



City of Smyrna

A. Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers
2800 King Street SE
Smyrna, GA. 30080

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, March 21, 2022

7:00 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall - Council Chambers

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Mayor pro tem / Councilmember Tim Gould and Councilmember Lewis Wheaton

Also Present: 1 - Scott Cochran

Staff: 8 - Joe Bennett, Jennifer Bennett, Jill Head, Dat Luu, Russell Martin, Penny Mocer, Heather Peacon-Corn and Joey Staubes

Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the March 21, 2022 Mayor and Council meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM.

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Pastor Kerrick Butler of Faith Christian Center (3831 Traymore Pointe Pkwy) led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

There were no agenda changes.

3. Mayoral Report:

Mayor Derek Norton invited any candidates from local elections to come forward and speak.

Latonia P. Hines came forward and is a candidate for the vacant Ward 2 Smyrna City Council.

Becky Sayler came forward and is the Democratic candidate for Cobb County School Board Post 2.

Michael Starks came forward and is a candidate for the vacant Ward 2 Smyrna City Council seat.

A. [PRC2022-03](#) Proclamation in Recognition of Women's History Month

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson read the following proclamation In Recognition of Women's History Month:

Whereas: Women's History Month recognizes that women of every race, class and ethnic background have made significant and historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

*Whereas: Women's History Month recognizes that women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home and by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force; and
Women's History Month recognizes women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and*

Whereas: Women's History Month recognizes women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

Whereas: Women's History Month recognizes American women who have served our country courageously in the military; and

Whereas: Women's History Month recognizes women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

Whereas: The national theme for Women's History Month 2022 is "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope", which recognizes the numerous ways women of various cultures across the globe have been providing healing and hope all through human history; and

Whereas: 2022 is the 150th anniversary of the founding of Smyrna, we honor the founding women of Smyrna who have given their time, their energy, their expertise, and their money as community volunteers, elected officials, and business owners, all of which have served to make our city a better place to live; NOW

Therefore: I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby recognize the month of March as Women's History Month to honor women everywhere for their outstanding achievements and invaluable contributions to society.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson presented the proclamation to Elaine Davis, daughter of Sarah Scott who in 1983 founded the Cobb Services for the Blind which later became Blind and Low Vision and eventually Vision Rehabilitation Services of Georgia.

B. [PRC2022-04](#)

Proclamation in Recognition of Education and Sharing Day

*Rabbi Zaltzman gave a brief history about Education and Sharing Day.
Councilmember Gould read and presented the following proclamation In Recognition of Education and Sharing Day to Rabbi Zaltzman:*

Whereas: a quality education is one of the significant foundations for the continuing success of our state, our country, and our society at large; and in the city of Smyrna we strive for the betterment of all of our citizens through an increased focus on education and sharing; and

Whereas: through providing the possibility of an excellent education for all, especially children, with which to gain knowledge through rigorous study, we can create hope for a brighter, kinder and more united and prosperous future in the lives of so many; and

Whereas: one of the leading global advocates for the advancement of education, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory, stressed the importance of moral and ethical education as the bedrock of humanity and the hallmark of a healthy society, and strongly urged that education be reinforced by the inculcation of strong moral values; and

Whereas: in recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality, and acts of charity, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has established his birthdate as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children; and

Whereas: April 12, 2022, will mark 120 years since the Rebbe's birth, and the date will be celebrated across these United States and around the globe in tribute to the Rebbe's vision, guidance, and leadership; and

Whereas: for more than forty years, the President of the United States has recognized and honored the Rebbe's vision each year on that day by proclaiming it "Education and Sharing Day USA";NOW

Therefore: I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 12, 2022, to be EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY in the City of Smyrna and call upon government officials, educators, volunteers, and citizens to reach out to those within your communities and work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all.

4. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

- A. [2022-072](#) **Public Hearing** - Zoning Request - Z22-001 - Allow rezoning from R-15 to GC - 0.66 acres - Land Lot 631 - 2979 & 2989 Jonquil Drive - The Woodberry Group LLC.

Ward 2

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, read a brief background:

David Woodberry LLC is requesting a rezoning of two lots from R-15 (Residential) to GC (General Commercial) for the ability to use the existing structures for commercial and office purposes. The Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval by a vote of 6-0 at the February 14, 2022 meeting.

