs that were easily contained.*

*The Citizen Fire Academy is scheduled to start near the end of September. Visit website for information.*

*Smyrna Fire has partnered with Red-Cross for a "Home Fire Safety" campaign scheduled for this fall. This preparedness campaign will offer fire safety education, smoke detectors, and weather alert radios. The Crawford and Company has selected this preparedness campaign as their 2015 Global Day of Service for its Atlanta employees. Smyrna and Red-Cross anticipate 150 volunteers from Crawford and Company. Details about the program would be coming soon.*

*Councilmember Blustein asked if they gave out the plastic Fire Helmets to the children and they handed out almost 1000 helmets but quickly ran out because of the larger turnout.*

*There was a phone lost by a resident and the Fire Department and Police Department worked diligently to find the phone. The resident was very grateful because there were messages from her mother on the phone that were irreplaceable.*

*Police Department Report:*

*Police Chief David Lee was called upon to give his departmental report. At the birthday celebration there was a cell phone taken from a table that happened to belong to Capt. Frank Durrance's wife. The phone was tracked and the person arrested. The man also had marijuana on him at the time of the arrest. There were a few instances of lost parents and the PD helped reunited those children and parents very quickly. It was a great event. There are four Sgt. openings and they have been interviewing for those positions. They expect to announce this week. It is an exciting time at the PD and he enjoys being able to advance someone's career.*

*The Chaplaincy program has four local chaplains wanting to participate. They are wanting to have between four and six participate. They will do ride alongs with officers and be present also to help residents in traumatic events. He expects to have that program complete and up and running by the first of September. The Smyrna Public Safety Foundation and the Optimist Club will be having a 5K run on labor day weekend. There were no additional questions from Mayor and Council.*

*Councilmember Fennel gave additional details on the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation annual gala on September 12th. The Public Safety Foundation website has more detailed information. State Representative Ms. Stacey Evans will be hosting this event. Councilmember Fennel announced a Town Hall Meeting on August 11th on the south side of Ward 7 at the Summit Clubhouse at Vinings Estates regarding Pebblebrook, the Maxwell property. He asked that everyone take time to thank the Public Safety officers and staff when they come in contact with them.*

*Ward 6 Councilmember Wade Lnenicka spoke about a meet and greet held at Campbell Middle School for new students. It was a well-organized event and residents should look at Campbell Middle for their children coming into middle school. Additionally, on August 2nd, Teasley Middle School had a new building dedication. There was a sense of excitement at the event and for the new school year he has not seen previously before. He noted the passing of Mr. Bob Adams, a local army veteran. He will be buried at Arlington Cemetery at a later date. Ward 6 has two candidates currently running for the council position and both are actively campaigning. He encouraged residents to carefully consider both candidates and take the time to learn about both. He did not call upon Human Resources or the City Clerk for reports this evening.*

*Ward 5 Councilmember Susan Wilkinson recognized and thanked the Public Safety staff for their efforts at the Smyrna Birthday celebration. She also mentioned Public Works and their staff as well as Parks and Rec. All departments worked hard getting ready for the event. Community Relations was instrumental in the planning and set*

up as well.

She called upon Library Director Mary Moore for a department update:

*Library Announcements*

*If you ever use GoodReads, Amazon or similar sites to write reviews of your favorite books and movies, you'll be happy to know you can do that on the Library catalog too. If you are logged into the Library's online catalog, you'll notice stars under the picture of the book. You can rate the book up to five stars, and you can write a short review.*

*If you are one of the million people who purchased Harper Lee's new novel, Go Set a Watchman, please join us for a book discussion on Monday, August 10, at 2 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. The Library has 30 copies of the book, so feel free to put yourself on the reserve list if you haven't bought it.*

*LEGO Club meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, August 4, at 4 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. They will be creating designs inspired by "Reptiles and Amphibians." LEGO Club is one of the many monthly programs presented by the Youth Services department such as Tween Time (who'll be making jewelry next week), Teen Time, Crafternoon, and Homeschool Story Time. Additionally, Youth Services presents five pre-K story times every week. So pick up a schedule at the Library the next time you're in or view it online at [smyrna-library.com](http://smyrna-library.com)*