Russell Martin, Community Development Director, presented the following background:

David Woodberry LLC is requesting the rezoning of two lots from R-15 (Residential) to GC (General Commercial) for the ability to use the existing structures for commercial purposes. The subject properties are zoned R-15 and currently occupied with a residential structure on each lot. 2979 Jonquil Drive is occupied with a 1,548 sq. ft. structure and a 513 sq. ft. two story garage, and 2989 Jonquil Drive is occupied with a 971 sq. ft. structure and a 134 sq. ft. shed. The existing structures on the two lots that will remain with improvements that allow the properties to be operated for commercial and office use. Both lots have a vegetative buffer that separate the properties to the

east. The applicant would like to relocate the plumbing business at 2978 Jonquil Drive, on the west side, to one of the subject properties on the east side.

The City Engineer has reviewed the proposed rezoning with respect to transportation, stormwater management and stream buffer issues. No additional transportation or stormwater management improvements are required for the site except for improvements to the access drives. There are no stream buffers affecting the property.

The Fire Marshal's office has reviewed the current proposal and in general believes that it meets the Fire Code requirements for fire truck access. The applicant will be required to provide ADA parking and accessibility to the building.

Community Development has reviewed the zoning proposal against the city's 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Plan. The zoning proposal will require a change of the future land use designation from MODR (Moderate Density Residential) to CAC (Commercial Activity Center) for the zoning change to GC.

Community Development has reviewed the proposed development against the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance with respect to commercial use and found it to be in compliance. Community Development Staff is supportive of the change in zoning from R-15 to GC.

Community Development recommends approval of the rezoning from R-15 to GC at 2979 & 2989 Jonquil Drive with the following condition:

1. The subject properties shall meet all ADA and parking requirements for commercial occupancy.
2. The following uses shall not be permitted on the subject parcels:
 - Adult Entertainment and Adult Novelty Shops as defined by the City of Smyrna's Code of Ordinances
 - Carnivals, Circuses and other similar transient activities
 - Automobile Leasing
 - Automobile Parts – wholesale
 - Automobile Sales
 - Automobile Major Repair
 - o Automobile major repair is defined as an establishment wherein engines, transmission, drive shafts, bodies fenders are dismantled, repaired, replaced or painted.
 - Billiard Parlor (Shall not preclude a restaurant/brew pub from having billiard tables. However, the billiard tables shall not exceed 35% of the gross floor area of the establishment)
 - Boarding and Breeding Kennels. However, this stipulation shall not preclude the opportunity to lease retail space to a doggie day-care or dog obedience school with the added stipulation that no dogs shall be allowed outside, boarded or bred.
 - Boat Sales and Repairs. However, this stipulation shall not preclude retail stores such as a Dick's Sporting Goods which sells bass boats, kayaks, rafts, etc. There shall be no outside display of boats.
 - Bowling Alley
 - Self Service Automobile Wash Facilities. However, self-contained automated car washes shall not be prohibited provided that they are consistent with the architectural style and composition as aforementioned.
 - Drive-in Restaurants such as Sonic. However, drive-thru restaurants such as Chick-fil-a, Zaxby's, etc., shall be allowed provided that they are consistent with the architectural style and composition as aforementioned.
 - Drive-in Theater

- *Farm Equipment Sales and Service – Outparcel only*
- *Full Service Gasoline Stations. However, grocery stores and convenience stores with gas sales shall be allowed.*
- *Game Arcades. However, this stipulation shall not preclude recreational facilities or restaurant/brew pubs from having accessory game arcades which do not exceed 15% of the gross floor area of the establishment.*
- *Gun Shops*
- *House of Worship*
- *Linen and Diaper Services (Plant only)*
- *Massage Parlor (This requirement shall not prohibit the operation of Health Spas)*
 - o *Health Spa is defined as an establishment which provides as one (1) of its primary purposes, services or facilities which are purported to assist patrons improve their physical condition or appearance through change in weight, weight control, treatment, dieting, or exercise. Treatment shall include, but not limited to, personal services such as body wraps, hydromineral wraps, body polish, body wash, baths and hydrotub soak. Massages may be an accessory service provided by the health spa.*
- *Mobile Home and Travel Trailer Sales*
- *Motorcycle Sales and Service with outside display of motorcycles.*
- *Pawnshops and Check Cashing Establishments*
- *Printing Plant. However, said prohibition shall not apply to establishments such as FedEx, Kinkos, Blueprinters, etc.*
- *Skating Rinks*
- *Stations and Terminals for Bus and Rail Passenger Service*
- *Target Ranges*
- *Tattoo and Body Piercing Parlors*
- *Taxi Stands*
- *Movie Theaters*
- *Wholesale Establishments which sell only to businesses and not to customers*

Councilmember Charles Welch asked if they are leaving the two structures in place and if the intent is to make the two structures commercial. Mr. Martin stated that they intend to keep the two structures for commercial use with the last structure to remain residential on Jonquil Drive. The business currently in the structures will move over to the east side.

David Woodberry, applicant of The Woodberry Group, came forward. Mr. Woodberry explained that the plumbing company that is there now will move across the street because they are outgrowing the current building. It is possible they may build a new construct. The structures will be upgraded to expand The Quad. Negotiations are ongoing with potential tenants, and they hope to be operating by the end of the year.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson asked for clarification about the parcels. Mr. Woodberry stated that the majority of the parcels will be utilized for The Quad. The plumbing company will move into one of the structures across the street and is not part of The Quad.

A public hearing was called.

Montserrat Knowlton came forward - Ms. Knowlton stated that she was very excited about The Quad project, but she expressed concern that this new plan changes the vision of the initial plan as she saw it. She feels citizens need to know more information because of the confusion.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve item 2022-072, a public hearing and zoning request (Z22-001) to allow rezoning from R-15 to GC on 0.66 acres on land lot 631 located at 2979 & 2989 Jonquil Drive by applicant The Woodberry

Group LLC; seconded by Councilmember Glenn Pickens.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor pro tem / Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

B. [2022-163](#)

Approval of the request for a name change for Elevate at The Battery located at 2330 Cobb Parkway to Elevate Twenty Three by the applicant Tabitha Huber with first Communities Management.

Ward 1 / Councilmember Pickens

Councilmember Glenn Pickens made a motion to approve item 2022-163, a request for a name change for Elevate at The Battery located at 2330 Cobb Parkway to Elevate Twenty Three by the applicant Tabitha Huber with first Communities Management; seconded by Councilmember Travis Lindley.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor pro tem / Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

C. [2022-146](#)

Plat Approval for a two lot subdivision within the R-15 Zoning District - 0.91 acres - Land Lot 487 - 1132 Church Street - Tony Hester

Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, read a brief background:

The applicant is requesting approval to subdivide their property at 1132 Church Street into two single-family residential lots. The applicant plans to subdivide the property within the requirements of the R-15 zoning district, so no rezoning is required. The Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval by a vote of 7-0 at the March 14, 2022 meeting.

Russell Martin, Community Development Director, presented the following background:

Tony Hester is requesting approval to subdivide their property at 1132 Church Street into two single-family residential lots. The applicant plans to subdivide the property within the requirements of the R-15 zoning district, so no rezoning is required. The subject property is 0.91 acres in size and is zoned R-15 (single-family residential). The proposed subdivision will result in two new lots being 17,548 sq. ft. and 19,875 sq. ft. in size. The proposed lots meet all the zoning requirements of the R-15 zoning district.

Community Development has reviewed the proposed subdivision against the requirements of the R-15 zoning district. Staff believes the proposed subdivision meets the intent of the requirements of the R-15 zoning district. Community Development recommends approval of the requested subdivision with the following conditions:

- 1. Approval of the subject property shall be conditioned upon substantial compliance with the plat submitted on 3/3/22.*
- 2. Water and sewer connections shall be provided for the new lot at the cost of the developer.*
- 3. Water quality shall be provided for the new lot and subject to approval by the City*

Engineer.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve item 2022-146 for a two lot subdivision within the R-15 Zoning District on 0.91 acres on land lot 487 located at 1132 Church Street by applicant Tony Hester; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Tim Gould.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor pro tem / Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

5. Privilege Licenses:

There were no privilege licenses.

6. Formal Business:

A. [RFQ22-025](#)

Approval to award RFQ 22-025 for Construction Manager at Risk for the Downtown Improvements - Public Greenspace to Winter Construction, 5616 Peachtree Road, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA, 30341.

Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, presented the following background:

The City of Smyrna requested qualification proposals for a Construction Manager at Risk for the Downtown Improvements - Public Greenspace Project. Four (4) proposals were received and evaluated by city staff from Public Works, Engineering and Parks & Recreation. This project is managed by Croy Engineering and Pond & Company.

We selected the top three (3) scoring firms for interview and presentation on Monday, March 14, 2022. Based on proposal and interview, the evaluation team and Purchasing recommend award to Winter Construction.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve item RFQ22-025 to award RFQ 22-025 for Construction Manager at Risk for the Downtown Improvements - Public Greenspace to Winter Construction, 5616 Peachtree Road, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA, 30341; seconded by Councilmember Glenn Pickens.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Mayor pro tem / Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Wilkinson

B. [RFQ22-026](#)

Approval to award RFQ 22-026 for wrecker and towing services for the City of Smyrna to Barrow Wrecker (2267 Dixie Ave SE, Smyrna, GA 30080) for the recovery of both disabled City of Smyrna Vehicles and equipment, as well as wrecker, towing and storage of disabled motor vehicles or motor vehicles in violations of City, County, State law or federal motor carrier safety violations for a period of 1 year, with a renewal extension of up to five years and authorize the Mayor to sign and

execute all related documents.