*Finally, a reminder that the Library will be closed Wednesday, August 5, Thursday, August 6, and Friday, August 7, for a parking lot re-paving as well as interior maintenance projects. But our virtual services are 24/7. You can check out e-books and downloadable audiobooks, movies, TV shows, music, magazines and comic books all through our electronic resources. Visit the "eBooks, Movies & More!" tab at [www.smyrna-library.com](http://www.smyrna-library.com).*

*Parks and Rec Director Steve Ciaccio was called upon next. Mayor Bacon thanked him for stepping up as the MC for the Birthday celebration event. Tolleson Pool hours have changed with school being back in session. The weekday schedule has ended. Weekend hours through the end of the season (September 27), are 11 am – 6 pm. The August 15 Movie by Moonlight by Moonlight at Taylor-Browner Park will be The Boxtrolls.*

*Ward 4 Councilmember Corkey Welch wanted to comment on an event that occurred last week. The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon held at Campbell Middle School was a tremendous event and he was so glad to participate. The teachers were very appreciative of the recognition. The principal spoke and Mayor Bacon also spoke and then the Varsity served lunch. The Smyrna Business Association provided the prizes given away and thanks were given to all who participated and organized this great event.*

*Keep Smyrna Beautiful Director Ann Kirk spoke about events with her department. Local Author Kelly Young-Silverman and illustrator Erin Wicker will conduct two interactive story times using her book The Man In the Moon at 9:00 am and 10:30 am at the Smyrna Fresh market this Saturday. The book is targeted to pre-school children but all are welcome.*

*Keep Smyrna Beautiful completed their cost benefit analysis for FY2015, and we are proud to report that we brought in \$2.29 for every City tax dollar spent on our department. Primary contributions are from 14,300 volunteer hours, Donations, and revenues from the Garden Tour, jonquil bulbs and the Recycling Center. The Recycling Center sent 105,000 lbs. to be recycled in June, 2015, an approximately 40% increase over the average month for the past 12 months. We're now getting a lot of first time users in addition to our regular patrons.*

*There will be a free Shredding Event on September 26 from 9 am-noon at the Aline Wolfe Center on Church Street. Iron Mountain will provide the free shredding.*

*Public Works Director Scott Stokes gave the following report:*

*Concord Road SPLOST Project – Punch list work was performed this week, including the completion of raising all the manholes to grade. The contractor started raising fire*



hydrants to the proper elevations as well. Final grading of the north side<sup>3</sup> of the road at the detention pond area was completed. It is to be noted that the contractor is moving slow with their punch list items.

- Windy Hill/Atlanta Road SPLOST Intersection Improvement Project – The directional boring contractor is currently working on relocation and lowering of the existing fiber duct in conflict on the east side of the railroad overpass.
  - Gann Road Storm Sewer – The box culvert is complete. The contractor installed surge stone on the downstream side of the culvert. Backfill of the culvert has started and storm sewer piping was delivered to replace the storm sewer that connected to the old drainage system. Construction meeting with the contractor and Croy Engineering this week was held to discuss progress and schedule. The contractor has indicated they will begin working on Saturdays. It appears now that the road opening may not be accomplished until the week of August 24th.
  - Belmont Sewer Outfall – Punch list work performed this week included completing the reinstallation of fencing at the Greens Apartments and paving the parking lot cuts of the Greens and Carriage House Apartments. The contractor is moving slowly with their punch list items.
  - Street Paving SPLOST Project – The paving contractor started paving this week. Roads completed this week included McCoba Dr., Belmont Ave, Cherokee Trail, Benson Poole, and Linnwood Dr. The milling and profiling crew will move to the Clifton, Dell, and Medlin Street areas next week, as well as move to the Library parking lot.
  - CCTV and Sewer Main Cleaning – The contractor started this week on our list of 52,000 of TV and Cleaning.
  - Work Orders – Water main leak detection was completed in the Vinings Estates subdivision. The engineering company is now placing the results of the study in their software system to determine whether leaks were found and where to do further detection. Curb replacement started this week on Howell Drive and is about 60% complete. Landscaping for the Linnwood Court curb replacement is about 60% complete. Installation of dumpster enclosure roofs in the Market Village started this week. Concrete dikes will be poured inside the enclosures which will keep any spilled materials from leaving the enclosures and running into the public parking lots and pedestrian ways. Demolition of the city property at 1061 Concord Road started this week and is about 80% complete. A pre-bid meeting was held this week for the Village Parkway pedestrian trail from Spring Road to Windy Hill Road.
  - New Fountain in pond – The aerator/fountain in the pond adjacent to the Community Center was replaced this week as the old one could not be repaired. Please be encouraged to take a moment to look at it at night, as it has a light component in it.
  - Campbell Middle School repairs – The city interior repairs to the Campbell Middle School stadium restrooms and concession will be completed this week (Cobb Schools are addressing the exterior repairs to the stadium and bleachers).
  - Projects Scheduled – Water main replacement on South Cobb from Concord to Wisteria Lane;
  - Projects Out for Design – Hickory Acres Drive Storm culvert, Smyrna Powder Springs Road Sanitary outfall, Lake Drive at Magnolia Dr Storm Sewer Replacement, Fox Creek Lake, Hickory Hill Drive Sanitary and Storm Sewer Rehabilitation, Lois Street at Lois Point, Lake Drive at Brentwood, King Springs Road near Kings View, Walker Court near Morris Circle, Doeskin Lane, Pat Mell Rd, Sub-basin 1 Sanitary Sewer Outfall, and Antler Trail Sanitary Sewer Outfall.
  - Projects Out for Bid – Village Parkway Multi Use Trail (Spring Road to Windy Hill); Video security camera bid for parks buildings and public buildings
- Mayor Bacon asked if the residents had been notified of the paving project at the library and they had via printed notices left on their cars.