Ward / Citywide

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, presented the following background:

The City of Smyrna requested proposals for Wrecker & Towing Services for the City. This contract is to recover both disabled City of Smyrna vehicles and equipment and wrecker/towing/storage of disabled motor vehicles or motor vehicles in violation of city, county, state law or federal motor carrier safety violations. The proposals were evaluated by staff from Public Works, Police and Fire.

Based on the scoring of criteria and fee proposals, it is the recommendation of Purchasing and the evaluation team to award this contract to Barrow Wrecker. The wrecker/towing contract is an annual contract that may be renewed up to 5 years.

Councilmember Glenn Pickens made a motion to approve item RFQ22-026 to award RFQ 22-026 for wrecker and towing services for the City of Smyrna to Barrow Wrecker (2267 Dixie Ave SE, Smyrna, GA 30080) for the recovery of both disabled City of Smyrna Vehicles and equipment, as well as wrecker, towing and storage of disabled motor vehicles or motor vehicles in violations of City, County, State law or federal motor carrier safety violations for a period of 1 year, with a renewal extension of up to five years and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Tim Gould.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor pro tem / Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

C. [RFP22-024](#)

Vote on Proposals submitted for RFP22-024 for the Transfer of Ownership and Relocation of Aunt Fanny's Cabin.

Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, presented the following background:

The City of Smyrna accepted proposals for the transfer of ownership and relocation of Aunt Fanny's Cabin currently located at 2875 Atlanta Road SE, Smyrna, GA 30080. Interested parties were encouraged to submit proposals to take ownership of and relocate this historic building AS IS.

An acceptable proposal included, among other items, a descriptive plan and timeline for the relocation, the property to which the building is to be relocated, relevant past experience, and proof of the financial capacity to complete the project according to the plan and timeline. It is the responsibility of the proposer to follow all applicable rules and laws regarding construction site work and relocation of property. The structure must be removed by late summer 2022.

Councilmember Travis Lindley, Co-Chair of the Aunt Fanny's Cabin Task Force, discussed the timeline getting to this point. He expressed that this has been a long process with lots of public engagement and comment. After receiving four proposals, three of which met the minimum requirements for the RFP, he feels there is one clear option and that is for Ashley Farms.

Councilmember Charles Welch stated that he feels the same process of scoring RFPs

should be used in this situation. He expressed disagreement with the process.

Councilmember Lewis Wheaton, Co-Chair of the Aunt Fanny's Cabin Task Force, expressed gratitude for the community's engagement in terms of thinking about history and moving forward to tell the story of Fanny Williams. He stated he realizes there is a lot of passion on both sides of this issue, but the common ground of honoring Fanny Williams is the greatest takeaway, and there is a new committee actively running to do so. He, too, supports the Ashley Farms proposal because it meets the needs of moving the cabin so the City can rebuild and honor Fanny Williams on that site. Dr. Wheaton asked City Attorney Scott Cochran what the next steps are. Mr. Cochran stated that if this RFP is awarded, then they would meet with the proposer and work out the details of the contract and finalize it. Dr. Wheaton asked if it is possible to go back to the other proposals should negotiations fail with Ashley Farms. Mr. Cochran stated that the other proposals would be brought forward if negotiations failed with Ashley Farms, and that the motion should reflect this.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson stated that she is disappointed in the process and has been throughout. She stated that it is not too late to continue discussions, but if the vote takes place, then it will be too late. She asked, "How do we preserve history when the physical space is no longer there?"

Mayor Pro Tem/ Councilmember Tim Gould stated he appreciated these interesting and passionate arguments from both sides of this issue. The Mayor formed the Committee to Honor Fanny Williams with the goal to have living programs and life lessons to honor the life of Fanny Williams. Mr. Gould further stated that though there are many people who are very much against removing the cabin, there are just as many who support taking it down. It is a representation and glorification of the distasteful Antebellum era.

Councilmember Glenn Pickens stated that he supports the Ashley Farms proposal because it is concise and adheres to what the Council asked for.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve item RFQ22-024 as amended and award the winning bid to Ashley Farms with the provision that if negotiations fail or Ashley Farms is unable to fulfill the removal and relocation of the building as outlined in their bid, the Council will reconvene to assess and award the bid to one of the two remaining qualifying bids; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Tim Gould.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Lindley, Mayor pro tem / Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Welch and Councilmember Wilkinson

7. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no commercial building permits.

8. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Gould, seconded by Councilmember Pickens, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor pro tem / Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

- A. [MIN2022-16](#) Approval of the March 3, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.
Ward / Citywide
These minutes were approved.
- B. [MIN2022-17](#) Approval of the March 7, 2022 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes.
Ward / Citywide
These minutes were approved.
- C. [MIN2022-18](#) Approval of the March 7, 2022 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.
Ward / Citywide
These minutes were approved.
- D. [2022-159](#) Authorization for Judge Phyllis Collins to swear in Judge Roger Rozen to act as presiding Judge over the Bonding Company Hearings.
Ward / Citywide
This authorization was approved.
- E. [2022-131](#) Authorization of road closure that will take place from April 4, 2022 through April 8, 2022 for the install of a raised cross walk at Powder Springs Street @ Hughes Street and the reinstall of an existing speed table at Campbell High on Powder Springs Street.
Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley
This authorization was approved.
- F. [2022-162](#) Authorization of street closures of the Upper Market Village (around the fountain area) as well as use of the street and center landscape section along W. Spring Street from the circle to the midsection at Café Lucia (see site map) from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm on Saturday, June 25, 2022 for the Smyrna is Fabulous Event.
Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley
This authorization was approved.
- G. [2022-164](#) Authorization of a request from Smyrna First Methodist Church to close Church St. between King St. and Memorial Pl. from 7:00 am-2:00 pm for the safety of participants in their Easter egg hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2022.
Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley
This authorization was approved.

- H. [2022-170](#) Approval of the cancellation of the April 4, 2022 Mayor and Council due to a lack of a quorum.
Ward / Citywide
This authorization was approved.
- I. [AGR2022-05](#) Approval for the Ga DOT Memorandum of Agreement for Pedestrian Lighting on State Route 280 / South Cobb Drive @ Windy Hill Road Intersection, City of Smyrna, Georgia, Cobb County for the installation of four (4) each pedestrian luminaries on four (4) new aluminum poles and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.
Ward 5 / Councilmember Susan Wilkinson
This agreement was approved.
- J. [AGR2022-06](#) Approval of the Independent Contractor Agreement with Jerry Perlstein (Private Address, Marietta, Ga) for the monthly inspection of 23 playgrounds with reports to begin April 1, 2022 and commence month to month until terminated with a 30 day written notice from either party, and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents
This agreement was approved.

9. Ward / Committee Reports:

Councilmember Travis Lindley noted the passing of a longtime Smyrna resident, Mr. Gene McCord, a longtime pillar of the community. He passed this past week at the age of 85.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson stated she is very proud of the women who came out tonight in support of Women's History, and she is proud of the diversity. She noted that Smyrna has only had one female mayor and only eight female council members according to her research. She encourages women to run for council.

Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Tim Gould announced a golf outing in support of Campbell High School Education Foundation. It funds a career counselor and fulfills education needs as determined by the principal.

Councilmember Lewis Wheaton thanked Councilmember Susan Wilkinson for her comments about Women's History Month. He thanked his mom for her positive impact.

Heather K. Peacon-Corn announced that the City of Smyrna had five candidates qualify for the vacant Ward 2 Council seat. The upcoming election will be held on May 24, 2022 at the Smyrna Baptist Church.

10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no show cause hearings.

11. Citizen Input:

Lisa Castleberry - Ms. Castleberry stated she is very happy the cabin is being relocated.

Pat Burns - 10 Concord Rd - Ms. Burns expressed that she is at peace with the destination of the cabin and happy it will not be bulldozed.

Jenny Bartee - Ms. Bartee thanks the Council for not having cabin demolished. She hopes the City will commemorate Fanny Williams the right way. She wonders what the plan is for the space, and she asks the Council to listen to the citizens.

Mayor Derek Norton - The space will be used to specifically honor and memorialize Fanny Williams.

Maryline Blackburn - Ms. Blackburn stated that voting to remove the cabin disrespects the African American community. She believes this decision divided the African American community.

Triana Arnold James - Ms. James stated she is Louise Cooper's granddaughter. She stated that the restaurant represented exploitation with a southern twist. There is no progress by looking backward. She supports the decision to move the cabin.

Kathy Young - 5007 Highland Oaks Court, Ward 7 - Ms. Young serves on the Committee to Honor Fanny Williams, though she was hesitant to do so because of the controversial nature of it. She appreciates Dr. Wheaton's comments about finding the common ground, and she looks forward to continuing to work with the committee.

12. Adjournment:

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the March 21, 2022 Mayor and Council meeting at 8:22 PM.