Ward 3 Councilmember Teri Anulewicz noted that Finance Director Toni Jo Howard

did not have a report.

Jennifer Bennett, Community Relations Director came forward and reported on the Smyrna Birthday Celebration.

The community, a very successful and pleasant Big City Birthday Celebration last Saturday. She thanked everyone who attended and everyone who worked hard and assisted in delivering what I consider one of our best celebrations yet. For those who may not know, a lot of people in various departments, sponsors and volunteers come together to make the annual celebration possible. She thanked the following

Sponsors:

McEntyre's Bakery (cake and cupcakes)

Glenda Baker & Associates, Inc.

Advanced Disposal

Covenant Christian School

Primrose School of Smyrna West

Keep Smyrna staff and volunteers helped keep the area clean and beautiful during and after the event

Campbell HS Football Team helped us cut the cake and make and distribute

The following departments came together and worked together:

Parks & Recreation

Public Works

Community Relations

Keep Smyrna Beautiful

Smyrna Police Department

Smyrna Fire Rescue

She also extended a special thanks to Bert Turnell and Tiffany Wallace for long hours and cheerful delivery of very hard work. Without them, it would not have been so great.

Councilmember Anulewicz announced a particular "shout out" to State Representative Stacey Evans who donated \$500,000 to the law department at UGA for first generation law students. She also stated the birthday was fantastic. The environment and attitude was wonderful from all involved both staff and residents. It was truly the City at its best. She thanked everyone who made it possible.

Ward 2 Councilmember Andrea Blustein called on Community Development Director Ken Suddreth. 14 new dwelling permits were issued and 10 of those were for Smyrna Grove. That project is well underway and these permits were for homes that are for sale. He expected July to be lower because of summertime and vacations. There was \$156,000 in permits taken which was better than expected. Business was still good in the City.

Councilmember Blustein stated that those who did not attend Saturdays Birthday missed a great event. She learned that the Police Department carried toys in the back of their patrol cars for use in soothing lost or traumatic children. It was a fantastic time and the fireworks were great.

Ward 1 Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Melleny Pritchett remarked that she had exciting news regarding the Vision process. It will be held Wednesday, August 12 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Council Chambers for the Smyrna Arts and Cultural Council. There are typically 45-50 people in attendance at this meeting. It has been noted that people love living here but want expanded cultural arts. Participation in the Council is \$20.00 for individuals and \$30 for households. She thanked everyone who worked on the birthday celebration.

## 10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no Show Cause Hearings.

**11. Citizen Input:**

*Mr. Alex Backry spoke about Jonquil Plaza and he has spoken to many citizens who are very much against apartments over the plaza. There is limited shopping on the Village Square and a downtown should consist of shopping. We need shopping in the downtown area to call it a downtown area. He also expressed his continued disappointment in the lack of conversation regarding term limits for Mayor and Council.*

**12. Adjournment:**

*The meeting of the Mayor and Council for August 3, 2015 was adjourned at 8:29 PM by Mayor Max Bacon.*